Library Hosts Gala Celebrating
The Big Read: One Book/One Community Program!

The Library is proud to announce the kick-off of its first annual, community-wide reading program, The Big Read: One Book/One Community, sponsored by The Big Read, the East Baton Rouge Parish Library, and The Baton Rouge Area Chamber.

Stephen Moret, President and CEO of the Baton Rouge Area Chamber: “As part of our focus on education, the Baton Rouge Area Chamber aspires to transform our community into a “Learning Community.” This community-wide reading project will not only promote reading and lifelong learning but will also give an opportunity for all residents to become involved in meaningful conversation with people of different background and perspectives.”

The Gala event will begin with a reception featuring a “Mockingbird Menu” and continue with the presentation of the classic film based on Harper Lee’s To Kill A Mockingbird, at the Baton Rouge Community College, Magnolia Performing Arts Pavilion on Thursday, January 18, at 6:00 pm. The award winning movie features Gregory Peck as southern lawyer Atticus Finch, whose character has been deemed as the #1 Greatest Hero of American film, Robert Duvall as the elusive Boo Radley, and Mary Badham as young Scout.

After the movie, audience members will participate in an open discussion, led by a panel of community leaders including Dr. Myrtle E. B. Dorsey, BRCC Chancellor, Dr. Huel Perkins, Reverend Mary Moody, Rabbi Barry Weinstein, Roberta Madden, Director of Public Policy and Women’s Health, ENCOREplus for the YWCA of Greater Baton Rouge and Journalist Melissa Moore, of LSU Student Media. Questions or comments will relate to social justice issues raised in the story. Admission is free and open to the public.

“In addition to being one of the best novels of our century, To Kill a Mockingbird was chosen as our first... Continued on page 2
Library Receives Additional Grants For The Big Read:
One Book/One Community Program

The Commercial Properties Development Corporation (CPDC) Corporate Advised Fund® of the Baton Rouge Area Foundation, the Neighborhood Initiative Program of the Baton Rouge Area Foundation (BRAF), as well as local corporation ExxonMobil have donated funds for the program. One of BRAF’s major aims is to form partnerships with philanthropists, nonprofit organizations and other community leaders to ensure that our community can exceed any challenge, and that our residents have every opportunity to succeed.

Based on receiving the two grants from the Baton Rouge Area Foundation, the W.K. Kellogg Foundation has awarded the East Baton Rouge Parish Library a matching grant for The Big Read: One Book/One Community program. W.K. Kellogg Foundation grants are internationally awarded to various institutions in the United States, Latin America and the Caribbean, and seven countries in southern Africa. The Library was one of the organizations chosen to win one of these prestigious awards. The foundation prides itself on helping people help themselves through the practical application of knowledge and resources to improve their quality of life and that of future generations.

The W.K. Kellogg Foundation, Commercial Properties Development Corporation (CPDC) Corporate Advised Fund® of the Baton Rouge Area Foundation, Neighborhood Initiative Program of the Baton Rouge Area Foundation and ExxonMobil funding ensures that sufficient copies of To Kill A Mockingbird and other materials are freely available throughout the nine parish area served by the Baton Rouge Area Chamber.

Library Hosts Big Read Gala
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community-wide title in part because the film adaptation is so true to the book… yet it is still interesting to contrast the two,” says Mary Stein, assistant director of the East Baton Rouge Parish Library system.

The Library and the Chamber have partnered with libraries, school systems, religious and community organizations, and key leaders of industry and commerce throughout the nine-parish area—Ascension Parish, East Feliciana Parish, East Baton Rouge Parish, Iberville Parish, Livingston Parish, Point Coupé Parish, St. Helena Parish, West Baton Rouge Parish, and West Feliciana Parish—to implement this comprehensive program.

