Free Lance Writing & Photography... LA Style

Started in 1923 by Eleanor Powell under the direction of Governor Huey P. Long, and then titled Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, the Louisiana Conservationist magazine was created to inform and educate citizens on hunting and fishing industries. Eighty-four years later, the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries (LDWF) is still carrying that mission with a loyal readership that spans three generations. Known for its informative articles on local habitats and species, Louisiana Conservationist also contains original and remarkable photographs of Louisiana’s “Sportsman’s Paradise.”

Marianne Burke, Public Information Director for the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries—which houses the Louisiana Conservationist magazine—and Jill Wilson, editor of the Louisiana Conservationist, will conduct a program at the Main Library on Thursday, March 8, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. that will give an overview of the history of the Louisiana Conservationist and how amateur photographers can get published in this magazine.

Burke has taught photography for several years at the “Becoming an Outdoors Woman” workshops, sponsored by LDWF. Wilson is a mushroom hunter, flounder fishing fisherman, and lifelong nature lover.

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

Spend the Afternoon with Faye Phillips

Author and Librarian Faye Phillips will appear for a brief lecture and a “meet and greet” session at the Main Library on Sunday, March 11, at 4:30 p.m. to discuss her new book, Historic Baton Rouge: An Illustrated History.

The first history of Baton Rouge to be written in more than 25 years, Historic Baton Rouge, co-authored by Sylvia Frank Rodrigue, contains a historical overview of the city’s people and past. The story includes tales of heroes and villains, never-ending challenges, enormous successes, and echoes the lives of hundreds and thousands of people who have lived in Louisiana’s capitol city. The book’s 125 illustrations and photos capture Baton Rouge from times of the Native Americans to Hurricane Katrina.

Phillips is head of the Louisiana and Lower Mississippi Valley Collections in Hill Memorial Library at Louisiana State University. She is also the associate dean of LSU Libraries, responsible for library administration, Special Collections and archives, and southern United States and Louisiana history.

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

African American Writer’s Workshop

Join the library’s second annual African American Writer’s Workshop at the Scotlandville Branch Library on Saturday, March 10, at 2:00 p.m., where local writers and experts conduct a panel discussion on a range of topics that will cover the entire process of creation from idea to published book.

Featured authors and topics include:

- Byron Harmon, author of All the Women I’ve Loved, Mistakes Men Make, and Crabs in a Barrel, will discuss his journey from self-publishing to being signed with a major publishing house.
- Naomí Pitre, author of Broken Vows and The Pantry Drawer, will talk about her work as an editor and the importance of having your work edited before it goes to press.

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Jessica Styons is the Branch Manager of the beautiful Pride-Chaneyville Branch Library, which opened in December 2005. She began working for the East Baton Rouge Parish Library as a part-time Library Technician in 1993, and decided that the library was where she wanted to develop her career.

After earning her Bachelor of Arts degree in Russian Area Studies and History from Louisiana State University in 1991, Styons went on to receive a Master of Library and Information Science degree from LSU in 1996. “I really enjoy working with people. I believe librarians are advocates who help people better themselves by directing them to research tools and information that they need,” says Styons.

Her experience covers all age groups and library divisions. From 1996 to 1998, Styons was the Assistant Branch Manager for the New Orleans Public Library. From there, she moved to Arizona to work as a Librarian for the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality. In 2001, Styons worked part-time as the Teen Librarian at the Cholla Branch Library in the Phoenix Public Library system, while also serving as the Adult Services Librarian at the North Central Branch Library in the Maricopa County Library District in Phoenix, Arizona until 2000, when she became the Youth Services Librarian at the Litchfield Park Branch Library. In 2002, Styons moved in the Maricopa County Library District to the Northwest Regional Branch as the Youth Services Supervisor. She went back to Louisiana in 2003 to become the Branch Manager for the Nix Library Branch in the New Orleans Public Library. In 2004, Styons returned to the East Baton Rouge Parish Library system as the Youth Services Librarian at the Zachary Branch Library, and in 2005, she assumed the position of Branch Manager at the Pride-Chaneyville Branch.

