Facilitator Training Workshop for Discussion Leaders

Let the training begin! Volunteers who would like to serve as discussion leaders for the Spring 2007 One Book/One Community series co-sponsored by the East Baton Rouge Parish Library and the Baton Rouge Area Chamber, may attend short and lively training sessions on Thursday, November 9, from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. at the Main Library, led by Maxine Crump, and Tuesday, November 28, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., led by John O’Brien, at the Bluebonnet Regional Branch Library. Crump and O’Brien are trained, experienced facilitators.

Techniques learned will be useful in any setting, whether leading a discussion of *To Kill a Mockingbird* in any of nine parishes during the spring series, or participating in meetings in a business, community organization, educational, or recreational setting. Handouts on how to lead a general discussion and *To Kill a Mockingbird* in particular, will be available.

Roberta Madden, Director of Public Policy and Women’s Health, ENCOREplus for the YWCA of Greater Baton Rouge, is the One Book/One Community discussion group committee chair.

For more information, call (225) 231-3700 or visit the One Book/One Community website at [www.readonebook.org](http://www.readonebook.org).

One Book/One Community Book Title Announced!

The One Book/One Community program, sponsored by the East Baton Rouge Parish Library and the Baton Rouge Area Chamber, announces the title of its Spring 2007 book, *To Kill A Mockingbird* by Harper Lee. One Book/One Community is a community-wide reading program where people from all walks of life, including middle and high school students, are encouraged to read and then discuss important issues raised by one book. The Library and the Chamber have partnered with libraries, school systems, religious and community organizations, and key leaders of industry and commerce throughout the area to implement this comprehensive program, which will strengthen our community and bring our diverse region together.

Discussion Groups will meet at libraries, bookstores, coffee shops and cafes, businesses, churches, schools, clubs, and homes over a concentrated period of time. Reading and Discussion guides will be provided and Discussion Leaders will be trained to guide conversation on key themes of *To Kill a Mockingbird*. Lee’s novel was chosen as the first title because it is accessible and enjoyable to a wide audience of readers, yet has social and literary significance, and is available in multiple formats including print, audio, and movies.

This program will extend over nine parishes – Ascension Parish, East Feliciana Parish, East Baton Rouge Parish, Iberville Parish, Livingston Parish, Point Coupee Parish, St. Helena Parish, West Baton Rouge Parish, and West Feliciana Parish, and will include public programs and lively discussions for a wide range of readers and interest, from middle school age students through retirees.

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Artist Steve Wilson installs beautiful, custom designed stained glass to the windows above the front doors of the new Eden Park Branch Library, which will open later this year.

The glass reflects images of “flying books,” as well as the lamp of learning, which references the architectural frieze of the original East Baton Rouge Parish Library building on Laurel Street. Wilson also designed and installed stained glass at both the Bluebonnet Regional and River Center Branch Libraries. View the stained glass in color at www.ebr.lib.la.us.

Yvonne Collins Hull joins the East Baton Rouge Parish Library system as branch manager of the Jones Creek Regional Branch Library.

Hull brings many years of experience working in a library environment. She began working in 1972 in the Circulation Department at the Xavier University Library in New Orleans. She later served as Interim Director, as well as Director of the College of Pharmacy Library for 22 years. When the two libraries merged in 1998, Hull became a Reference Librarian.

She had been at Xavier University Library for 33 years when Hurricane Katrina hit. As a result, budget cuts were made to the Xavier University Library, leaving Hull unemployed. “We left Friday before Hurricane Katrina with a job, and after it happened, we didn’t have one,” says Hull. “But, when you look at the decastation that happened from this natural disaster, losing a job was minor, considering what all they went through.”

Almost a year after Hurricane Katrina, Hull joined the staff at the East Baton Rouge Parish Library. “To be coming from an academic library to a public library setting, there are differences. In a school library, you have specific clientele, but in public libraries, there is a very diverse clientele,” says Hull. “I’ve always enjoyed reaching out to people, and the Jones Creek Library is very community and family-oriented. My goal is to keep the tradition alive, and move forward to a new level of excellence.”

In her spare time, Hull enjoys reading inspirational and leadership books. She is a motivational speaker and mentor for youth. Hull also sings at the Greater Philadelphia Baptist Church in Slaughter, Louisiana.
Consulting Firm Presents “Capital Improvements Program Assessment Study” to Library Board

The East Baton Rouge Parish Library Board of Control held its monthly meeting at the BREC Independence Park Theatre on Thursday, October 19. Cyntreniks LLC, a consulting firm hired by the Board, presented an executive summary of the details contained in its study conducted to review the Library system’s 10-year Capital Improvement Plan.