Public Programs and lively discussions for a wide range of readers and interest, from middles school age students through retirees, will extend over this region from January through May. Reading Discussion Groups will meet at libraries, bookstores, coffee shops and cafes, businesses, churches, schools, clubs, and homes. Reading and Discussion guides will be provided and Discussion Leaders are being trained to guide conversation on key themes of To Kill A Mockingbird.

Copies of To Kill a Mockingbird have been placed not only in libraries, but in classrooms, churches, clubs, community centers, and businesses in the nine-parish region. The book is available in multiple formats including print, audio, and movies, and located at local libraries and bookstores throughout the region.

The Big Read: One Book/One Community website, located at www.readonebook.org, includes a master schedule of events and tool kits for teachers and discussion leaders. Resource guides and a generous supply of multiple book sets for participants will be made available to classrooms, organizations, clubs, etc. for class or group use.

For more information on participating in the program, and for businesses and organizations who wish to partner with the East Baton Rouge Parish Library and the Baton Rouge Area Chamber, contact Mary Stein at (225) 231-3700 or mstein@ebr.lib.la.us.

* The Big Read is an initiative of the National Endowment for the Arts in partnership with the Institute of Museum and Library Services and Arts Midwest.
Who is an “Atticus” in your life?

Harper Lee uses the mockingbird as a symbol. What does the mockingbird mean to you?

How would things be different if the story took place today?

How has reading To Kill A Mockingbird changed your way of thinking?

The Big Read: One Book/One Community Program
Book Discussions at the Library

As part of The Big Read: One Book/One Community program, the East Baton Rouge Parish Library will have reading and discussion group meetings at various library branches beginning in January 2007.

The Big Read: One Book/One Community program, sponsored by the East Baton Rouge Parish Library and the Baton Rouge Area Chamber, is a community-wide reading program, offered throughout nine parishes included in the Baton Rouge Area Chamber. 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.

The January Reading and Discussion schedule for the East Baton Rouge Parish Library is as follows.

- Monday, January 22: Carver Branch Library, 6:00 to 7:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, January 24: Bluebonnet Regional Branch Library, 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.
- Saturday, January 27: Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch Library, 2:00 to 3:30 p.m.
- January 29: Scotlandville Branch Library, 6:00 to 7:30 p.m.

Reading and Discussion Guides are available in print and online. For a complete listing of reading and discussion group meetings, questions and related programming, visit www.readonebook.org.

For more information, call (225) 231-3740.

The Big Read: One Book/One Community Facilitator Training Workshop

Training sessions for volunteer discussion leaders for The Big Read: One Book/One Community program will be held at the Main Library on Thursday, January 11, at 2:00 p.m. and again at 7:00 p.m.

For more information, call (225) 231-3700 or visit the website at www.readonebook.org.

Mockingbird Miscellany

Words and phrases can change their meaning depending on time, geography, and context. Write your own definitions for some of these words, which appear in To Kill A Mockingbird.

“Scuppernongs” . . . page 42
“Spite Fence” . . . page 122
“Entailment” . . . page 153
“Ramshackle” . . . page 154
“Chunked” . . . . page 249

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 following libraries from 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Saturday, January 27:
Scotlandville Branch Library

Saturday, February 24:
Carver Branch Library

Saturday, March 24:
River Center Branch Library

For information, call (225) 231-3745.
Southern University Professor Presents
Documentary Journey For Justice:
The A.P. Tureaud Story

As part of The Big Read: One Book/One Community program, Dr. Rachel Emanuel, professor at the Southern University Law Center, and special guest Carol Tureaud, daughter of A.P. Tureaud, will present the documentary Journey for Justice: The A.P. Tureaud Story, at the new Eden Park Branch Library on Monday, January 22, at 6:00 p.m., commemorating Alexander Pierre Tureaud’s death on January 22, 1972.

