First sponsored in 1958, National Library Week is a national observance sponsored by the American Library Association (ALA) and libraries across the country each April. The theme for National Library Week—April 15-21, 2007—is “Come Together @ Your Library®.”

What better way to come together than by taking part in The Big Read: One Book/One Community program, sponsored by The Big Read, the East Baton Rouge Parish Library, and the Baton Rouge Area Chamber (BRAC). So far, The Big Read: One Book/One Community program has brought together nine parishes with movie showings, presentations by authors, oral history, documentaries, book discussions, and even more planned through May.

To celebrate National Library Week, the Library will present a free family film screening of the Academy Award-winning movie based on Harper Lee’s To Kill A Mockingbird. Special guest Mary Badham, the actress who portrayed Jean Louise “Scout” Finch in the film adaptation, will attend the program and hold a meet and greet session at the BREC Independence Park Theatre on Saturday, April 14, at 2:00 p.m. Popcorn and drinks will be provided. A panel discussion featuring film producer John Hardy, Journalist Danny Heitman, and Arts Council Director Derek Gordon, led by Beth Courtney, President/CEO of Louisiana Public Broadcasting (LPB), will follow the program.

Also during National Library Week and in celebration of The Big Read: One Book/One Community program, New York Times bestselling author and former English teacher Charles J. Shields will visit the Bluebonnet Regional Branch Library, on Saturday, April 28, at 2:00 p.m. for a lecture on the elusive and reclusive author Harper Lee. Shields will discuss his novel, Mockingbird: A Portrait of Harper Lee, a character study of a writer who

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Visit with Academy Award nominee Mary Badham on April 14, at 2:00 p.m.

See Charles J. Shields, author of Mockingbird at the Bluebonnet Regional Branch Library April 28 at 2:00 p.m.

Wess “Warmdaddy” Anderson, jazz saxophonist, will present a free jazz performance for all ages at the Carver Branch Library on Sunday, April 1, at 2:30 p.m.

Anderson began playing the saxophone—alto and soprano saxophones—at age 14. Along with Frank Wess, Frank Foster, and Charles Davis, Anderson frequented jam sessions led by saxophonist Sonny Stitt at the Blue Coronet. Before entering Southern University, where he studied with famed clarinetist Alvin Batiste, Anderson met Wynton and Branford Marsalis. In 1988, he became a member of Wynton Marsalis’ Septet, with whom he toured and recorded for seven years. He has been a member of the Lincoln Center Jazz Orchestra since it began touring in 1992. “Warmdaddy” Anderson is the associate professor of jazz studies at Michigan State University School of Music.

It was during his time with Marsalis’ group that Anderson began to develop his own sound—a mix of traditional New Orleans jazz and a sweeping blues style similar to that of Cannonball Adderley. As a lead alto sax musician, Anderson has recorded and released three solo albums titled “Warmdaddy in the Garden of Swing” (1994), “The Ways of Warmdaddy” (1996), and “Live at the Village Vanguard” (1999).

For more information, call (225) 231-3750.

River City Jazz @ The Library!

Gregory Peck as Atticus Finch and Mary Badham as “Scout”

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has lived on her own terms and immortalized what she loved the most. A book signing will follow the lecture where books will be available for purchase.

For more information, call (225) 231-3740 or visit www.readonebook.org.

Tunes at Noon
FREE Concert with the Baton Rouge Symphony
Jones Creek
Regional Branch Library
Tuesday, April 10 at noon

Baton Rouge: All That’s Jazz
sponsored by the East Baton Rouge Parish Library and Cox Communications, begins in May. This six-month series will include many jazz performances, free concerts, exhibits, authors, and more!

Flood Awareness Public Meeting
Every year, the Governor declares the month of April as “Flood Awareness Month.” Floods are one of the most recurring natural disasters in the United States, including communities located within the Amite River Basin.

A public meeting will be held at the Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch Library on Wednesday, April 18, at 6:00 p.m. to discuss projects and programs in East Baton Rouge Parish that addresses damages caused by flooding, including the Comite River Diversion Canal Project. Louisiana state and local officials will also speak about FEMA projects and assistance the organization provides.

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

Library Branch Manager Corner

Heather Harrison has been the Branch Manager of the Central Branch Library in the East Baton Rouge Parish Library system since May 2005. “My goals for the Central Branch are to provide excellent library services for all ages and increase numbers in library card holders, circulation, and patrons attending programs,” says Harrison.

