Eeek! Ghosts, haunted houses and dancing skeletons? With Halloween just around the corner, this author puts the fun back into fright!

The East Baton Rouge Parish Library will celebrate its twenty-ninth annual Author/Illustrator Program on Thursday, October 26, and Friday, October 27. This year's special guest is Cynthia DeFelice, a well-known, award-winning author of novels for young adults and picture books for children. Her stories range from spooky mysteries such as *The Ghost Fossil Glen*, to dramatic fiction including *The Apprenticeship of Lucas Whitaker*, to ensemble fiction from the past such as *Mule Eggs and The Dancing Skeleton*.

Everyone is invited to attend the Thursday program at 7:00 p.m. at the Bluebonnet Regional Branch Library, where DeFelice will discuss “STORIES to Touch the Heart and Tickle the Funny Bone.” A reception, book sale, and autograph session will follow. Admission is free.

DeFelice will conduct a workshop for teachers, librarians, writers and parents on Friday at the Bluebonnet Regional Branch Library from 8:00 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. Registration fee for the workshop is $25.00 per person and $10.00 for college students with school identification. A book sale and autograph session will follow.

DeFelice attended Syracuse University in New York and received a Master's degree in Library Science. After college, while working as an elementary school librarian, DeFelice saw something magical about a child's facial expressions when he/she was enthralled by a wonderful book or story.

“I loved reading aloud to children, telling them stories, recommending books for them, and hearing their responses when they brought the books back,” says DeFelice.

“When I was a child, I never would have guessed that I would become a writer. But I did love to read, and I loved when my mother read to me, my brothers and sister,” says DeFelice. “She read to us every night, acting out the voices of the characters in books with great enthusiasm. She passed along her love of language, and I’m sure it’s because of her that I eventually became a children's author.”

By turning a glimmer of an idea, a ghost of a character, or a piece of fascinating history into a fully detailed story, DeFelice feels incredibly lucky to be an author and storyteller.

“I love creating a character out of thin air, and feeling that character come to life beneath my fingers on the computer keyboard. I like working at two o’clock in the morning if I want to, and wearing pajamas or sweatpants to work. I like being my own boss,” says DeFelice.

“I love writing a book that I would have loved to read when I was a child. I love hearing from children that something I wrote touched them in some way, making them laugh or cry, or think and feel something special.”

Since its creation in 1978, the Author/Illustrator Program has been a great success and affords teachers, librarians, parents, and other interested adults an excellent opportunity for an exchange of ideas with prominent writers, artists, scholars, and performers of literature for children and young adults.

“I have thoroughly enjoyed listening to the speakers we have had Continued on page 2
Public Information Kiosk, or PIKinc., a division of 3M Library Systems, has donated an information kiosk to the East Baton Rouge Parish Library. The kiosk, or E-Branch Library, has been installed at the CATS bus station. The East Baton Rouge Parish Library was chosen to receive the kiosk in acknowledgement of the tremendous increase in library service in the aftermath of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. “The Library recognizes that many displaced residents rely upon public transportation,” says Library Director Lydia M. Acosta, “Locating the kiosk at the CATS terminal guarantees access to those who need the resources of the kiosk and the Library as well as the Capital Area Transit System.”

Around 5.5 million people come through the location annually, making it an ideal place for information access. Positioned in the bus terminal next to the Customer Service desk, the E-Branch will serve as an information resource for those in emergency situations or in need of assistance. The kiosk has a touch and find screen, with links to several state resources, such as Housing Assistance and Hurricane Disaster Relief. The kiosk phone connects patrons to the Library Information Service hotline. Internet access is also available; however, websites are limited.

“The kiosk represents an incredible partnership between CATS and the East Baton Rouge Parish Library system. Mrs. Acosta’s vision has blessed our customers with an invaluable resource. We look forward to more partnering opportunities in the future,” says Dwight Brashear, Chief Executive Officer for the Capital Area Transit System, (CATS).