During the 1950’s, Tureaud acted as lead attorney for many desegregation cases against Louisiana State University’s law, medical, graduate, and undergraduate schools while serving as president of the New Orleans branch of the NAACP. This documentary chronicles Tureaud’s role in the successful Baton Rouge Bus Boycott in 1953, which became a blueprint for the Bus Boycott that took place in Montgomery, Alabama two years later and helped set the stage for desegregation in the South.

Many issues of social justice similar to the cause of the bus boycott are key elements in To Kill A Mockingbird. A discussion touching on these issues will follow the documentary.

Journey for Justice may also be viewed on Monday, February 26 at the Carver Branch Library with special guest A. P. Tureaud, Jr. This viewing doubles as a celebration of A.P. Tureaud’s birthday, February 26, 1899.

Copies of the documentary are available for check-out, as well as more information on the Baton Rouge Bus Boycott of 1953.

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

African-American Heroes

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Justice Sunday, and Frederick Douglass

Dr. Charles Vincent, professor of history at Southern University, president of The Mwalimu Institute, and representative of District One on the Baker City Council, will present two programs at the Baker Branch Library, focusing on African-American heroes.

In honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Vincent will provide dialogue and commentary on Saturday, January 13, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Dr. King’s “I Have a Dream” speech, first delivered in August 1963, during the march on Washington. He will also discuss Justice Sunday. Vincent authored a proclamation and resolution that was passed by the Baker City Council declaring January 15 as Justice Sunday in Baker. This day allows the opportunity to acknowledge the memory and unselfish deeds of Dr. King, which encourages others to see service as he did.

The second program will be held on Saturday, February 10, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., and will focus on the life of Frederick Douglass, an American slave.

The first 20 participants at each program will receive free back-to-school supplies, Black history magazines, and other amenities.

For more information, call (225) 778-5940.

The Library will be closed in observance of New Year’s Day on January 1 and Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day on January 15.
**BOOK CLUBS @ your Library**

**Baker Branch**
Second Monday of each month at 10:30 a.m.
The Five People You Meet in Heaven
by Mitch Albom
First Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m.
The Bell Jar by Sylvia Plath

**Bluebonnet Regional**
Third Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p.m.
Bel Canto by Ann Patchett

**Carver Branch**
Last Thursday of each month at 6:00 p.m.
What You Owe Me
by Bebe Moore Campbell

**Central Branch**
Last Thursday of each month at 11:00 a.m.
Plainsong by Kent Haruf

**Greenwell Springs Road Regional**
Sunday, January 7, at 3:00 p.m.
Life on the Color Line
by Gregory Howard Williams

**Jones Creek Regional**
Third Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m.
Confederacy of Dunces
by John Kennedy O’Toole

**Main Library – Mystery Lovers**
Second Tuesday at noon or fourth Tuesday
at 1:00 p.m.
Any book in the Sano Ichiro Series
by Laura Joh Rowland

**Pride-Chaneyville Branch**
Monday, January 29, at 4:00 p.m.
In Cold Blood by Truman Capote

**River Center Branch**
Last Wednesday of the month at 5:00 p.m.
Of Love and Dust by Ernest Gaines

**Scotlandville Branch – for adults and their children**
First and third Thursday evenings of each
month at 6:30 p.m.
Share your favorite book

**Zachary Branch**
Second Tuesday of each month at 11:00 a.m.
The Bourne Identity by Robert Ludlum

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**Mystery Novels With Author Laura Joh Rowland**

Author Laura Joh Rowland will speak about her own writing process for mystery novels, which has produced a widely acclaimed series featuring samurai detective Sano Ichiro at the Bluebonnet Regional Branch Library on Saturday, January 13, at 11:00 a.m. Her tenth book, *Red*, is her latest in the mystery series set in 18th century Japan.

Rowland is the granddaughter of Chinese and Korean immigrants. She was educated at the University of Michigan and lives in New Orleans with her husband.

To register and for more information, call (225) 231-3746.
History of Argentine Tango

with Author Christina Vella

Wonder what chan-chan, bombo, yumba, milonga, and ¡Calunga güe! mean?

