Genealogy librarian Cassandra “Cassie” Fedrick understands how taxing conducting your own ancestry research can be, first-hand. Initially, Cassie began researching her genealogy because it was her job—as a Library Technician in Genealogy at the Bluebonnet Regional Branch Library. Her first assignment was to complete her own chart. Fedrick was apprehensive at first. “I knew I had this great big giant hole. I didn’t know anything about my natural birth mother.” When Fedrick was five years old her parents had a messy divorce and her mother made the decision to leave. Fedrick never heard from her again and her father never spoke about her. “The only thing I knew about her was her name.”

Even more challenging for Fedrick, when she began her search in early 2000, websites such as Ancestry.com and HeritageQuest.com were in their infant stages and still developing. “When I look back I’m amazed at how well I did considering what little I had to work with.” After two years of tireless searching, Fedrick’s father, just before his death, sent her mother’s birth certificate, their marriage license, and their divorce certificate. Those three documents jumpstarted her search. Now armed with the basic tools, her mother’s birthday as well as her maternal grandparent’s names, Fedrick poured through documents and databases searching for leads, repeating many of the searches she had performed previously. Four years later, in 2006, she found a new database that led her to her mother. Unfortunately, she had passed away in 2000, but Fedrick has since made contact with new family and friends. “It’s been a long six year search with some good results. I learned my mother was a nurse, she was happy, she lived a good life.”

According to Fedrick, her story is not that uncommon. “I have a lot of women, adoptees and women who lost touch with their female line, coming to Genealogy to reconnect.” The search for women is a little more difficult because women are generally listed in records of a more social context, diaries, letters, club minutes, etc., whereas men are listed on numerous records.

Fedrick’s advice is to be patient when searching and trust your intuition. She also credits sites such as Ancestry.com and HeritageQuest.com as being a huge asset for those searching. “These sites not only provide information but also allow you to get in touch with others involved in the search, which is a great tool.”

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How to Make Your Ancestors Dance: Seek Them

Documenting and learning about your family history is a unique gift that lasts a lifetime. Edna Jordan-Smith, retired African-American Genealogy specialist, will teach the techniques of searching for and finding your ancestors at a genealogy workshop at the Scotlandville Branch Library, on Saturday, July 14, 2:00 p.m.

To register and for more information, call (225) 354-7540.
of a legal nature such as sales titles and deeds.

The free Genealogy conference on Saturday, August 11 from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Bluebonnet Regional Branch Library will address this issue and many more. Emily Croom, an avid Genealogist for more than thirty years, will hold a presentation entitled “The Other Half of the Story – Finding Your Female Ancestors.” Croom will offer great advice for beginners as well as those more versed in genealogical research. Other presenters include: Charlotte Hudson Ewing, author of Red Land; Janet Colson, of the Creole Heritage Center; and Bill Stafford, of the Louisiana State Archives.

The Baton Rouge Community College Mobile Unit will visit area libraries this summer. Counselors, recruiters and more will be on hand to answer questions. See them at these branches in July:

- Wednesday, July 11 – Eden Park Branch
- Friday, July 13 – Central Branch
- Wednesday, July 18 – Baker Branch
- Thursday, July 19 – Carver Branch
- Wednesday, July 25 – Main Library

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 Monday, July 9, at 10:30 a.m.

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

Harlem Renaissance:

The Music and Rhythms that Started a Cultural Revolution

Music historian Kevin Fontenot presents a viewing and discussion on the music of the Harlem Renaissance at the Bluebonnet Regional Branch Library, on Thursday, July 12, at 7:00 p.m. The program, part three in the continuing Looking at Jazz series, features clips from full-length films, as well as excerpts from documentaries and concerts to provide context for a lively discussion.

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

Jazzonía

The 1920’s blasted off like a rocket, as the nation simultaneously sought to forget the trauma of World War I, while capitalizing on the new wealth the war had generated. It was an age of contrasts; up in Harlem the new “hot” jazz drew curious onlookers into exotic clubs and speakeasies. Flappers, flivvers, bobbed hair and prohibition challenged the status quo; meanwhile, new appliances, cheap domestic help, and the newly powerful women’s movement revolutionized possibilities for women.

Discover how all of these events percolated to the rhythms of jazz and more at the Main Library on Wednesday, July 25, at 7:00 p.m. This symposium, led by Dr. John Lowe, will include excerpts from key jazz pieces of the time; some jazz poetry written by major figures of the Harlem Renaissance, and short excerpts from writings of the period that demonstrate the influence of jazz.

