Rheta Grimsley Grimsley

Celebrated columnist, Rheta Grimsley Johnson, will be promoting her memoir, *Poor Man's Provence: Finding Myself in Cajun Country*, at the Main Library on Wednesday, November 19, at 7:00 p.m. Following the presentation, Johnson will sign copies of the book.

For over a decade, Johnson spent several months a year in southwest Louisiana working and falling in love with the culture. She finally purchased a home in Henderson and began to put down roots. *Poor Man's Provence* follows her journey in Cajun Country.

A native of Colquitt, Georgia, Johnson grew up in Montgomery, Alabama and studied journalism at Auburn University. She has covered the South for over three decades as a newspaper reporter and columnlist. Her reporting has won numerous awards and her syndicated column appears in fifty papers nationwide.

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

Library Awarded the BIG READ GRANT

The National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) continues its drive toward making the Big Read the largest federal reading program in U.S. history. As such, the NEA has awarded the East Baton Rouge Parish Library another $20,000 grant for “The Big Read: One Book/One Community” program. 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. It is designed to restore reading to the center of American culture. The Big Read brings together partners across the country to encourage reading for pleasure and enlightenment. The Big Read also addresses the national decline in literary reading as documented in the NEA's 2004 landmark survey *Reading at Risk: A Survey of Literary Reading in America.*

In its inaugural year 2007, the NEA launched the Big Read nationally in partnership with the Institute of Museum and Library Services and in cooperation with Arts Midwest. More than 70 organizations participated. This year the library is one of 208 libraries, municipalities, and arts, culture, higher education, and science organizations to receive a grant to host a Big Read celebration. “With this latest round of grants, I am proud to say that The Big Read has supported more than 500 public library partnerships,” said Anne-Imelda M. Radice, Director of the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS), the NEA's lead federal partner for The Big Read. “Through this program, public libraries continue to demonstrate their value in communities as centers of engagement, literacy, and lifelong learning. I am particularly delighted by the innovative public programming born out of library collaborations.”

The Big Read: One Book/One Community program is sponsored by The Big Read, the East Baton Rouge Parish Library, and the Baton Rouge Area Chamber, who have partnered with libraries, school systems, religious and community organizations, and key leaders of industry and commerce throughout the nine-parish area. *To Kill a Mockingbird* and *Fahrenheit 451* were the selected titles for the 2007 and 2008 programs. *A Lesson Before Dying* by Earnest J. Gaines is the chosen title for the Spring 2009 program. This book includes themes and characters with which our entire population can relate and as such, is perfect to promote a positive dialogue in our very diverse region.

Teachers, librarians, and community organizers can pick up discussion guides and related materials at the Main Library on Thursday, November 13, from

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2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. These items may also be picked up on Saturday, November 8, or Saturday, November 15 by contacting Andi Abraham at (225) 231-3745.

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) 231-3710 or mstein@ebr.lib.la.us. Additional information will be posted at www.ReadOneBook.org.

Check out the New Overdrive!

The Library's Overdrive site has been upgraded to include mp3 format titles. With the new format, patrons who own iPods will now be able to download from a growing list of titles in mp3 format. The new site offers icons under each title that show what kind of device that title is compatible with. The mp3 collection will continue to grow – so stay tuned!

Pandemic Flu Video Viewing and Discussion

The American Red Cross will provide an informative video on pandemic flu at the Main Library, on Wednesday, November 5, at 7:00 p.m. They will also provide a family preparedness guide and various handouts which include: how to stop the spread of germs, how to wash your hands, a pandemic flu planning checklist, an emergency supplies checklist, a family emergency information sheet, and an emergency contact sheet.

For more information and to register, call (225) 231-3746.

Newly Expanded Career Center Website

The Career Center at the River Center Branch has a newly updated and expanded website. At our website you can now find a large number of links to a wide array of career and work related websites as well as local Baton Rouge area job search information. You’ll find worksheets, assessments, interview preparation and resume tips. Come check it out at www.careercenterbr.com. Meet one-on-one with a certified career coach at the Career Center located at the River Center Branch Library. This free library service is available by appointment on Monday, Wednesday, or Thursday. Call (225) 381-8434 for appointments.

Ready, Set, Organize!