Christina Vella will discuss the history of the Argentine Tango and how the American Tango has developed into a distinct dance form at the Main Library on Sunday, January 21, at 3:00 p.m. Vella and dance partner, Steven Gurley, will demonstrate styles of Argentine Tango as well as give a lesson in the basic step for interested audience members.

Vella holds a Ph.D. in Modern European and American History. In addition to teaching and lecturing, she is a consultant to public television. She is the author of three books including Intimate Enemies: The Two Worlds of the Baroness de Pontalba, The Hitler Kiss: A Memoir of the Czech Resistance, and Indecent Secrets: The Infamous Murri Murder Affair. Vella has studied Tango for about five years and is a member of a tango club.

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

An Evening with Author Ernest Hill

Author Ernest Hill will read from his latest book, A Person of Interest, at the Main Library on Wednesday, January 10, at 7:00 p.m.

In addition to A Person of Interest, Hill is also the author of four other compelling books dealing with contemporary life, Satisfied with Nothin’, A Life for a Life, Cry Me a River, and It’s All About the Moon When the Sun Ain’t Shining. Reviews of his work have appeared in the New York Times, the Washington Post, Publisher’s Weekly, Kirkus Review, and Booklist, to name a few. He has also been featured on National Public Radio. Hill is currently the Writer-In-Residence at Southern University, where he has taught Creative Writing for nearly a decade.

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

Internet Safety for Children:

A Guide for Parents, Grandparents, and Teachers

Assistant Attorney General Toby Aguillard will speak at the Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch Library, on Tuesday, January 23, from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. on the dangers to children in the online environment and how parents, grandparents, and teachers can protect them.

He will also demonstrate a live, online undercover operation.

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

Tunes at Noon

FREE Concert

with the Baton Rouge Symphony

Eden Park Branch Library
5131 Greenwell Springs Road
Tuesday, January 16, at noon
Adjudicated Property
An Informational Workshop

The East Baton Rouge Parish Library will present an informational workshop on acquiring adjudicated property at the Delmont Gardens Branch Library on Saturday, January 20, at 10:30 a.m. Troy Humphrey, assistant parish attorney, will present the ins and outs of researching and acquiring adjudicated property in the Parish of East Baton Rouge, through the use of the adjudicated property roll and online resources.

Adjudicated property is real estate that has reverted to state or local government ownership because property taxes were not paid. East Baton Rouge Parish is authorized to sell adjudicated property that is not needed by the parish for public purpose. Sales of these sites are handled through the Office of the Parish Attorney. Lists of adjudicated property are available at all libraries.

To register and for more information, please call (225) 354-7050.

Civil Rights
Then and Now

Dr. Raymond T. Lockett, Chairman of the History Department at Southern University, will give a presentation for families on the history and present status of the Civil Rights Movement at the Baker Branch Library on Saturday, January 20, at 2:00 p.m.

The presentation is offered in conjunction with an essay contest on the theme of “Civil Rights – Then and Now: What would Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. be doing to further realize his dream today?” Students will attend the lecture to gain inspiration for their essays, which will be due on February 3, 2007.

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

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Small Business Entrepreneur Series

The Louisiana State University Small Business Development Center and the Louisiana Business & Technology Center will present a series of three seminars for individuals interested in developing their own small businesses at the Bluebonnet Regional Branch Library at 7:00 p.m. on the following dates.

The series will be conducted by Tony Martinez, director for the LSU Small Business Development Center (SBDC) and the Louisiana Business & Technology Center (LBTC), and Bryan Greenwood, assistant director for Financial Administration at the Louisiana Business & Technology Center (LBTC).

• Wednesday, January 17
  How to Start a New Business

• Wednesday, February 21
  How to Write a Business Plan

• Wednesday, March 21
  How to Finance a Business Plan and Research Your Target Market

For more information, call (225) 763-2280.