Cyntreniks LLC was charged by the Board to evaluate projected construction costs over the next 10 years for four proposed building projects, to assess funding and analyze fund raising strategies, and to study the cost variances between renovating or replacing the existing library on Goodwood Boulevard. They also identified possible sites for building a new library downtown, in the event that the Board decides to place a new library complete with a free parking facility in the downtown area (closing the River Center Branch) and replace the Goodwood facility with a large regional facility. The new Goodwood building would include large meeting rooms, a dedicated computer lab, study rooms, and dedicated activity areas for children and teens. In July 2005, members of the Board said they “favored” building the new headquarters library downtown, but no final decision on any locations have been made; information on potential sites is necessary in order for the Board to properly and objectively evaluate the possibilities.

The study’s findings will assist the Board to make informed decisions about the Library’s final capital building project list and to design a process to implement the 10-year plan. The location of specific facilities will be addressed in a public forum, on November 7 at 7:00 p.m. at the Catholic Life Center’s Main Auditorim, to allow citizens ample opportunity to comment.

Cyntreniks LLC made recommendations in several different areas but stressed that all decisions are, of course, up to the Board. The study revealed that post-Katrina/Rita prices have severely impacted the construction plan developed in 2005. The Board planned for normal inflation and budgeted accordingly in its ten-year cost projections. Those cost projections are no longer valid; the Library will not have sufficient funds on a pay-as-you-go plan to build the four new facilities outlined in the 10-year plan. Furthermore, the longer the Library waits to begin its construction projects, the faster the costs of the various projects will out pace the Library’s ability to save money on the pay-as-you-go plan, leaving the Library short the funds necessary to build the four projects outlined in its 10-year plan. Cyntreniks LLC also stressed the necessity of securing a “roll forward” in 2008, proposed that the Library explore such funding opportunities as FTA and private foundations, and develop a naming rights policy.

Following the presentation, copies of the Executive Summary of the report were made available to more than 150 attendees. Copies of the complete study are available on the Library’s website at www.ebr.la.us, and in print at the Circulation Desk of each library branch.

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ON-LINE at the Library

Standard & Poor’s NetAdvantage

Standard & Poor’s has long been regarded as one of the nation’s premier industry and investment information services. For decades, businesses and investors have relied on S&P print resources for up-to-the-minute, reliable analysis of companies and industries worldwide. Now they rely on Standard & Poor’s online resource, NetAdvantage. And now you have access to this outstanding resource through the Library’s Online Databases page.

NetAdvantage offers easy access to Standard & Poor’s outstanding content. In it you’ll find Industry Surveys, Stock Reports and Fund Reports as well as issues of The Outlook going back to 1996! Timely features and commentary on the economy, daily stock market activity, industry sectors, stocks, bonds, funds, and investment strategies are also available.

If you’re new to investing, or just want to learn more, visit the Learning Center to find information on basic investing, wealth for women, tax issues and a whole lot more.

All in all, NetAdvantage is a great tool to increase your financial literacy and it’s available from your home computer if you have an East Baton Rouge Parish Library card!

How to Make Cheese – a great holiday gift idea!

Dr. Chuck Boeneke, Assistant Professor of Dairy Science at Louisiana State University, will discuss the history of cheese and cheese making for all ages, and will lead participants through the process of making their own herbed cheese at the Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch Library on Monday, November 13, at 7:00 p.m.

For more information, call (225) 274-4440.

PC Reservation

Beginning November 1, patrons will need to bring their Library cards or have their Library card number readily available in order to use public computers, as well as any PC Reservation Station. Computers designated as catalog use only will not require a Library card for usage.

Tunes at Noon

FREE Concert with the Baton Rouge Symphony

Scotlandville Branch Library
Tuesday, November 14, at noon
Anime at the Library

Teens will enjoy the anime film DN-Angel at the Carver Branch Library on Monday, November 6, at 3:00 p.m. Refreshments will be served.

For more information, call (225) 389-7450.

Retirement Issues

Are retirement issues weighing heavily on your mind?

A panel of retirement specialists will present information on issues relating to retirement on Thursday, November 9, from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m., at the Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch Library.