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

The Art of Jazz

Drawing both from the Jazz Collection holdings of the Louisiana State Museum and the collection of the renowned New Orleans Jazz Club Preservation Hall, the traveling exhibit “The Art of Jazz” will be displayed at the Jones Creek Regional Branch Library from July 5 to August 5. The display features easy-to-read panels, color reproductions of art, and interactive hands-on components that encourages active learning, shows how jazz music has influenced the lives of people around the world, as well as illustrates ways in which jazz music has been interpreted in diverse mediums.

My Favorite Things

Tired of the same ol’ jazz? Liven it up with John Smart, a local jazz pianist known for his unique musical approach, at the Delmont Gardens Branch on Sunday, July 15, at 3:00 p.m. While his influences run from country to rock, his real love is avant garde and free jazz. John’s “favorite things” will showcase vanguard jazz artists like Ornette Coleman, Sun Ra and Anthony Braxton.

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

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. Baton Rouge: All That’s Jazz is sponsored by the East Baton Rouge Parish Library. Collaborative partners include Arts Council of Greater Baton Rouge and Cox Communications.
Live at Chelsea’s

Join the Library and our jazzy partners Chelsea’s Café and Cox Communications for another great evening of FREE live jazz, at Chelsea’s Café, 2857 Perkins Road, on Wednesday, July 18, at 6:00 p.m. This family friendly concert will feature the smooth sounds of the Harry Anderson Group.

Anderson is an internationally known jazz bassist and the director of Southern University’s Jazz Institute. His musical career began at the age of six when he started singing in his mother’s church choir. He has gone on to perform at jazz festivals around the world as well as play with musicians as diverse as Itzhak Perlman and Jimmy Heath.

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

All the Comforts of Jazz… in a Quilt?

Calling all quilters! The Library invites quilters, amateur and professional, to help create a commemorative quilt celebrating the art, beauty, and beguiling styles of jazz. Each block is the original “composition” of your choice. Participants are asked to make a 10 ½” block with a jazz or musical motif, or an embroidered name of a jazz great. Swatches may be pieced, embroidered, or appliquéd. The squares can be turned in at the Circulation department at any library branch through Monday, July 23.

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

Exploring Europe Through Poetry

Discover the voices of Ted Hughes, Césaire, Dante, and Milosz, with E.C. Singleton, as she presents Exploring the Voice of Europe, a series of seven summer poetry workshops at the Main Library, on select Wednesdays, at 7:00 p.m. Participants will employ the themes and techniques learned to develop their very own poetic works. To conclude the series, participants will have the opportunity to share their own works at a poetry reading.

July 18—Introduction to French Poets

To register and for more information, call (225) 231-3745.

Hero: Celebrating Afrikan Liberation

Celebrate the opening of the compelling work of Antoine Dijon Mitchell at the Scotlandville Branch on Thursday, July 12, at 6:00 p.m. The art will be on display throughout the month of July. The exhibit focuses on African and African-American heroes, featuring four panels of mixed mediums.

For more information, call (225) 354-7540.
Your Health Matters @ the Library!

Tired of getting crazy results when you search for the name of a medicine on the Internet? Visit the Jones Creek Regional Branch on Thursday, July 26, at 6:30 p.m., as staff instructs participants on how to use MedlinePlus and other print and non-print resources, to locate correct medical information.

The Mary Bird Perkins Cancer Center and Woman’s Hospital will sponsor a free Breast Cancer Screening at Scotlandville Branch Library on Saturday, July 14, at 8:00 a.m. No appointments or registration are required.

For more information, call (225)756-1150 or (225) 354-7550.

One Book ONE COMMUNITY

Breach of Faith: Hurricane Katrina and the Near Death of a Great American City, authored by New Orleans writer and metro editor of the Times-Picayune, Jed Horne, is the summer One Book/One Community summer selection.

Breach of Faith, an American Library Association (ALA) Notable Book, was declared by National Public Radio (NPR) as the best of all the Katrina books, a view that was seconded by the Chicago Tribune. In Horne’s work, individual stories as well as the larger public discourse are used to describe the destruction, loss, survival and finally, renewal that takes place in New Orleans during and after Katrina.