PIKinc. has distributed 25 E-Branch Libraries to different parts of Louisiana, Texas, Mississippi, and Alabama, as a result of the devastation caused by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. “We are proud and pleased that we can be a part of recovery efforts for those who need access to information and the Internet,” said Fred E. Goodman, president of PIKinc. In other states, kiosks have been placed in Wal-Mart, food centers, bus stations, and senior citizen centers.

The E-Branch is available during the same hours of operation for the CATS terminal – Monday through Friday, 5:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., and Saturdays from 6:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

For more information, call (225) 231-3700.
Poet Ava Leavell Haymon will read poems from her latest book *Kitchen Heat*, at the Main Library on Sunday, October 22, from 3:00 to 4:00 p.m. *Kitchen Heat*, written in woman’s language, records the charm and bite of domestic life. Haymon’s poems form a collection of household tales – unswerving and unsentimental, serving up the strenuous intimacies, children, meals, pets, roused memories, outrages, and solaces of marriage and family.

Ava Leavell Haymon is the author of the poetry collection *The Strict Economy of Fire*. She lives in Baton Rouge, where she teaches poetry writing. In the summer, Haymon directs a writer’s retreat center in the mountains of New Mexico.

For more information, call (225) 231-3746.
Emotional/Mental Health & Wholeness 
Versus Illness and Breakdown

Even the most “sane” and “normal” person can become at risk for emotional and mental disease especially during times of crisis, disaster and even normal life passages. What attitudes and behaviors keep us emotionally and mentally healthy?

Frank Campbell, Executive Director of the Office of Clinical Research and Consultation and the Crisis Center Foundation in Baton Rouge, and Glenda Natale, currently at Our Lady of the Lake’s Partial Day Hospital Program, will focus on coping skills that can keep a person who has been diagnosed with a mental illness stable, as well as check and control the illness, at the Baker Branch Library on Monday, October 2, from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m.

Refreshments will be provided by the National Alliance for the Mentally Ill, in observation of Mental Illness Awareness Week.

To register and for more information, call (225) 778-5940.

“Medical Malpractice Classic Ending in Death: Know Your Legal Rights”

James E. Bradford, Sr., author of the new book Medical Malpractice Classic Ending in Death: Know Your Legal Rights, will present a booktalk and signing at the Scotlandville Branch Library on Monday, October 9, at 6:00 p.m.

For more information, call (225) 354-7550.

Family Skeletons: Books with a Family History Twist

October goblins can’t beat the real skeletons in the closet! The Bluebonnet Regional Branch Library will host a booktalk that focuses on histories and mysteries with a genealogy twist on Saturday, October 14, from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. Whether you love fact or fiction, these toe-curling tales are fun to read. Cassandra Fedrick, librarian and head of the Library’s Genealogy Department, will conduct the program.

To register and for more information, call (225) 763-2283.

ASK-A-LAWYER

Free Legal Advice at the Library

Do you have a legal question?

Take advantage of free, individual, legal counseling sessions offered by the Pro Bono Project of the Baton Rouge Bar Association. Area attorneys will be available for confidential, one-on-one, 15 minute sessions for legal advice on a first come, first served basis at the Main Library on Saturday, October 28, from 9:00 to 11:30 a.m.

For more information, call (225) 231-3746.

Tunes at Noon

FREE Concert with the Baton Rouge Symphony

Bluebonnet Regional Branch Library

Tuesday, October 10, at noon
**Computer Classes at the Carver Branch**

The Carver Branch Library will offer free computer classes for adults from October to December. All classes will be held from 10:00 a.m. to noon. Microsoft 101 will teach participants the basics of Microsoft Word. Email 101 will teach basic email account set-up and management. To register and for more information, call (225) 389-7450.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Microsoft 101</th>
<th>Email 101</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Tuesday, October 17</td>
<td>Tuesday, October 24</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Thursday, October 19</td>
<td>Thursday, October 26</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Paintings by Artist Wendell Wilson**

Beautiful acrylic paintings by artist Wendell Wilson will be on display during the month of October at the Carver Branch Library. To kick off the exhibit, Wilson will hold a reception at the library on Sunday, October 1, from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. where he will discuss his work and visit with guests. For more information, call (225) 389-7450.

