Louisiana Books and Boogie!

Jeffrey Marx Presents

Season of Life

Pulitzer Prize winner and author, Jeffrey Marx, will discuss his New York Times bestseller, Season of Life at the Bluebonnet Regional Branch Library on Saturday, August 18, at 2:00 p.m.

Marx’s lecture will include the life lessons he learned during his time spent with Joe Ehrmann, a former NFL football star and volunteer coach for the Gilman High School football team. “Season of Life is a book about what it means to be a man of substance and impact. It is a moving story that will resonate with athletes, coaches, parents—anyone struggling to make the right choices.”

A light reception and book signing will follow the program.

For more information, call (225) 763-2250.

Victoria Rowell Live @ the Library

Join Cox communications, the East Baton Rouge Parish Library, and eleven-time NAACP image award recipient, acclaimed actress, and author Victoria Rowell at the Scotlandville Branch Library on Saturday, September 1, from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., as she presents her work, The Women Who Raised Me: A Memoir.

The Women Who Raised Me is the story of a remarkable woman’s rise out of the foster-care system to attain the American Dream and the unlikely series of women who lifted her up in marvelous and distinctive ways. Born as a ward of the state of Maine—the child of an unmarried Yankee blueblood mother and an unknown black father—Victoria Rowell beat the odds. Unlike so many other children who fall through the cracks of our overburdened foster care system, her experience was nothing short of miraculous, thanks to several extraordinary women who stepped forward to love, nurture, guide, teach, and challenge her to become the accomplished actress, philanthropist, and mother that she is today.

A light reception and book signing will accompany the program. For more information, call (225) 354-7580.

Louisiana Secretary of State, Jay Dardenne will present a riveting and entertaining program, Louisiana Books and Boogie, at the Louisiana State Museum in Baton Rouge on Friday, August 17, at 7:30 p.m.

Dardenne will introduce his top ten favorite Louisiana books. Through music and literature, along with his animated personality and theatrical persona, Dardenne captures the essence, history, and culture of the state of Louisiana in this 45-minute program, revealing how the state is portrayed through literature and music.

Throughout the presentation, Dardenne will include Louisiana music like “Great Balls of Fire” by Jerry Lee Lewis and “You Are My Sunshine” by Jimmy Davis. From talking with a Cajun accent in one book’s introduction to quoting and acting out a campaign speech given by Huey P. Long, Dardenne will present a variety of books ranging from “Every Man a King” by Huey P. Long, to “Way Down Yonder in New Orleans” by Pete Fountain.

Call the Louisiana State Museum at (225) 342-5428 for more information.
New Main Library Public Forum
The East Baton Rouge Parish Library invites the public to attend a public forum to discuss plans for the new Main Library. This meeting will be held at the BREC Independence Park Cultural and Recreation Theatre on Monday, August 27, at 7:00 p.m.
For more information, call (225) 231-3710.

World Cultural Economic Forum
During the month of August, the Office of the Lieutenant Governor, together with the Louisiana Department of Culture, Recreation & Tourism unveils a new initiative, the World Cultural Economic Forum (WCEF). The purpose of the WCEF is to highlight Louisiana's unique cultural assets in an effort to bring the state to the forefront of business and economy on a global level.

As a cornerstone of economic revitalization in Louisiana building on the success of the annual Louisiana Cultural Economy Summits, the WCEF is designed as a statewide event to coincide annually with the anniversary of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita.

Select library featured events include:
- **Creole 101** — Thursday, August 16, 7:00 p.m. — Main Library
  Learn about Creole and Louisiana History from Angelique Gardner. Gardner has done extensive research on the Creole population of Pointe Coupee.
- **Bayou Blessing** — Monday, August 20, at 7:00 p.m. — Main Library
  Documentary filmmaker Rayjohn Coffman will present his film, “Bayou Blessing,” which chronicles the longstanding tradition of the annual Blessing of the Fleet in Chauvin, Louisiana.
- **David G. Spielman** — Sunday, August 26, at 3:00 p.m. — Main Library
  Spielman, author of “Katrinaville Chronicles,” will discuss his work. A book signing will follow.

Much more Louisiana programming will be featured at various libraries. For more information, call (225) 231-3710, or visit the WCEF website, [www.wcefculture.com](http://www.wcefculture.com) and the Library's website, [www.ebr.lib.la.us](http://www.ebr.lib.la.us).