Greater Baton Rouge area residents interested in participating in One Book/One Community are encouraged to visit the program’s website, www.ReadOneBook.org. There, participants can learn more about the book, its author, download a discussion guide, and obtain a complete schedule of upcoming events. Visitors to the site can download free bookmarks, posters, postcards and web buttons to use as tools to encourage others to read the book and join the discussion. Image downloads of the book cover and author’s photograph are also available under the “media resources” section of the Web site.

Meet Jed Horne and participate in a lecture on Thursday, August 23, at 7:00 p.m. at Louisiana State University’s Cox Communications Academic Center for Student Athletes. The Cox Center is located on the corner of Fieldhouse and North Stadium Drive on the LSU Campus.


Adjudicated Property

Troy Humphrey, assistant parish attorney, will present the ins and outs of researching and acquiring adjudicated property in East Baton Rouge Parish, at the Delmont Gardens Branch Library on Saturday, July 21, at 10:00 a.m.

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.

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

In addition to regularly scheduled computer classes at the Main Library, other free computer classes are offered throughout the library system each month. Check the Library’s online calendar at www.ebr.lib.la.us for all of the listings.

To register and for more information, call your participating library.

Attention River Center Branch Patrons!

Once construction begins on the 19th Judicial District Courthouse, free parking will be available for library patrons in the B-1 lot under the Governmental Building after 5pm on weekdays and all day on the weekends. The entrance to the B-1 lot is located on St. Louis Street between the Governmental Building and River Center Branch Library.
The Library is installing new multi-function devices, capable of both copying and printing. To use these new multi-function devices, patrons must have an East Baton Rouge Parish Library card, or know their card number, and their account must be current and in good standing.

All in-parish East Baton Rouge Parish Library cardholders will still be allowed twenty (20) free black-and-white computer prints per day, and will be charged $.10 for all black-and-white computer prints over 20. Out-of-parish cardholders, and non-cardholders, will be charged $.10 for each black-and-white computer print you make. Black and white copies will remain $.10 each for all users. Color copies and color computer prints, a new feature, will be $.50 each for all users.

These multi-function copier/printers, or “Print Release Stations,” will be positioned in central locations of each branch and the Main Library. Patrons may either use the machines the same as any traditional copier, or, after setting up a print job at a library computer, simply walk to the device to “release” the print job.

Besides color copying, other benefits of the new print management system will be immediate. It will create one uniform printing system for all library locations, systematically eliminating the confusion of using an array of different printer and copier models. This new system will also manage printing needs in a much more efficient manner, reducing downtime and conserving paper and toner.

This new system will roll out soon. During installation, patron computers will not be available. We apologize for any inconvenience this might cause, and will attempt to keep the down-time to a minimum.

For more information about print management, please ask library staff.
Middle Eastern Drumming

Discover the dynamics of silence, where to place fills, and how to uncover your own rhythms! Teens will learn proper techniques for playing hand percussion, listening skills for picking out rhythms in songs, and how to play basic rhythms, at two libraries this summer with Shelly Plaisance, drummer with Bayou Shimmy.

By using various steel, wooden, and hide-bound drums, teens will experience first hand this most basic and elemental form of music. Although most of the sessions will be geared towards the Middle Eastern drums, teens are encouraged to bring their own drums. Don’t have a drum—no problem—there will be drums to share on Thursday, July 12, at the Main Library from 10:30 a.m. – noon, and at the Zachary Branch from 3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

To register and for more information, call (225) 231-3770, or (225) 658-1870. ★★

Right 2 Write

Teens, there is still time to participate in a Right 2 Write Poetry Workshop this summer. WordPlay along with the Teen/Young Adult Services Division invites all area teens to participate in a workshop that focuses on written, spoken word, and performance poetry. Participants will contribute two poems for inclusion in the Library’s annual Poetry Anthology. The final workshop will be held at the Eden Park Branch, on Monday, July 9, through Thursday, July 12, from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. Teens not able to attend a workshop may submit their poetry for possible inclusion in the anthology.

All submissions must be received by Monday, July 9. WordPlay teaching artists will choose the poetry that will be included in the Poetry Anthology.

All participants in the workshops will perform their works at the Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch Library on Saturday, August 18, at 2:00 p.m. All ages are invited to attend.

To register for the workshop, call (225) 231-3260. ★★

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.

Is Fear A Factor For You?