**Toddler Care Classes**

Cheri Gioe, of the LSU AgCenter, will present three programs on toddler care at the Bluebonnet Regional Branch Library, in October. The first, “Toilet Learning” will be held on Wednesday, October 4; the second, “Tackling Tantrums” will be held on Wednesday, October 11; and the third, “Teaching Them Not to Bite” will be held on Wednesday, October 25, at 11:00 a.m. For more information, call (225) 763-2260.

**Library at the 24th Annual Biz Tech Expo**

The Library will take part in the 24th Annual Louisiana Biz Tech Expo—Louisiana’s largest business-to-business trade show—at the Baton Rouge River Center on Wednesday, October 11 and Thursday, October 12, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Stop by the Library’s booth to check out our business resources, business-related brochures, knowledgeable staff, pathfinders and bookmarks, fun activities, and more!


**ON-LINE at the Library**

**Business Source Complete**

*Business Source Complete* is one of our new EBSCO online resources. It is an outstanding business database, providing a huge collection of full-text content on every aspect of business. This database pulls articles from over 1200 respected business journals and business information services, making it a one-stop shop for all your business information needs.

*Business Source Complete* contains peer-reviewed, business related journals with deep content in marketing, management, accounting, finance and economics. It also includes full-text financial data, books, case studies, investment research reports, industry reports, market research reports, company profiles, SWOT analysis and more.

Now when you need information or want to read up on the latest industry trends, you don’t have to dig through your “industry rag” back issues or call up your colleagues for theirs. You can access all this information directly from your desktop computer with your East Baton Rouge Parish Library card!

**ACT/SAT Review Sessions for Students**

Staff from the Princeton Review will appear at two libraries in October for ACT and SAT Review Sessions to return graded Practice Tests to students and offer tips and techniques on how to improve scores. Anyone, including parents, is allowed to attend the Review Session.

Students may attend the SAT Review Session on Monday, October 2, at 6:30 p.m. at the Jones Creek Regional Branch Library and the ACT Review Session on Tuesday, October 3, at 6:30 p.m. at the Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch Library.

For more information, call (225) 231-3770.

**Teen Read Week Bookmark Contest**

The last day to submit entries for Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch Library’s Teen Read Week bookmark contest will be Friday, October 6! The winning bookmark design will be printed and passed out during Teen Read Week.

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

**Resume Workshop**

Young Adult participants and first time job seekers will learn how to prepare a resume using Microsoft Word, while adult participants will be given ideas on how to spruce up an existing resume at the Carver Branch Library Wednesday, October 4, from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.

To register and for more information, call (225) 389-7450.
Haunted Trivia and Urban Legends

Teens will participate in two programs at the Pride-Chaneyville Branch Library just in time for Halloween!

The Haunted Library Trivia Challenge will be held on Monday, October 2 through Friday, October 20. Teens will be given a list of trivia questions related to horror genre novels, and stories. Questions will be completed using library resources. Those that get all the answers correct will get a diploma of completion and have pictures taken and put up on the “cemetery wall” in the teen area.

Teens will also share their favorite, most scary urban legends and scary stories on Thursday, October 26, at 6:00 p.m.

For more information, call (225) 658-1550.

Get Reel @ Your Library Teen Film Festival

Lights, camera, action! The East Baton Rouge Parish Library is pleased to announce a filmmaking contest for teens! Get Reel @ Your Library offers teens, ages 12 to 18, the opportunity to direct, film, and edit movies, up to 10 minutes in length, and attend the premiere Teen Film Festival, to be held at the Jones Creek Regional Branch Library on Sunday, October 15, at 3:00 p.m.

Movies will be shown at the Festival; however, due to time constraints, the Library may not be able to show all submitted films. Teens in the audience will vote on their favorite film, favorite actor, and favorite director.