As Branch Manager, Styons hopes to make a difference in the Pride-Chaneyville community. “Everyday we see new people become library users. The library was closed for a few years, and since its opening date, the circulation numbers have exceeded previous statistics for the Pride-Chaneyville community. We hope to continue this increase in the future,” says Styons.

With computers and advanced technology becoming more of an everyday asset, Styons believes that libraries are still an important part of the community. “The library a place for the community to come together, whether through programming or using materials,” says Styons, “These facilities are needed more than ever now to provide information access through books, publications, and computers.”

African American Writer’s Workshop

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- C.J. Domino, author of Outta Control, will illustrate why she chose to self-publish and the resources that are available for authors who decide to take this route.
- In addition, Dr. Alma Dawson, Louisiana State University Associate Professor in the School of Library and Information Science, will share information from her book, African American Literature: A Guide to Reading Interest.

For more information, call (225) 354-7540.
“To Kill A Mockingbird” Reader’s Theatre Performance

The Baton Rouge Little Theater will present their sixth performance in the Reader’s Theatre series with a reading of To Kill A Mockingbird at the Baton Rouge Little Theater 2nd Stage on Tuesday, March 20, 2007, and at the Bluebonnet Regional Branch Library on Monday, March 26, at 7:00 p.m.

The cast features the talents of Mike Graham at “Atticus Finch,” Olivia Moppert as the young “Scout,” and Matt Rist as “Dill.” Nancy Litton narrates the production as the adult “Jean Louise.” Supporting cast includes Derra Howard, Carolyn Bowman, Rozanne Acampora, Becky Moppert, Arielle Sutton, Ron McConnell, Warren Frasier, Davis Hotard, and Rob Bigalke.

Reader’s Theatre performances are often defined by “what it is not”—no memorizing, no props, no costumes, no sets. Though performers are not asked to memorize their lines, they are encouraged to “ham it up” and use intonation and gestures appropriate to their characters and their character’s words. Admission is free and open to the public. For more information, call (225) 231-3745.

Taking A Seat For Justice:

*The Baton Rouge Sit-ins The Big Read: One Book/One Community Program*

As part of The Big Read: One Book/One Community program, Dr. Rachel Emanuel, director of publications and electronic media at the Southern University Law Center, will present the documentary Taking a Seat for Justice: The Baton Rouge Sit-Ins at the Scotlandville Branch Library on Wednesday, March 28, at 6:00 p.m. with special guest Dr. Donald Tibbs, and the Bluebonnet Regional Branch Library on Thursday, March 29, at 7:00 p.m. with special guests Dr. Jewel Prestage and Dean Mechelli Ghetti (retired).

Local residents will have the opportunity to learn more about the influence Baton Rouge had on the Civil Rights Movement. The documentary chronicles the actions of Southern University students who staged sit-ins at Sitman’s Drug Store, Kress Department Store, and the Greyhound Bus Station in Baton Rouge during 1960, in protest of racial segregation laws. The program includes rare audio recordings of archival footage of Southern University president Felton G. Clark, the United States Supreme Court, interviews with Baton Rouge Sit-In participants, and others.

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

**“Mayella’s Dream” Reader’s Theatre Mock Trial**

As part of The Big Read: One Book/One Community program, the Teen Library Crewe will perform a Reader’s Theatre Mock Trial presentation, “Mayella’s Dream,” reminiscent of the trial scene from Harper Lee’s novel To Kill A Mockingbird at the Main Library on Saturday, March 17, from 2:00 to 2:45 p.m. In this modern rendition, participants will put character Mayella Ewell on trial for falsely accusing Tom Robinson.

For more information, call (225) 231-3770.
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 on making a family tree by using the free online and print resources in the Genealogy Department at the Bluebonnet Regional Branch Library, on Wednesday, March 21, from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m.

Cassandra Fedrick, genealogy librarian, will teach basic strategies for getting started in a 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.

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

A traveling exhibit observing the one-hundredth anniversary of the Supreme Court’s landmark 1896 decision, analyzing 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 will begin on Tuesday, March 20 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 utilized 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.