Harrison received her Bachelor of Arts degree in History with a Minor in Geography from Louisiana State University in December 1996. With inspiration from her grandmother, Harrison went on to receive her Masters of Library and Information Science from LSU in May 1999. “My grandmother was the librarian at the Pride Library from 1957 to 1977. Her memories encouraged me to become a librarian,” says Harrison.

In August 2000, Harrison moved from Pride to New Orleans to pursue her library career as the Assistant Branch Manager for the Milton H. Memorial Library in the New Orleans Public Library system.

“As a librarian, I appreciate the customer service aspect,” says Harrison, “I get to help people with their information needs, from the latest fiction title to helping students with school projects.”

In her spare time, Harrison enjoys gardening, knitting, and re-finishing furniture.

Tune-Up Your Body Mechanics: Pilates for Performers

Jazz vocalist and New Orleans native, Stephanie Jordan will demonstrate how to Tune-Up Your Body Mechanics with Pilates for Performers! Learn how to use your “instrument,” a.k.a. your body, more effectively by using Pilates and Yoga techniques at the Main Library on Tuesday, April 10, at 6:00 p.m. This master class is geared toward budding, amateur, and professional vocalists, wind-performers, and choir and band directors, but all are welcome. Participants are asked to bring their mats, as this is a hands-on experience.

Jordan is the daughter of saxophonist Edward “Kidd” Jordan. Her style has been compared by some to Diana Krall, Norah Jones, and Shirley Horn, while to others it evokes Nancy Wilson, Dianne Reeves and even Nat “King” Cole.

Jordan’s stage presence is dazzling a la Lena Horn. She won the prestigious “Billie Holiday Competition” in Baltimore, Maryland, and she has commissioned a piece for BRAC—Come Rain or Shine, which is currently being used as background music for Hurricane Katrina/Rita disaster assistance.

For more information, call (225) 231-3750.

This program was supported in part by funds from the Louisiana State Arts Council and the Louisiana Division of the Arts and by the Arts Council of Greater Baton Rouge through the Decentralized Arts Funding Program.
2007 Library Conference – Success!

The 2007 Louisiana Library Association’s annual Conference was held at the Holiday Inn Select in Baton Rouge, from Tuesday, March 6 through Thursday, March 8. The theme for this year’s conference, Louisiana Libraries: Bridging Communities, included an agenda filled with programs “bridging” library communities together.

The 1st General Session and Business Meeting was opened with remarks from Mayor-President Melvin L. “Kip” Holden and Lydia M. Acosta, director of the East Baton Rouge Parish Library system. Notable programs included the LASL Author Luncheon with Cindy Foust, author of 26 rhyming stories; the LLA Book Dinner with Kimberly Willis Holt, award-winning author of Part of Me, My Louisiana Sky, and When Zachary Beaver Came to Town; Bridging the Mystery: The Bone Lady with author and director of the LSU FACES Laboratory, Mary Manheim; and the Public and Trustees Luncheon with Richard D. White Jr., author of Kingfish: The Reign of Huey P. Long and Roosevelt the Reformer: Theodore Roosevelt as Civil Service Commissioner 1889-1895; and The Big Read: One Book/One Community: Spanning 9 Parishes by staff of the East Baton Rouge Parish Library. The 2008 Louisiana Young Readers’ Choice Award books for grades three through eight were presented as exciting and energetic “booktalks” by East Baton Rouge Parish Library staff.

The conference ended with the 2nd General Session and Awards Ceremony, conducted by Beth Paskoff, LLA President, and Melissa Elrod, LLA 1st Vice President. Local winners included the James O. Modisette Award for School Libraries: Junior/Senior High to Betty Brackins and Leola Mitchell of Baton Rouge Magnet High School; the Alex Allain Intellectual Freedom Award to Peggy Chalaron of LSU; the LASSAL Support Staff Professional Award to Sylvia D. Waits of the LSU Law Library; and the Lynda M. Carberg Award to Gretchen Fairbanks, retired Associate State Librarian.

The ABC’s of Global Climate Change

Environmental scientist Jessica Rury will guide adults and teens through the facts and misconceptions of global climate change at the Pride-Chaneyville Branch Library on Saturday, April 21, at 2:00 p.m. To register and for more information, call (225) 658-1540.

Eden Park Branch Receives Good Growth Award!