Form teams and compete in four icky, sticky, gross challenges. Participants are WARNED to wear old clothes and find out if fear is a factor for them at the Bluebonnet Regional Branch on Wednesday, July 11, at 2:00 p.m. or at the Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch, on Tuesday, July 10, at 3:00 p.m.

To register and for more information, call (225) 763-2270 or (225) 274-4470.

The Quest Begins @ a Library Near You!

Play fun games and complete cool tasks at these libraries this summer…if you dare!

• Follow clues and complete planetary tasks at the Bluebonnet Regional Branch Library on Monday, July 2, at 2:00 p.m. or at the Main Library on Thursday, July 26, at 2:00 p.m.

• Challenge teens with checkers, Connect 4, and maybe even DDR at the Delmont Gardens Branch on Saturday, July 14, at 2:30 p.m.

• Test your skills on the virtual basketball court ESPN style at the River Center Branch on Thursday, July 19, at 1:30 p.m.

• Joust and be knighted at the Jones Creek Regional Branch on Tuesday, July 24, at 2:00 p.m.

To register and for more information, call your nearest participating library.

Glam It Up!

• Design your very own, customized nail polish at the Bluebonnet Regional Branch on Tuesday, July 10, at 2:00 p.m.

• Wear your PJ’s, get a pedicure, and enjoy snacks, music, and gossip at the Main Library on Thursday, July 19 at 6:30 p.m.

To register and for more information, call (225) 763-2270 or (225) 231-3770.

Fresh Start @ the Library

Teens that cannot use their library cards due to overdue fines can get a Fresh Start @ the Library this summer by volunteering at their local library. Teens, ages 12 to 18, can earn $2.00 for every fifteen minutes spent volunteering to use towards their fines. Service must be done in fifteen minute increments and time cannot be banked for future fines.

Teens interested in working off their fines, should contact their nearest library.
Harry Potter at the Library

Calling all Muggles! If you’re an avid Harry Potter fan, the Library has you covered this July. With the movie premiere of Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix on Wednesday, July 11, and the final book installment of the series, Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows on Saturday, July 21, the Library is “a flutter with all things Potter.”

Teens and adults, alike are stopping by their local library to check out previous books from the series to prepare for the new releases. Starting Friday, July 13, teens ages 12 to 18, can enter to win a copy of the new book at any library location. A winner will be drawn at each location on Saturday, July 21, as seventy copies of Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows along with forty audio books, will be dispersed among the thirteen locations!

Main Library
Harry Potter Trivia Day
Saturday, July 7, 2:00 p.m.
Teens are invited to dress as their favorite Harry Potter character and participate in a live action Harry Potter board game. Special prizes will be awarded to the winners and refreshments will be served.

Harry Potter Scene It DVD Game
Monday, July 9, 2:00 p.m.
Teens can test their Harry Potter movie knowledge as they play the interactive Harry Potter Scene It DVD game.

Coffee at the Leaky Cauldron
Tuesday, July 24, 2:00 p.m.
Teens are invited to have a cup of joe (or other beverage) and discuss Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows.

Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch
Harry Potter Book Release Party
Thursday, July 19, 2:00 p.m.
Celebrate the release of the final Harry Potter book at a Harry Potter Party for teens filled with games, trivia, spells, and treats!

Zachary Branch
Harry Potter Book Release Party
Saturday, July 21, 2:30 p.m.
Celebrate the release of the final Harry Potter book by attending this Muggle-friendly release party. There will be readings, activities, and refreshments.

Pride-Chaneyville Branch
Potterings about Potter
Wednesday, July 25, 5:30 p.m.
Head out to the Library to discuss all things Potter.

To register and for more information contact your nearest participating library.

Discover The Artist Within

- Discover the beauty of henna art at the Carver Branch on Tuesdays, July 10, 17, and 24 at 3:30 p.m.
- Learn the ancient art of Japanese braiding at the Bluebonnet Regional Branch on Thursday, July 12, at 2:00 p.m.
- Attend a lively reception for teen participants in the Teen Art Display at the Central Branch on Thursday, July 12, at 6:30 p.m.

To register and for more information, call your nearest participating library.

The Library will be closed in observance of Independence Day, Wednesday, July 4, 2007.

Make-N-Take for Teens!!

Get crafty with these Teen Programs.