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 River Center Branch Library on Saturday, March 31, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

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

In addition to regularly scheduled computer classes at the Main Library, other free computer classes are offered throughout the library system each month. Here’s a look at some branch offerings!

**Basic Computers I**
Scotlandville Branch Library
Wednesdays, March 7, 28, 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
*Children will learn computer basics including parts of a computer, using a mouse, and creating files. To register, call (225) 354-7540.*

**Basic Computers II**
Scotlandville Branch Library
Thursdays, March 8, 29, 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
*Continuation from Basic Computers I. To register, call (225) 354-7540.*

**Computers Without Fear**
Bluebonnet Regional Branch Library
Thursday, March 8, 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
*Adults will learn computer basics including parts of a computer, using a mouse, and creating files. To register, call (225) 763-2250.*

For more information on computer instruction programs, call (225) 231-3750.

**Yahoo! Email**
Scotlandville Branch Library
Tuesday, March 13, 6:00 to 7:30 p.m.
*Children will learn how to setup an email account. To register, call (225) 354-7540.*

**Google Search**
Scotlandville Branch Library
Tuesday, March 20, 6:00 to 7:30 p.m.
*Children will be introduced to this search engine and will receive hands on experience of what Google has to offer. To register, call (225) 354-7540.*

**Online Scavenger Hunt**
Zachary Branch Library
Saturday, March 24, 3:00 p.m.
*Children, ages 9 to 12, will learn how to search the Internet for information by taking part in an online scavenger hunt. To register, call (225) 658-1860.*

Money Matters Seminar
Roslyn LaCour, financial operator for a local firm, will teach adults how to create their financial road map to basic money management through budget planning, setting long and short-term goals, and developing the right attitude when planning ahead at the Delmont Gardens Branch Library, on Saturday, March 17, at 10:00 a.m.
To register and for more information, call (225) 354-7050.

Thinking about Plants
Wayne Womack, Professor Emeritus for Louisiana State University School of Landscape and Architecture, will cover topics such as the importance of thinking about the nature of plants and how to use them in design at the Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch Library, on Tuesday, March 20, from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. Womack, author of *A Philosophy of Planting Design*, has taught advanced courses in landscape design, planting design, plant materials and history. He will sign copies of his book at the program and refreshments will be served. This program is sponsored by the Central Bloomers Gardening Club.
For more information, call (225) 274-4440.

Money For College
Financial Aid Workshops
Representatives from the Louisiana Office of Student Financial Assistance (LOSFA) will present workshops at two libraries in March to discuss Louisiana programs such as TOPS, START, and Pell Grants. LOSFA representatives will explain FAFSA applications and optimize students’ scholarship search techniques. Handouts and library materials will be available.

- **Main Library**
  - Wednesday, March 7, 6:30 p.m.
- **Scotlandville Branch Library**
  - Wednesday, March 14, 6:30 p.m.

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

Free SAT Practice Test And Review Session
The Library will administer a free SAT practice test with follow-up Review/Strategy Session by representatives from the *Princeton Review* at the Main Library on Saturday, March 31, at 10:00 a.m. Students should bring two sharpened pencils and a calculator to the practice test.

Staff from the *Princeton Review* will give a Review/Strategy Session 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.

Students can register online at [www.princetonreview.com](http://www.princetonreview.com), or call (225) 231-3770.
DANCE, DANCE REVOLUTION

To celebrate Teen Tech Week, teens at the Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch Library will jump on the dance craze that’s rocking the nation. A combination of fun, excitement, competition, choreography and a great workout, Dance, Dance Revolution kicks the dance floor into overdrive with a mix of hot songs and cool game modes. Step into the spotlight and put your skills to the test as you move to the groove. Get ready to experience maximum dancing with high-energy, pulsating music and stunning graphics. Show off all your moves with a fully functional floor pad controller for dance and action move. You can move any way you want to make the most of Dance, Dance Revolution.

Dance, Dance Revolution will be held at the Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch Library on Thursday, March 8, from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m.