For a complete list of guidelines, check with the Teen/Young Adult Division or visit the Teen Page on the Library’s website, www.ebr.lib.la.us. For more information, call (225) 231-3770.

Anime Afternoons at the Library

Teens will enter the world of Japanese Animation as popular titles are viewed at the Greenwell Springs Regional Branch Library, on Saturday, October 28, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. Refreshments will be served.

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

Chess Time at the Library

Children and young adults, ages 9 to 17, interested in learning to play chess may visit the Zachary Branch Library on Saturday, October 21, at 10:00 a.m. for this beginners session. Players will be matched according to age and/or skill level. To register and for more information, call (225) 658-1860.

Dog Training with Dick Russell

Dick Russell, an experienced dog trainer, will conduct a dog training program for children, ages 5 to 11, at the Central Branch Library on Saturday, October 14, at 2:30 p.m. To register and for more information, call (225) 262-2660.

An Unfortunate Event at the Library

Follow in the footsteps of the Baudelaire orphans during another Unfortunate Event at the Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch Library on Saturday, October 21, at 2:30 p.m. Lemony Snicket fans, ages eight and up, will participate in trivia games and other fun activities to celebrate The End. VFD-inspired disguises are encouraged.

To register, call (225) 274-4460.

Introduction to Children’s Resources

Children, ages 6 to 11, will get an introduction to the children’s homepage on the East Baton Rouge Parish Library’s website, www.ebr.lib.la.us, and take a tour of the Children’s Room at the Scotlandville Branch Library on Wednesday, October 4, at 5:30 p.m.

To register and for more information, call (225) 354-7560.

Children’s Book Giveaway

The Zachary Rotary Club will visit the Zachary Branch Library on Saturday, October 14, at 10:00 a.m. for a special book reading and giveaway for children, ages 4 to 11. Books given away will be Sesame Street Supermarket and Sesame Street Train Station. For more information, call (225) 658-1860.

Irish Step Dancing

The Inishfree School of Irish Dance will perform traditional Irish step dancing to Irish music, for children ages 6 and up at the Main Library, on Saturday, October 21, at 2:30 p.m. Children, ages 8 and under, must be accompanied by an adult.

For more information, call (225) 231-3760.

Reading Magic

Magic, the Library’s animal friend, is looking for kids to read with him! If you are learning to read, need help with reading, or just want to practice reading aloud, sign up for a turn with this trained and insured therapy dog. Children, ages 6 to 10, will get 15 minute turns to read with Magic and his helper at the Main Library, on Saturday, October 7, at 10:30 a.m.

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

Children, ages 4 to 11, are invited to join the Zachary Branch Library on Tuesday, October 24, at 6:00 p.m. for this special celebration! There will be Halloween stories, refreshments, and each child will get a “Trick or Treat” bag for all of their Halloween goodies. Costumes encouraged! For more information, call (225) 658-1860.

Fall Chess at the 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. Classes will be offered at the Main Library, on Saturdays, September 23, October 7, 21, 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 are welcome to participate, children under 9 with permission of the chess coach and an adult to stay with them. 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.
On View at the Library

Bluebonnet Regional Branch
Stamp Collection
Learn about stamp collecting during National Stamp Collecting Month, with samples from the Baton Rouge Stamp Club

Cajun Rooms & Miniature Scenes
See rooms and scenes in miniature, designed by the Cajun Miniature Designers.

Family Trees
Discover your roots, in oak, elm, and more, presented by the Baton Rouge Genealogical and Historical Society

Carver Branch Library

Acrylics
Works of art by artist Wendell Wilson

Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch

Tennessee-Texas Touch
Western landscapes in oil and acrylic by artists Bonnie Smith Williams & Tom Wallace

African-American Dolls
Handmade cloth dolls created by Barbara Franklin

LIBRARY BOOK SALE
Saturday, October 28, 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
RECYCLED READS, 13505 Hooper Road