Walnut Bayou: A Dynamic River Simulation
Al Hindrichs, of the Department of Environment Quality (DEQ), will explain the river dynamics and concepts through an interactive demonstration at the Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch on Saturday, August 25, at 2:00 p.m.
For more information, call (225) 274-4470.

Congratulations to the Scotlandville Branch for receiving the 2007 Clean Business Award, presented by Keeping Baton Rouge Beautiful. KBRB salutes area businesses, organizations, and individuals that present an aesthetically appealing image.

Baton Rouge Community College’s Mobile Unit will visit area libraries this summer. See them at these branches in August: Wednesday, August 8 – Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch; Thursday, August 9 – Scotlandville Branch; and Friday, August 10 – Bluebonnet Regional Branch.

Novice Chess Tournament
The Louisiana Chess Association will hold a Chess Tournament at the Main Library, on Saturday, August 25. Registration begins at 12:00 p.m., play begins at 12:45 p.m., and the tournament ends at 4:00 p.m.

The tournament is free and open to players of all ages that are not previous or current members of the U.S. Federation. A separate section will be held for USCF members who are un-rated or rated 1199 or under.

Not ready for a tournament? Two libraries will offer a day of learning on Saturday, August 25. Youth, ages 9 to 17, are invited to play at the Zachary Branch Library at 10:00 a.m., and at the Central Branch Library at 2:30 p.m. To register and for more information, call your participating library.
Live at Chelsea’s

Prepare to dance the night away! **Live at Chelsea’s**, is a free jazz concert sponsored by Cox Communications and Chelsea’s Café. This month the 19-piece Baton Rouge Jazz Ensemble will delight and entertain. The fun starts at Chelsea’s Café, 2857 Perkins Road, on Wednesday, August 15, at 6:00 p.m.

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

My Favorite Things

Learn all about jazz from the man who plays it for you all day. Rob Payer, program director at WBRH, will present a listening session exploring the recordings that have influenced his musical identity and informed his programming choices at WBRH. Payer will play his Favorite Things at the Eden Park Branch, on Sunday, August 19, at 3:00 p.m.

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

The Jazz Swing Era

“Swing” on over to the Bluebonnet Regional Branch on Thursday, August 23, at 7:00 p.m. for the latest viewing and discussion series, part of **Looking at: Jazz America’s Art Form**. Music historian, Kevin Fontenot, will present the feature documentary film, *Benny Goodman: Adventures in the Kingdom of Swing*. Following the film, Fontenot will lead a discussion on the development of Swing and the Big Band Era.

For more information, call (225) 763-2250.

An Afternoon of Jazz

What better way to spend a lazy Sunday afternoon, than listening to smooth jazz? The McKinley High School Jazz Ensemble, under the direction of Frank Williams, will present **An Afternoon of Jazz** at the Scotlandville Branch on Sunday, August 19, at 3:00 p.m.

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

Willis Delony and Friends

Willis Delony and Friends will delight listeners with a jazz performance at the Bluebonnet Regional Branch Library, on Thursday, August 30, at 7:00 p.m. Delony has won national and international acclaim as a jazz and classical pianist, conductor, chamber player, commercial composer and arranger.

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

"Looking At: Jazz America’s Art Form" is a film and discussion project for non-profit organizations and libraries from the National Endowment for the Humanities, in collaboration with National Video Resources, Jazz at Lincoln Center and the American Library Association.

Jazz Movies @ the Library

Catch two great jazz films at the Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch in August. On Monday, August 6, at 7:00 p.m. the film *Harlem Renaissance* will be shown. This film showcases Harlem’s impact on jazz. On Monday, August 20, at 8:00 p.m. join us for *Lady Day: The Many Faces of Billie Holiday*. This film features rare TV and movie clips of Billie Holiday.

Enjoy free popcorn and drinks while watching “Gumbo,” episode one of Ken Burns’ Jazz. This free viewing will be hosted by the Main Library on Wednesday, August 22, at 7:00 p.m.

For more information, call (225) 274-4440 or (225) 231-3750.

Swing, Sax Style!

Book It!, the sax quartet, will perform at the Pride-Chaneyville Branch, on Saturday, August 25, at 3:00 p.m. They will be playing a collection of jazz and pop favorites.

For more information, call (225) 658-1540.