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

Teen Game Day

 Teens are invited for a Saturday afternoon of fun and games – video games, board games, interactive games, and lots of snacks at the Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch Library on Saturday, March 31, from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m.

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

Chess Programs At The Library

Zachary Branch Library
Saturday, March 24, 10:00 a.m.
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. Library staff will provide assistance and basic instruction. To register, call (225) 658-1860.

Central Branch Library
Saturday, March 31, 2:30 p.m.
Children, ages 9 to 11, will learn basic strategies and then participate in a game-playing session. Award-winning chess player Jacob Rossman along with his father Charles Rossman, will conduct the program. To register, call (225) 262-2660.

Tae Kwon Do Demonstration

Tae Kwon Do instructor Wallace Britton and students from Joel Neely’s Tae Kwon Do Plus School will present a demonstration and discuss the benefits of mastering this martial art at the Carver Branch Library, on Saturday, March 3, at 3:00 p.m. Tae Kwon Do teaches self-defense techniques, along with traditional values of personal responsibility, courtesy, integrity, perseverance, and self-control.

For more information, call (225) 389-7450.

KID’S STUFF

Noah And The Ark – On Harps!

Students of The Harp School, Inc., under the direction of Ashleigh Dellafloria, will perform a thirty-minute program titled “Noah and the Ark” at two libraries on Saturday, March 31. This performance includes the story of Noah and the Ark, put into rhyme, along with interludes played by harp students who range in age from 9 years to adults.

• Bluebonnet Regional Branch Library, 10:30 a.m.
• Main Library, 2:00 p.m.

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

A Series Of Unfortunate Events At The Library

Children, ages 7 to 11, will participate in a trivia contest based on the unfortunate events in the Lemony Snicket novels at the Jones Creek Regional Branch Library on Saturday, March 31, at 2:30 p.m.

To register and for more information, call (225) 756-1160.

Johnny Appleseed Movie and Craft

Children, ages 5 to 11, will learn about Johnny Appleseed by watching a short movie about him at the Scotlandville Branch Library on Wednesday, March 21, at 4:00 p.m. After the movie, children will complete an apple parts puzzle using different colors and shapes of construction paper.

For more information, call (225) 354-7550.
St. Patrick’s Day Bingo

Children, ages 6 to 11, will play St. Patrick’s Day Bingo using green markers/crayons at the Delmont Gardens Branch Library on Thursday, March 15, at 3:00 p.m.

Winners will receive small prizes. To register, call (225) 354-7060.

Tea Party

Children, ages 7 to 11, will decorate a paper crown to wear, make a butterfly craft, and participate in a tea party word find at the Delmont Gardens Branch Library on Saturday, March 3, 1:00 to 2:30 p.m. Miss Spider’s Tea Party will be read aloud. Refreshments will be served.

To register, call (225) 354-7060.

Top Secret Saturday

Love a good mystery? Children, ages 9 to 11 are invited to join the library for an afternoon of suspense at the Main Library on Saturday, March 17, at 2:30 p.m. Spy training includes finger printing, ID badges, mystery madlibs, and deceptive crossword puzzles. Disguises are welcome.

To register and for more information, call (225) 231-3760.
Bluebonnet Regional Branch
Porcelain Art
The Porcelain Art Guild will feature hand-painted vases, plates, landscapes, and many other pieces.

Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch
Art Tiles
View Sibyl Spink’s legacy of art work, including oils, acrylics, watercolors and more.

Louisiana Landscapes
Discover the beautiful Louisiana landscapes of Kellea Austin.

Jones Creek Regional Branch
Origami
Kao Sze, gifted origami artist, displays his origami and 3-dimensional designs.

River Center Branch
Paintings
See the great works of David Rush.

Scotlandville Branch
The World Will Move: Civil Rights and Public Transportation in Louisiana, 1860s-1950s
This exhibition observes the 100th anniversary of the Supreme Court’s landmark 1896 decision in Plessy v. Ferguson.

Heart Language
Experience the bold use of color and symbolism in the work of Cheryl McKay Dixon.

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