- Learn how “hip” it is to knit at the Bluebonnet Regional Branch on Monday, July 16, 2:00 p.m. Teens must bring their own knitting needles, size 9 or 10.5.
- Bead It, Just Bead It—use recycled paper and Roll your own Roule’ beads to make a unique necklace at the Jones Creek Regional Branch on Tuesday, July 17, at 2:00 p.m.
- Make a friendship bracelet at the Jones Creek Regional Branch Library on Thursday, July 19 at 2:00 p.m.

To register and for more information, call (225) 756-1170 or (225) 763-2270.

Club Anime

Anime movies will be shown on the big screen, with digital surround sound, and refreshments will be provided.

Pride-Chaneyville Branch
Thursdays, July 5 through July 26, 4:30 p.m.

Main Library
Thursday, July 12, 2:00 p.m.

Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch
Wednesday, July 11, 12:00 p.m.
Wednesday, July 25, 12:00 p.m.

For more information, call your participating library!

Rockin’ @ the Library

Teens, have a voice in the library’s teen programming! The Rockin’ Teen Council of Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch Library will host an ice-cream social and open house for teens on Saturday, July 21, at 3:00 p.m.

There will be music, karaoke, and lots of ice cream!

For more information, call (225) 274-4470.
Playmakers Summer Tour — Book A Trip!

Playmakers of Baton Rouge continues their library tour this summer performing Map It Out—an original script with the Library’s summer reading theme, Book a Trip—Read.

Friday, July 6
Pride-Chaneyville Branch, 10:30 a.m.

Monday, July 9
Carver Branch, 2:00 p.m.

Tuesday, July 10
Eden Park Branch, 10:00 a.m.
Jones Creek Regional Branch, 2:30 p.m.

Wednesday, July 11
Zachary Branch, 2:30 p.m.

Thursday, July 12
Main Library, 10:30 a.m.

Friday, July 13
Baker Branch, 10:00 a.m.

Tuesday, July 17
Scotlandville Branch, 2:00 p.m.

All performances are free and open to the public. Call your participating library, or (225) 231-3760 for more information.

End of Summer Reading Program parties!

The summer is winding down and so is our Summer Reading Program. The library invites all young readers to come out and celebrate another successful summer of reading and fun! There will be games, face painting, Lindsey’s Space Walks, refreshments from McDonald’s, and much more! Children, ages 11 and under, can attend a party at any of the following libraries:

Monday, July 23
Central Branch, 10:00 a.m.
Bluebonnet Regional Branch, 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, July 24
Carver Branch, 10:00 a.m.

Wednesday, July 25
Zachary Branch, 10:00 a.m.
Jones Creek Regional Branch, 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, July 26
Delmont Gardens, 10:00 a.m.
Eden Park Branch, 3:00 p.m.

Monday, July 30
Scotlandville Branch, 10:00 a.m.
Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch, 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, July 31
Baker Branch, 10:00 a.m.
Pride-Chaneyville Branch, 3:00 p.m.

Wednesday, August 1
Main Library, 10:00 a.m.

For more information, call your nearest participating library.

Harvey Rabbit and Friends

Encore! Encore! Back by popular demand, Harvey Rabbit and friends, Cecil the Orangutan, T-Boy the Alligator, along with Tim and Laura Allured will perform their last show this summer at the Main Library on Thursday, July 19, at 2:30 p.m.

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

Summer Chess

Children, ages 9-13, and brave adults can learn to play chess this summer. Sessions for beginners and intermediate students will be held at the Main Library on Saturdays, July 14 and 28, at 10:00 a.m. The Zachary Branch is also offering a session on Saturday, July 14, at 10:00 a.m.

To register and for more information, call (225) 231-3760 or (225) 658-1870.

Sing-A-Long Songs

Mike the Librarian and his trusty guitar Oscar, will perform live at a library near you. Smash hits, and family favorites include, “Wheels on the Bus,” “I’ve Been Working on the Railroad,” “Six Little Ducks,” and many, many more.

Baker Branch
Thursday, July 5, 11:00 a.m.

Zachary Branch
Thursday, July 12, 10:00 a.m.

Pride-Chaneyville Branch
Friday, July 13, 10:00 a.m.

To register and for more information, call your participating library.

Zydeco Goes To The Library

Pam Kaster, author of the children’s book, Zydeco Goes to Horse Camp, and her pal, Zydeco the Horse will visit the Zachary Branch Library on Monday, July 16th at 10:00 a.m.