As part of the One Book/One Community summer series, meet Jed Home–author of *Breach of Faith: Hurricane Katrina and the Near Death of a Great American City*–and participate in a lecture at Louisiana State University’s (LSU) Cox Communications Academic Center for Student Athletes on Thursday, August 23, at 7:00 p.m. The Cox Center is located on the corner of Fieldhouse and North Stadium Drive on LSU’s Campus.

Attend the free Genealogy Conference at the Bluebonnet Regional Branch on Saturday, August 11, from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Emily Croom, avid Genealogist and author, will present “The Other Half of the Story – Finding Your Female Ancestors.” For more information call (225) 763-2283.
Don’t Flip This House, or Flip That House… Flip My House!

Learn how to find, finance, fix, and flip bargain houses for profit; or explore fresh ideas for fixing up houses during the “Is Flipping For You?” seminar at the Jones Creek Regional Branch on Thursday, September 6, at 6:30 p.m. This seminar will offer advice from professionals in a variety of fields related to real estate investment.

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

Wealth Building

Find out how to protect your assets, and avoid the traps that have stunted the financial success of many with Alexis Anderson, of the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development Federal Credit Union. Anderson will host a wealth building seminar at the River Center Branch on Saturday, September 8, at 10:30am.

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

August is Black Business Month!

Did you know the library features a local business each month at the Business & Career Connection link on our homepage? For August we profile a black entrepreneur as our Business Person of the Month.

The Business and Career Connection is your first stop for business/career information and assistance. In this site you will find a selection of business and career resources -- databases, websites, e-books and print titles - all designed to assist you in making the best decisions for your business or career.

If you know of a local business owner who should be showcased on this site, please contact Reference Services at (225) 231-3750.

Career Center – Lights! Cameras, Action!

Yes, the Career Center at the River Center Branch Library has a great collection of videos, DVDs, and CDs to be viewed there or checked out for home use. The films cover areas of interest such as job search, interviewing, resume writing, self assessment and problems like a criminal record. And don’t forget the Career Center offers a very complete library of books and periodicals on all the above subjects plus many more.

So bring your library card and stock up on summer viewing and reading with your career in mind. Then, when you want to talk over your plans with a certified career coach, call (225) 381-8434 for a free appointment. The Career Center is open Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Duct Tape / Blue Tarp Fashion Show

Calling all aspiring fashion designers! Have we got the program for you! Teens will be given blue tarps and duct tape to make fashion creations at the Greenwell Spring Road Regional Branch on Saturday, August 25, 2:30 p.m. Once finished, the teens will model their creations. The community is invited to attend this funky fashion show! Teens who wish to participate need to register in advance.

To register and for more information, (225) 274-4470.

Right 2 Write book release and poetry reading

To conclude the Right 2 Write Poetry series, a book release and poetry reading will be held at the Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch on Saturday, August 18, at 2:00 p.m. Teens will read the poems that they have contributed to the Library’s annual Poetry Anthology. For more information, call (225) 274-4470.

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.
The East Baton Rouge Parish Library will offer a free full-length ACT Practice Test for Students, administered by the Princeton Review. Each Practice Test will last several hours and is divided into sections, as is the real test.

The Practice Test will be on Saturday, September 8, at the Main Library, Bluebonnet Regional Branch, Carver Branch, Delmont Gardens Branch, Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch, and Zachary Branch. The Jones Creek Regional Branch will offer one additional ACT Practice Test on Saturday, September 15.

All Practice Tests will begin at 10:00 a.m. Students should arrive at 9:45 a.m. If seats are still available, after 10:00 a.m., they will be given to walk-ins first come, first served. Testing lasts from 10:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Students should bring two sharpened pencils and a calculator to the Practice Test.

Staff from the Princeton Review will appear at libraries for a Review session. The Review session is a free seminar that will help parents and students navigate the important road through testing and college admissions. Students should attend the review session at the same location they took the test, in order to receive their test scores. Parents and students that did not take the test are welcome to attend these review sessions.

**Practice Test on Saturday, September 8**

Main Library: Wednesday, September 12, 6:30 p.m.
Bluebonnet Regional Branch: Wednesday, September 19, 6:30 p.m.
Carver Branch: Wednesday, September 12, 6:30 p.m.
Delmont Gardens Branch: Tuesday, September 11, 6:30 p.m.
Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch: Tuesday, September 18, 6:30 p.m.
Zachary Branch: Thursday, September 18, 6:30 p.m.

**Practice Test on Saturday, September 15**

Jones Creek Regional Branch Library: Tuesday, September 25, 6:30 p.m.