The new 14,000 square foot Eden Park Branch Library has won a Good Growth Award for 2007. This award honors outstanding community or residential building projects that play a significant role in revitalizing their communities. Congratulations to Tipton Associates Architects; Guy Hopkins Construction; engineers McKee & Deville, Assaf, Simonneaux, Tauzin and Associates, and Benchmark Group; interior designer Lamoyne Design Associates and landscape designer Joseph Furr Design Studio.

Look for the Library at Earth Day on Sunday, April 22!
Big Read
Book Discussions At The Library

As part of The Big Read: One Book/One Community program, the East Baton Rouge Parish Library will host reading and discussion group meetings at various library branches.

People from all walks of life, including middle and high school students, are encouraged to read and then discuss important issues raised by the book, To Kill a Mockingbird by Harper Lee.

Below is the April Reading and Discussion schedule for the East Baton Rouge Parish Library and the State Library of Louisiana.

- Tuesday, April 3, 4:00 p.m. State Library of Louisiana
- Tuesday, April 10, 11:00 a.m. Zachary Branch Library
- Tuesday, April 10, 4:00 p.m. State Library of Louisiana
- Tuesday, April 17, 4:00 p.m. State Library of Louisiana
- Tuesday, April 17, 6:00 p.m. Central Branch Library
- Saturday, April 21, 2:00 p.m. Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch Library
- Tuesday, April 24, 4:00 p.m. State Library of Louisiana
- Tuesday, April 24, 7:00 p.m. Zachary Branch Library
- Saturday, April 28, 2:00 p.m. Baker Branch Library
- Saturday, April 28, 2:00 p.m. Main Library

For a complete listing of reading and discussion group meetings and related programming, visit www.readonebook.org.

For more information, call (225) 231-3745.

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 Scotlandville Branch Library on Saturday, April 14 and the Baker Branch Library on Saturday, April 21, from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.

For more information, call (225) 231-3745.

The World Will Move:
Civil Rights And Public Transportation
In Louisiana, 1860s – 1950s Exhibit

Visit the traveling exhibit observing the one-hundredth anniversary of the Supreme Court’s landmark 1896 decision in the Plessy v. Ferguson case, which analyzes the events leading up to Homer Plessy’s arrest on the train, Plessy’s trials and appeals, and the aftermath of the Supreme Court decision at the Scotlandville Branch Library.

Easy-to-read text panels and reproductions of the original photographs and documents relating to the Plessy v. Ferguson case are used to illustrate the circumstances surrounding the decision in the context of the Civil Rights Movement in the South, particularly Louisiana.

The exhibit will end on Friday, April 20.

For more information, call (225) 231-3745.

These events are part of The Big Read, an initiative of the National Endowment for the Arts in partnership with the Institute of Museum and Library Services and Arts Midwest.
Author Dot McCollister To Visit The Library

Dot McCollister, author of First Serving: Food for the Body, Food for the Soul, will discuss her book at the Main Library on Sunday, April 22, at 3:00 p.m. Books will be available for sale and a book signing will follow the program.

McCollister is a speaker, Bible study leader, “prayer warrior,” and mentor. She and her husband, Rolfe, were founders of the Christian Embassy in Washington D.C. and the Chapel on the Campus at LSU in Baton Rouge. She also started the Baton Rouge chapter of the Christian Women’s Club. This written compilation of her life’s lessons is a living eulogy.

For more information, call (225) 231-3745.

Louisiana Black Bear Restoration

Paul Davidson, executive director of the Black Bear Conservation Committee, will present a lecture and presentation on black bear habitat use and population ecology at the Main Library on Saturday, April 14, at 10:00 a.m.

Conservationists believe the decline in Louisiana black bears can primarily be attributed to habitat loss and unregulated harvest due to land drainage and clearing of bottomland hardwood forests. Because black bears have a low reproductive rate, the effect of illegal kill of adults, especially females, is also a serious concern.

To register and for more information, call (225) 231-3740.

Who’s Who: Identity Theft

Alexis Anderson of the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development Federal Credit Union will host a seminar on the dangers of Identity Theft at the River Center Branch Library, on Monday, April 9, at 10:30 a.m. Anderson will identify schemes, scams, and shameless shenanigans of the perpetrators of these heinous crimes and will point out tips and techniques to avoid being a victim.

An exhibit with Identity Theft information will be on display in the River Center Branch in the month of April.

For more information, call (225) 389-4967.

Family Links: Clicking Your Way To A Family Tree

Documenting and learning about your family history is a unique gift that lasts a lifetime. Adults will get started making a family tree by using free online and print resources offered by the Genealogy Department at the Bluebonnet Regional Branch Library on Wednesdays, April 18, May 16, and June 20, from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m.