Children ages 5 and up will have a chance to meet Pam and Zydeco plus learn how Pam came up with the idea for the book. It promises to be a day filled with “horsing around” for all!

To register and or more information, call (225) 658-1860.
**Explore the World**

Travel the world, without leaving the Library! Children can “book a trip” at libraries this summer!

- **Travel to Canada**, with Jean Byers, director of the Heritage Museum, at the Baker Branch, on Monday, July 2, at 1:00 p.m.
- **Take a trip around the galaxy** with Christopher Kersey, president of the Baton Rouge Astronomical Society and head of Highland Road Park Observatory at the Main Library on Monday, July 2, at 2:30 p.m. After the presentation, participants will make a planisphere.
- **Explore North and South America** with the Greenwell Springs Young Explorers at the Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch on Mondays, July 9 and July 16, at 2:30 p.m.
- **Visit Greece** with Judy Constantinides at the Main Library on Monday, July 9, at 2:30 p.m. and at the Bluebonnet Regional Branch on Tuesday, July 10, at 10:00 a.m.
- **Journey to Japan** with Bertha Hinojosa at the Carver Branch on Tuesday, July 10, at 1:00 p.m.

Call your participating library for age limits, to register, and for more information.

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**Tri-Parish Ballet Presents “Cinderella”**

Discover a world of enchantment as the Tri-Parish Ballet, under the direction of Wendy Bibby, presents “Cinderella” for children, ages 4 and up, at libraries in July. The dance troupe is comprised of children and teens from around the parish.

- **Tuesday, July 10**
  - Main Library, 10:30 a.m.
  - Central Branch, 2:30 p.m.
- **Wednesday, July 11**
  - Scotlandville Branch Library, 10:30 a.m.
  - Delmont Gardens Branch Library, 1:30 p.m.
- **Thursday, July 12**
  - Baker Branch Library, 11:00 a.m.
  - Jones Creek Regional Branch Library, 2:30 p.m.
- **Tuesday, July 17**
  - Bluebonnet Regional Branch Library, 10:00 a.m.
  - Eden Park Branch Library, 2:30 p.m.
- **Wednesday, July 18**
  - Greenwell Springs Regional Branch Library, 10:30 a.m.
- **Thursday, July 19**
  - Carver Branch, 10:00 a.m.
  - Pride-Chaneyville Branch Library, 1:00 p.m.
  - Zachary Branch Library, 2:30 p.m.

Please call individual libraries for registration information.

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**Summer Movies**

Children, ages 5 to 11, are invited to bring their own brown bag lunch and enjoy a movie at the Scotlandville Branch on Wednesday, July 25, at 12:00 p.m. Groups are encouraged to attend.

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

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**Exercise Your Mind**

Keep your brain in gear with these mind-blowing programs this summer!

- **Enhance your vocabulary** by participating in a spelling bee at the Scotlandville Branch on Monday, July 2, at 2:30 p.m. Children will be divided into age categories, ages 5 to 7 and 8 to 11.
- **Compete in a fun game of library trivia** at the Scotlandville Branch on Tuesday, July 10, at 4:30 p.m. The kid answering the most questions correctly will win a prize.
- **Writing can be fun**! Children, ages 9 to 12, can expand their story writing skills at the Main Library on Wednesday, July 11, at 2:30 p.m.

To register and for more information, call (225) 354-7560 or (225) 231-3760.

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**English Tea Party**

Children, ages 4 to 8, are invited to take part in an English Tea Party at the River Center Branch on Saturday, July 21, at 2:30 p.m. Children will be served cookies and tea (lemonade) while they sing songs and listen to stories about tea and/or England. All children must be accompanied by an adult.

To register and for more information, call (225) 389-4959.

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**Safety on the Streets, 2.0**

Join Captain Beck of the Baker Police Department at the Baker Branch on Monday, July 9, at 11:30 a.m. to discuss safety in today’s world. Topics will range from internet safety to school safety.

For more information, call (225) 778-5960.
**Get Active @ the Library**

Learn forms of Taekwondo self-defense from black belt instructor, Jacob Langston. Participants will be shown target drills, basic moves, and light sparring at the Central Branch on Saturday, July 7, at 2:30 p.m.

If dancing is more your style, then come and Cajun Two-Step at the Main Library on Tuesday, July 17, at 10:30 a.m. Les Danseurs de la Capitale de Baton Rouge, a volunteer dance troupe sponsored by the Cajun French Music Association, will share Cajun culture through music and dance.