Library Branch Manager Corner

Mike Guess began working for the East Baton Rouge Parish Library as a floater in 1986, and continued to work his way up through various positions in the system—first, as a Library Technician at the Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch Library, then, Adult Services Librarian at the Baker Branch Library, and finally as Branch Manager of the Eden Park Branch Library beginning in 2001. “I am so grateful for the many opportunities provided to me by the Library system. So many people had a hand in my development here,” says Guess.

Guess grew up in Old South Baton Rouge. He is a graduate of McKinley High School. He received his Bachelor’s Degree in Business Management with a minor in Economics and Marketing from Southern University, and his Master of Library Science from Louisiana State University in 2000.

Eagerly anticipating the new Eden Park Branch Library grand opening on January 11, Guess reflects on the journey he has made in helping to make this new library branch a reality for the Eden Park community. “I think it’s wonderful! We were able to plant the seeds at the old Eden Park Branch, and the patrons grew with us. And, look what we have now. We will be able to serve more patrons and expand on programming as well. It’s something to be very proud of,” says Guess.

The new 14,026 square-foot Eden Park Branch Library replaces the previous 2,285 square foot building, contained in the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Center, located on Gus Young Avenue.

Guess has a close-knit relationship with the Eden Park community patrons and credits them, his family, and faith as his motivation for success.

SMALL BUSINESS START UP!

The Library has many print and online resources available for small business owners and entrepreneurs. Here are some of our favorites!

**SCORE Baton Rouge:** [http://www.scorebr.org](http://www.scorebr.org)

**Louisiana Secretary of State – First Stop Shop for Business:** [http://www.sec.state.la.us/comm/fss/fss-index.htm](http://www.sec.state.la.us/comm/fss/fss-index.htm)

**Bookkeepers’ Boot Camp: Get a Grip on Accounting Basics.**
Angie Mohr. 657.904.M699b

**Deduct It!: Lower Your Business Taxes.**
Stephen Fishman. 343.052 F537d2 2005

**Financing Your Business: Get a Grip on Finding the Money.**
Angie Mohr. 658.152 M699f

**Legal Guide for Starting and Running a Small Business.**
Fred Steingold. 346.065 S822L8 2005

**SmartStart Your Louisiana Business.**
La 658.002 S636p

**Brewing Up a Business: Adventures in Entrepreneurship from the Founder of Dogfish Head Craft Brewery.**
Sam Calagione. 338.766 C141b

**Marketing without Advertising: Inspire Customers to Rave About Your Business and Create Lasting Success.**
Michael Phillips. 658.8 P562m4

Grand Opening Dedication

**Eden Park Branch Library**
5131 Greenwell Springs Road
January 11, 2007 at 9:00 a.m.
**ACT Practice Test For Students**

The East Baton Rouge Parish Library will offer a free full-length Practice Test for the American College Testing (ACT), administered by the Princeton Review at all thirteen library branches on Saturday, February 3 from 10:00 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. Register for the practice exam online at [www.princetonreview.com](http://www.princetonreview.com) or by calling or visiting your nearest library branch.

Students should arrive between 9:45 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. If seats are still available on test day, walk-ins are welcome on a first come, first serve basis. Students should bring two sharpened pencils, a calculator, and a small snack.

Staff from the Princeton Review will appear at libraries for a Review Session after the Practice Test to return graded tests to students and offer tips and techniques on how to improve scores. All, including parents and students that may have missed the Practice Test, are encouraged to attend the Review Session.

Review Sessions subsequent to the Practice Tests will be offered at the following locations, dates and times.

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

**Loud at the Library**

"A Soup Named Stew" Live!

A Soup Named Stew, winner of the Students on Target and KLSU 2006 Battle of the Bands, will play LIVE at the Jones Creek Regional Branch Library, on Saturday, January 20, from 2:30 to 4:00 p.m.