Due to the limited number of seats available, students are required to register for the ACT Practice Tests. To register, visit [www.princetonreview.com](http://www.princetonreview.com) or call your participating library. For more information, call (225) 231-3770.

The East Baton Rouge Parish Library will offer a free full-length Practice Test for the SAT, administered by the Princeton Review. Each Practice Test will last several hours and is divided into sections, as is the real test. The Practice Test will be on **Saturday, August 18**, at the Main Library and Bluebonnet Regional Branch Library.

All Practice Tests will begin at 10:00 a.m. Students should arrive at 9:45 a.m. If seats are still available at 10:05 a.m., they will be given to walk-ins first come, first served. Testing lasts from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Students should bring two sharpened pencils and a calculator to the Practice Test.

Staff from the Princeton Review will appear at libraries for a Review session. Students will receive their scores from the test. Parents and students that did not take the test are welcome to attend these review sessions.

Review sessions will be held at the Main Library on **Tuesday, August 21**, at 6:30 p.m., and at the Bluebonnet Regional Branch on **Wednesday, August 22**, at 6:30 p.m. Students should attend the Review session at the same location where they took the test in order to receive their test scores.

Due to the limited number of seats available, students are required to register for the SAT Practice Tests. To register, visit [www.princetonreview.com](http://www.princetonreview.com) or call your participating library. For more information, call (225) 231-3770.
Allons Danser! Come, Let’s Dance!

Les Danseurs de la Capitale de Baton Rouge will teach and demonstrate the art of Cajun dancing at the Jones Creek Regional Branch on Monday, August 20, at 6:30 p.m.

For more information, call (225) 756-1160.

There’s No Place Like Space

Christopher Kersey, of the Louisiana Observatory, will hold a presentation on the solar system and how to get involved in astronomy at the Baker Branch on Saturday, August 4, at 4:00 p.m.

For more information, call (225) 778-5960.

Nigeria Up-Close

The Baton Rouge Center for World Affairs will present a program on Nigeria. Children, ages 7 to 11, will learn about the daily life, culture, and customs of Nigeria at the Baker Branch on Saturday, August 11, at 3:00 p.m.

Spelling Bee Contest

Children, ages 9 to 11, are encouraged to participate in a spelling bee contest at the Eden Park Branch on Tuesday, August 7, at 3:00 p.m. Prizes will be awarded to first, second, and third place.

To register and for more information, call (225) 231-3260.

Stompin’ at the Library

Brian F. Smith of Alpha Phi Alpha will visit the Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch on Saturday, August 11, 4:00 p.m. to demonstrate the “fraternity stepping” moves seen in the urban dance film, Stompin’. Children, ages 3 to 11, are invited to attend.

For more information, call (225) 274-4460.
**Cooking Basic Workshop**

Ummm, something sure smells good! Children, ages 8 to 11, will learn about recipe cards, meal planning, and cooking basics at the Main Library on Saturday, August 4, at 2:30 p.m.

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

**Kindergarten Sing-a-Long**

Children, ages 4 and 5, will clap, count, and sing-a-long with a sampling of learning activities uniquely chosen to show them a day in the life of a kindergartner at the Main Library on Tuesday, August 7, at 11:00 a.m.

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

**Horse Patrol**

The Baton Rouge Police Mounted Patrol will showcase their new partners at the Main Library on Wednesday, August 8, 11:00 a.m. Children, ages 11 and under, are invited to attend. For more information, call (225) 231-3760.

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**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.

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**Lapsit – for babies through crawling**

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

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

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Bluebonnet Regional
Woodcarving
See a sample of the handcrafted woodcarvings of the Pelican Woodcarvers’ Guild.

Delmont Gardens
Branch Library
The Art of Jazz
See the Jazz Collection Holdings of the Louisiana State Museum and the collection of the renowned New Orleans Jazz Club Preservation Hall.

Greenwell Springs Road Regional
Branch Library
Mixed Medium
View the art of Our Lady of the Lake St. Martha’s Senior Art Colony.

River Center Branch Library
Porcelain
Celebrate the holidays and seasons with the beautiful pieces of the Baton Rouge Porcelain Art Guild.

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. – 8:00 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. – 8:00 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.
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Pride-Chaneyville Branch Library
13600 Pride-Port Hudson Road (225) 658-1540
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.

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. – 8:00 p.m.
Friday and Saturday, 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Sunday, 2:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Zachary Branch Library
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