Cassandra Fedrick, genealogy librarian, will teach basic strategies for getting started in genealogy search. This class will touch on topics such as seeking hard-to-find female ancestors, census records, migration patterns, and other resources available in the Baton Rouge area.

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

Watch for the Library on the Around Town TV Show each weekend at 8:00 a.m. on COX4, on Eatel Fiber Edge Service at 7:00 a.m. and repeated on Metro21 and COX21 at 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.!
Anime Afternoons @ The Library

Teens will enter the world of Japanese Animation at the Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch Library, on Saturdays April 14 and 28 at 2:00 p.m. Animations will be shown on the big screen with digital surround sound. Refreshments will be served.
For more information, call (225) 274-4470.

Open Mike Night – An Evening of Entertainment

Get your act together!
Local teens are invited to show off their exciting talents and skills for their peers and families at the Zachary Branch Library on Thursday, April 26, at 6:00 p.m. The program is an open forum for skits, comedy routines, poetry readings, singing, dancing, monologues, magic tricks and more! Acts should be kept to 5-7 minutes in length and must be approved by library staff in advance.
To register, and for more information, call (225) 658-1870.

Karaoke Contest

Teens will show off their singing talents in a karaoke contest at the Carver Branch Library on Thursday, April 12, at 4:00 p.m. Winners will receive prizes.
To register and for more information, call (225) 389-7460.

Teen Library Council Meetings

Teens are invited to join the Teen Library Council at two libraries in April. Members will have a voice in teen programming by helping design and organize programs such as open mike night, skits, anime showings, trivia, poetry, crafts, book clubs, X-Box games, and much more!
Meetings will be held at the Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch Library on Tuesday, April 10, at 6:30 p.m. and at the Pride-Chaneyville Branch Library on Monday, April 16, at 4:00 p.m.
To register and for more information, call the Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch at (225) 274-4770 or the Pride-Chaneyville Branch at (225) 658-1550.

Poetry Slam

In celebration of National Poetry Month, poets in the community will present two of their original poems at the Scotlandville Branch Library on Saturday, April 14, at 2:00 p.m.
To register and for more information, call (225) 354-7550.

Kim’s Cheers and Dance

Two, four, six, eight...here's a program that's really great!
Kim Cifreo, former competitive cheerleader and cheerleading/dance instructor, will teach basic stretches, motions, jumps, and a cheer and dance for girls, ages 8 to 18, at the Pride-Chaneyville Branch Library on Saturday, April 21 at 10:00 a.m.
Participants will show off their skills in a short routine at the end of the workshop. Wear comfortable clothes and tennis shoes.
To register and for more information, call (225) 658-1560.

Free SAT Review Session

Staff from the Princeton Review will give a Review/Strategy Session at the Main Library on Wednesday, April 4, at 6:30 p.m. and return graded tests to students and offer tips and techniques on how to improve scores. Parents and students are encouraged to attend, even if they did not take a Practice Test.
For more information, call (225) 231-3770.

Chess at the Library

Children and teens, ages 9 to 17, interested in playing or learning to play chess will be matched according to age and/or skill level at the Zachary Branch Library on Saturday, April 21, at 10:00 a.m. Library staff will provide assistance and basic instruction.
To register and for more information, call (225) 658-1870.
**Storytime at the Library**

**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

- **Bluebonnet**
  - Thursdays, April 5, 12
  - 10:30 a.m.

- **Central**
  - Mondays, April 2, 9
  - 10:00 a.m.

- **Zachary**
  - Tuesday, April 3
  - 10:00 a.m.

### Toddler Time – for walking children through two years old

- **Central**
  - Tuesdays, April 3, 10
  - 10:00 a.m.

- **Zachary**
  - Wednesday, April 4
  - 10:00 a.m.

### Preschool Storytime – for children three to five years old

- **Carver**
  - Wednesdays, April 4, 11, 18
  - 10:00 a.m.

- **Central**
  - Wednesdays, April 4, 11
  - 10:00 a.m.

- **Delmont Gardens**
  - Thursday, April 5, 19 and May 3, 17
  - 10:30 a.m.

- **River Center**
  - Thursdays, April 19, 26 and May 3, 10, 17
  - 10:00 a.m.

- **Scotlandville**
  - Tuesdays and Thursdays, April 3, 5, 17, 19
  - 10:30 a.m.

- **Zachary**
  - Wednesday, April 4
  - 10:00 a.m.