Panelists representing a wide range of retirement concerns will include Amanda Minchew, Edward Jones Investment Representative; Melissa Miley, Estate Planning Attorney with Miley Law Firm; Ralph Lipscomb and Susan Simoneaux, Public Affairs Specialists from the Social Security Administration; Brian Dubreuil, Hartford Insurance Group Estate Planning Specialist; Pat O’Shea, Long-Term Care Specialist with Genworth Financial; Henry Boudreaux, CPA; and Melissa Darce, representing Medicare and Medicaid. Library staff will highlight print and online investment and retirement resources available in the Library’s collection.

For more information, call (225) 274-4480.

Myers-Briggs and Your Career

Learn to know yourself and find your path to career success at the River Center Branch Library on Thursday, November 9 and Wednesday, November 15, from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. Carolyn Thornton will give a free two-part seminar and testing using a basic Myers-Briggs personality assessment.

Attendance at both sessions is required. An introduction and testing will be done on the first date; test results and explanation of personality types will be offered on the second date.

To register and for more information, call (225) 381-8434.

Career Center Road Show

Ursula Carmena, director of the East Baton Rouge Parish Library's Career Center, will visit several library branches with information on resume writing, interview skills, and other career-related topics from November to December.

Wednesday, November 8 . . . . . . . . . . Zachary Branch Library
Thursday, November 16 . . . . . . . . . . Carver Branch Library
Monday, November 20 . . . . . . . . . . Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch Library
Wednesday, November 29 . . . . . . . . . . Baker Branch Library
Monday, December 4 . . . . . . . . . . . Pride-Chaneyville Branch Library
Thursday, December 14 . . . . . . . . . . Jones Creek Regional Branch Library

For more information, call (225) 381-8434.

John Neyland, Certified Senior Advisor and President of JCN Financial, will present a two-part seminar, Retirement Unlimited, at the Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch Library. Part One will be held on Wednesday, November 8, and Part Two will be held on Wednesday, November 15, at 10:00 a.m.

This seminar is geared towards adults seeking help in preparing for retirement. Neyland, along with Ed Slott, the nation’s foremost expert on retirement planning, has developed a multimedia presentation that answers the most challenging questions:

- Is my perception of retirement the same as reality?
- How can I keep up with health care costs?
- Will inflation affect my retirement?

For more information, call (225) 274-4480.

Pride-Chaneyville Teen Art Exhibit

Local teens will show their art work at the Pride-Chaneyville Branch Library. The exhibit will begin with an opening reception on Thursday, November 2, at 6:00 p.m. Refreshments will be provided. Art will be on display in the library until November 9.

Teens interested in displaying their art pieces must fill out and return a registration form. Contact the Teen/Young Adult Department at (225) 658-1550 for more information.

Annie-the Library

Teens will enjoy the anime film DN-Angel at the Carver Branch Library on Monday, November 6, at 3:00 p.m. Refreshments will be served.

For more information, call (225) 389-7450.

Open Mike Nite – An Evening Of Entertainment

Teens will share their talents in a coffee house atmosphere at the Zachary Branch Library on Thursday, November 30, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Acts, approximately five to seven minutes each, may include music, dance, monologues, skits, poetry recital, puppet shows, and more. Family and friends are welcome to attend.

To register and for more information, call (225) 658-1860.

East Baton Rouge Parish Library
KiD’S STUFF

Children’s Book Week Book Give-A-Way

In celebration of Children’s Book Week, the East Baton Rouge Parish Library will give away free children’s books at each library branch! From Monday, November 13, through Saturday, November 18, children from birth to 11 years old, can register for a book drawing in the Children’s Room at any East Baton Rouge Parish Library. Children must be present to register. Each branch will have at least 6 books to give away. Registration closes at 5:30 p.m. on Saturday, November 18. Winners will be notified on Monday, November 20.

The Library will also host a special program in honor of Children’s Book Week at each branch at 10:00 a.m., featuring Ms. Donnie Hernandez, The Balloon Lady. Ms. Donnie will make a balloon sculpture for each child after library staff reads a balloon-related story.

Thursday, November 2 ............... Delmont Gardens Branch Library
Friday, November 3 ............... Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch Library
Monday, November 6 ............... Central Branch Library
Tuesday, November 7 ............... Baker Branch Library
Wednesday, November 8 .......... Zachary Branch Library
Thursday, November 9 .......... Carver Branch Library
Saturday, November 11 .......... Jones Creek Regional Branch Library
Monday, November 13 .......... Pride-Chaneyville Branch Library
Tuesday, November 14 .......... River Center Branch Library
Wednesday, November 15 ........ Main Library
Thursday, November 16 .......... Scotlandville Branch Library
Saturday, November 18 .......... Bluebonnet Regional Branch Library

Pre-registration is required. For more information, call (225) 231-3760.