Or, “Step” with Tameka at the Baker Branch on Tuesday, July 17, at 11:00 a.m. Steppin’ is a dancing tradition consisting of choreographed dances involving, clapping, stomping, and sometimes chanting.

To register and for more information, call your nearest participating library.

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**Book A Trip with the Library Ramblers**

Those zany Library Ramblers are back at it again. This summer, Book-A-Trip with the Ramblers, a puppet show filled with stories and silliness based on this year’s Summer Reading Program theme: Book A Trip—Read.

- Delmont Gardens Branch, Thursday, July 12, at 10:00 a.m.
- Carver Branch Library, Tuesday, July 17, at 3:00 p.m.

For more information, call your nearest participating library.

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**Reptiles @ the Library**

Ever think about having a snake as a pet? Librarian Stephen Chalmers, will introduce some of his exotic pets at the Zachary Branch Library on Tuesday, July 17, at 2:30 p.m. This program is designed for older children and teens considering reptiles as pets.

For more information, call (225) 658-1870.

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**Biting the Bullet: The History of Civil War Medicine**

How did early surgeons perform amputations without anesthesia? Were soldiers really forced to “bite the bullet?” To find out, join John O’Neill, Historian with Centenary State Historic Site, at the Central Branch on Thursday, July 19, at 2:30 p.m. O’Neill will present a discussion and “demonstration” of period surgery.

O’Neill will also present “Fun and Games of Long Ago” a lecture and demonstration of children’s toys and games used in the 1800’s at the Central Branch on Monday, July 9, at 2:30 p.m.

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

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**Ani-Mania @ the Library**

Purr-fect Pets and more will be on display at these libraries this summer:

- Considered owning a goat? Ken Johnston and his pygmy goat will share the ins and outs of goats at the Baker Branch on Saturday, July 21, at 3:00 p.m.
- The Greater Baton Rouge Cat Club will present their personal long-hair and short-hair cats at the Central Branch on Tuesday, July 17, at 2:30 p.m.
- Learn good doggie manners, and meet the K-9 units from the Baton Rouge City Police Department at the Main Library on Monday, July 16, at 2:30 p.m.
- Meet “Sparky the Fire Dog” and “work” a fire hose under the direction of Captain Derek Glover at the Central Branch Library on Wednesday, July 18, at 2:30 p.m.
- Cast your nets and reel in a really big fish to win a prize during the Faux Fishing Rodeo at the River Center Branch on Saturday, July 7, at 2:30 p.m.

To register and for more information, call your participating library.
Enter a Topsy, Turvy, Funny, Fantabulous, Wonderful World of Feelings

Jerie Ford, singer and actress, continues with *The Topsy, Turvy, Funny, Fantabulous, Wonderful World of Feelings.* In the guise of the lovable Madge Copernicus Pickle, Ford opens up to young audiences the topic of feelings and how to deal with them in healthy ways.

Monday, July 2
Central Branch, 10:00 a.m.
Greenwell Springs Regional, 2:30 p.m.

Monday, July 16
Eden Park, 10:00 a.m.
Bluebonnet Regional Branch, 2:30 p.m.

Tuesday, July 17
River Center Branch, 10:00 a.m.

Wednesday, July 18
Delmont Gardens Branch, 10:00 a.m.
Main Library, 2:30 p.m.

Thursday, July 19
Scotlandville Branch, 10:00 a.m.

Friday, July 20
Baker Branch, 10:00 a.m.

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 five 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.

**Lapsit – for babies through crawling**

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

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Bluebonnet Regional
Our Flag, Our Heritage
The history of the American flag and tributes to the Pledge of Allegiance and the National Anthem by members of the Baton Rouge Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution

Scale Models
This exhibit features cars, aircraft, figures, armored vehicles, ships, and much more, courtesy of the Baton Rouge Scale Modelers.

Central Branch Library
Multi-media
View the lovely artworks of area teen artisans.

Jones Creek Regional 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.

River Center Branch Library
Harry Potter
Celebrate the release of the new Harry Potter movie and book with these quirky figurines!

Scotlandville Branch Library
Mixed Media
Explore Africa through the eyes of its heroes of the Black Liberation Movement, as featured in the artwork of Antoine Dijion Mitchell.

Librarians Library-Book-Sale
Saturday, July 28, 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
Recycled Reads, 13505 Hooper Road