### Storytime – for all ages

- **Pride-Chaneyville**
  - Saturday, April 7
  - 10:30 a.m.

### Spanish Storytime – for ages 3 and up

- **Bluebonnet**
  - Tuesdays, April 3, 10
  - 10:30 a.m.

### Night Storytime

- **Pride-Chaneyville**
  - Monday, April 23
  - 6:30 p.m.

- **Zachary**
  - Tuesday, April 3
  - 6:00 p.m.

### Wacky Bookmarks

Children, ages 6 to 11, will enhance their computer skills by creating a bookmark using clipart and different fonts at the Scotlandville Branch Library on Tuesday, April 10, from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. Participants should be familiar with using a computer mouse and keyboard.

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

### Thomas The Tank Engine

Join the Library for a Thomas the Tank Engine program at the Main Library on Saturday, April 28 at 10:30 a.m.!

Children, ages 3 to 6, will put a topsy-turvy Thomas the Tank Engine together and make a conductor’s hat. Library staff will read one of Thomas’ exciting adventures!

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

Decorative Beads
The Baton Rouge Bead Society exhibit includes handmade necklaces, bracelets, earrings, masks, and more.

Confederate History Month
Celebrate Confederate History Month with the Sons of Confederate Veterans and their display of clothing, weaponry, letters, photographs, and other memorabilia of the Civil War.

Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch

Pocket Watches/Rare Watches
View Guy Jenkins lifelong collection of pocket watches and other rare watches.

Multimedia Images
View the annual exhibit of great artwork of the Highland Road Artists.

On View at the Library

Bluebonnet Regional Branch

This exhibition observes the 100th anniversary of the Supreme Court’s landmark 1896 decision in Plessy v. Ferguson.

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Identity Theft
Learn how to protect your assets with help from the LA DOTD Federal Credit Union.

River Center Branch Library

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Scotlandville Branch Library

This exhibition observes the 100th anniversary of the Supreme Court’s landmark 1896 decision in Plessy v. Ferguson.

Recycled Reads, 13505 Hooper Road

Saturday, April 28, 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Library Book Sale

East Baton Rouge Parish Library
Lydia M. Acosta, Library Director
Main Library
7711 Goodwood Boulevard (225) 231-3740
Monday – Thursday, 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.
Friday and Saturday, 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Sunday, 2:00 – 10:00 p.m.

Branch Libraries

Baker Branch Library
3501 Groom Road, Baker (225) 778-5940
Monday – Thursday, 9:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Friday and Saturday, 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Sunday, 2:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Bluebonnet Regional Branch Library
9200 Bluebonnet Boulevard (225) 763-2240
Monday – Thursday, 9:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Friday and Saturday, 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Sunday, 2:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Carver Branch Library
720 Terrace Street (225) 389-7440
Monday – Thursday 9:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Friday and Saturday, 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Sunday, 2:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Central Branch Library
11260 Joor Road (225) 262-2640
Monday – Thursday, 9:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Friday and Saturday, 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Sunday, 2:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Delmont Gardens Branch Library
3351 Lorraine Street (225) 354-7040
Monday – Thursday, 9:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Friday and Saturday, 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Sunday, 2:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Eden Park Branch Library
5131 Greenwell Springs Road (225) 231-3240
Monday – Thursday, 9:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Friday and Saturday, 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Sunday, 2:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch Library
11300 Greenwell Springs Road (225) 274-4440
Monday – Thursday, 9:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Friday and Saturday, 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Sunday, 2:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Jones Creek Regional Branch Library
6222 Jones Creek Road (225) 756-1140
Monday – Thursday, 9:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Friday and Saturday, 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Sunday, 2:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Pride-Chaneysville Branch Library
13600 Pride-Port Hudson Road (225) 658-1540
Monday – Thursday, 9:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Friday and Saturday, 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Sunday, 2:00 – 6:00 p.m.

River Center Branch Library
(formerly the Centroplex)
120 St. Louis Street (225) 389-4967
Monday – Thursday, 8:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Friday and Saturday, 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Sunday, 2:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Scotlandville Branch Library
7373 Scenic Highway (225) 354-7540
Monday – Thursday, 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Friday and Saturday, 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Sunday, 2:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Zachary Branch Library
1900 Church Street, Zachary (225) 658-1840
Monday – Thursday, 9:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Friday and Saturday, 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Sunday, 2:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Library Information Service
(225) 231-3750
www.ebr.lib.la.us