Teen Film Festival Winners!

Congratulations to all the winners and participants of the first annual Teen Film Festival! The East Baton Rouge Parish Library’s Teen/Young Adult Division would like to thank and congratulate these talented teen filmmakers, casts, and crews on their outstanding work.

Best sound, music, and/or sound effects – Love Over Seas
Best costumes, setting, and/or props – Sleepover
Best acting, stunts, action, script, and/or dialog – A Script That May Never Make It
Best direction, camera shots, film effects, and editing – City at Peace

People’s Choice Award – The Search
Visit the library’s website, www.ebr.lib.la.us, to view a clip from the People’s Choice Award winner!

Thank the Troops!

To celebrate Veteran’s Day, teens will write thank you notes to the men and women of the United States Military at the Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch Library from Wednesday, November 1 through Sunday, November 12. Teens’ thank you cards will be sent to active and retired soldiers through A Million Thanks, an organization recommended by the U.S. Department of Defense.

For more information, call (225) 274-4470.

Chess at the Library

Main Library

Sharpen your chess skills at the library! Classes will be offered for children, ages 9 to 13, who have taken the Beginning Chess class at the library, or who are already familiar with the rules and moves of the game. The series of five classes concentrates on strategies in play. Classes will be offered on Saturdays, November 4 and 18, from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. The series will end with an inter-library tournament for class participants.

Brave adults and children under 9 with permission of the chess coach and an adult to stay with them, are welcome to participate. Jerry Markley, a highly rated member of Baton Rouge Chess and city chess champions, will conduct the classes.

To register and for more information, call (225) 231-3760.

Zachary Branch Library

Children and teens, ages 9 to 17, will learn how to play chess on Saturday, November 18 at 10:00 a.m. Players will be matched according to age and/or skill level, and library staff will be on hand to provide assistance and basic instruction.

To register and for more information, call (225) 658-1860.

Central Branch Library

Award-winning chess player Jacob Rossman, together with his father Charles Rossman, will explain the basics of chess as well as the moves behind each piece for children, ages 9 to 12, on Saturday, November 25, at 2:30 p.m. Basic strategies will be taught during the first half of the program. During the second half of the program, players will be guided through a game-playing session. Rossman is a member of the U.S. Chess Federation.

To register and for more information, call (225) 262-2660.
“Junie B. Jones” Trivia and Activities Day

Children, ages 6 to 9, will participate in a “Junie B. Jones” Trivia Contest, musical chairs grab-bag activity, and listen to an excerpt from the latest “Junie B. Jones” book at the Main Library on Saturday, November 18, at 2:30 p.m. Participants are encouraged to dress like “Junie B. Jones” or any of the characters in the series.

To register and for more information, call (225) 231-3760.

A Day In The Life Of A Houma Indian

In celebration of National Native American Heritage Month in November 2006, August “Cocoa” Creppel will visit the Carver Branch Library on Saturday, November 4, from 10:30 a.m. to noon to discuss A Day In the Life of a Houma Indian.

To register and for more information, call (225) 389-7450.

Autumn Spelling Bee

Children will have the opportunity to enhance their vocabulary skills while competing against other children their age in a spelling bee at the Scotlandville Branch Library on Wednesday, November 22, at 2:30 p.m. Participants will be divided into two categories, ages 5-7 and ages 8-11. For more information, call (225) 354-7560.

Storytime gives children an excellent introduction to books and the library, increases their attention spans, and develops their social skills by involving them in stories, poetry, and songs. The Children’s Services staff hopes Storytime will be an enjoyable experience for each child, leading to a lifelong love of books and reading.

You are always welcome to attend Storytime with your child. We offer six different Storytime formats. Since children develop at different rates, you may talk with one of our library staff members to place your child in a younger or older group. Call your local library for more information. Organized groups must reserve a date and time other than those listed below.

Lapsit – for babies through crawling

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Bluebonnet Regional Branch
Doll Collection
Folks in Fabric display a sample of their delightful dolls.

Smocking and Needlework
View smocking, embroidery, and quilting samples offered by the Red Stick Smocking Guild and Fine Needlework Group.

Greenwell Springs Road
Regional Branch
Wood Carvings
View the award-winning wood carvings of the Pelican Woodcarvers.

Landsapes
Dr. Charles Fryling, Associate Professor of Landscape Architect at LSU will exhibit Atchafalaya Basin photos.

Visit the One Book/One Community website at www.readonebook.org.