True to their mission of mediocrity, the members of the band have remained average in their musical skills while entertaining many diverse crowds along the way: emo and hard core kids, fraternity boys, sorority girls, random passers-by on Chimes Street and Highland Road in Baton Rouge, and bar and coffee shop patrons.

A Soup Named Stew’s style is a blend of pop punk, pop rock, alternative, hip-hop, country, jazz, and stand-up comedy, but the band has been recognized as the founder of humor-core. ASNS merchandise and CDs will be available for purchase after the show.

For more information, call (225) 756-1170.
Dolls, Dolls, Dolls!

Catherine Mungall, member of the Bayou Bebes of Baton Rouge Doll Club and the United Federation of Doll Collectors, will present a doll collecting program for young girls, ages 8 to 12, at the Central Branch Library on Saturday, January 20, at 2:30 p.m. Mungall will display her doll collection as well as teach participants what types of dolls to collect, as well as how to organize, locate, and take care of a doll collection.

To register and for more information, call (225) 262-2660.

CD Swap

Teens may bring old, working CDs to the Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch Library on Saturday, January 20, from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. for a swap. CDs must be originals and preferably in a case. No parental advisory CDs will be allowed. Teens will be able to “shop” for the same number of CDs they bring in. CD players will be set up in the room so that teens can listen to the available CDs before making a swap. No refunds for teens unable to make an even swap.

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

Computer Class for Children

Children, ages 8 to 11, will learn how to create a personal calendar in Microsoft Publisher to use for the entire year at the Carver Branch Library on Thursday, January 4, at 4:30 p.m.

To register and for more information, call (225) 389-7460.

Johnny Appleseed Movie and Apple Craft

Children will learn about Johnny Appleseed, an American legend, by watching a short movie at the Scotlandville Branch Library, on Wednesday, January 24, at 4:00 p.m.

After the movie, participants will complete an apple puzzle using different colors and shapes of construction paper.

To register and for more information, call (225) 354-7550.

Jedi Jeopardy

Teams of three will participate in a Jeopardy style competition based on the Star Wars movies at the Zachary Branch Library on Saturday, January 6, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Teens, grades 5-12, may register as a team or as an individual and be placed on a team. Costumes are encouraged. Registration deadline is Wednesday, January 3.

To register, call (225) 658-1870.
**Storytime at the Library**

Beginning Chess classes continue at the Main Library on Saturdays, January 13 and 27, at 10:00 a.m. These classes are part of a series, concluding with a Novice Chess Tournament for students on Saturday, March 3. The final class will be held Saturday, March 10, at 10:00 a.m.

Chess classes are for children, ages 9 & up. Brave adults are welcome. Younger children, accompanied by an adult, may play with permission of the chess coach.

To register, call (225) 231-3760.

**African American Read-In**

Children and families interested in participating in the annual African American Read-In should contact the appropriate library branch for registration information.

- **Saturday, February 3, 2:00 p.m.**
  - Main Library
- **Saturday, February 3, 3:00 p.m.**
  - Zachary Branch Library
- **Sunday, February 4, 2:30 p.m.**
  - Carver Branch Library
- **Monday, February 5, 4:00 to 6:00 p.m.**
  - Scotlandville Branch Library
- **Monday, February 5, 4:00 to 6:00 p.m.**
  - Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch Library
- **Saturday, February 17, 2:00 to 3:00 p.m.**
  - Central Branch Library

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

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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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**Storytime – for all ages**

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Bluebonnet Regional Branch
Photograph Collection
View snapshots of varying bluebird species, presented by the Louisiana Bayou Bluebird Society.

Do the Zoo! Exhibit
See BREC’s Baton Rouge Zoo exhibit featuring exciting new features of the zoo.

Scotlandville Branch
Multicultural Doll Collection
Beautiful handcrafted dolls from various countries, presented by Jo Ethel Honore.

Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch
Multi-Media Exhibit
Discover the gospel music and poetry of James Smith.

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