Learn how to get your home and/or office in order at the Jones Creek Regional Branch on Sunday, November 9, at 2:30 p.m. Professional organizer, Carolyn Wells, will offer organizational tips that can help save time and money. She will also help participants understand the connection between organization and the reduction of stress.

Wells is a native of Baker and has been assisting with office and residential organization for seven years. She has recently turned her talent into the business, A-Z Organizers.

For more information and to register, call (225) 756-1150.

Toothpick Jewelry

Learn how to design unusual jewelry with the help of local artist, Michael Smith. Smith, aka The Toothpick Man, will instruct participants on how to create unique pieces of jewelry using toothpicks. The workshop will be held at the Jones Creek Regional Branch on Saturday, November 22, at 10:00 a.m.

Smith has been sculpting art out of toothpicks for many years. His work has been exhibited both nationally and internationally, and he is in the Guinness Book of World Records for creating the world’s largest toothpick sculpture.

For more information and to register, call (225) 756-1150.

Ask-A-Lawyer

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 Jones Creek Regional Branch on Saturday, November 8, from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

For more information, call (225) 756-1180.

La Art & Artists’ Guild Exhibit

The Louisiana Art and Artists’ Guild will exhibit their recent work throughout the month of November at the Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch. The Guild will be sponsoring a “People's Choice” award for the best painting. The public is invited to vote for their favorite painting throughout the month and the winner will be announced at the end of the show. A reception honoring the artists will take place at the library on Sunday, November 9, from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

For more information, call (225) 274-4450.

The Library will be closed in observance of Veterans Day on Tuesday, November 11, and Thanksgiving on Thursday, November 27.
Henry Howell

Henry Howell, author of *The Distant Empire: A Story of Early Louisiana*, will speak at the Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch on Saturday, November 22, at 10:00 a.m. Copies of the book will be available for sale and signing.

*The Distant Empire* follows the story of a young man making his way in 18th century Louisiana. Howell's extensive research on Louisiana history is clearly evident in this work.

Howell is a retired history teacher and lifelong resident of Louisiana. For more information, call (225) 274-4440.

Get Excited About School!

Learn how to help your child become a success in school at this free workshop. Educators, Alonzo and Jacqueline Campbell, will focus on ways for parents to motivate children who have little to no interest in school. They will discuss several topics including parental encouragement and involvement, the importance of school in shaping a child's future, creative study skills, and time management. The workshop will take place at the Jones Creek Regional Branch on Saturday, November 15, at 10:00 a.m.

For more information and to register, call (225) 756-1150.

Carver Crochet Club

Learn how fun and relaxing crocheting can be! The Carver Crochet Club will meet on Thursday, November 13, at 3:30 p.m. at the Carver Branch. Participants are asked to bring a crochet needle, and the Library will supply the yarn. No registration is required.

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

Consumer and Small Business Classes

Alexis Anderson, executive director of Presenting Resources Effectively, Applying Christ-Like Humbleness (P.R.E.A.C.H.) will hold consumer classes and small business programs once a month through December at the Carver Branch.

The consumer class, *Understanding Cash Flow*, will be held on Monday, November 10, at 6:00 p.m. Anderson will discuss how understanding your cash flow can help you get ahead. The small business program, *How to Create Cash Flow*, will follow the consumer class at 6:45 p.m. Anderson will talk about how to create cash flow for small and emerging businesses even with credit challenges.

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

Researching Women In Your Family Tree

While women have always played key roles in our social history, unfortunately they are the hardest to trace when conducting genealogical research. Cassandra Fedrick, genealogy librarian, will share her experience with this unique research and suggest basic skills, strategies, and resources to help you find the elusive women in your family tree. This free workshop will take place at the Baker Branch on Wednesday, November 19, at 10:00 a.m. Participants will receive a beginner's family history starter packet.

For more information and to register, call (225) 778-5940.
Patent Workshop
Jan Thomas, LSU Library Patent Librarian, will present a workshop on how to develop a patent search strategy and navigate the United States Patent and Trademark website and classification system. Participants will also learn what resources the Library and community have to offer. A local patent attorney will be on hand to answer questions. This free workshop will take place at the Bluebonnet Regional Branch on Monday, November 17, at 7:00 p.m.
For more information and to register, call (225) 578-4680.

Piecework
Quilting Break
Adults and teens, ages 13 and up, are invited to the Pride-Chaneyville Branch the second Thursday of every month at 3:00 p.m. for some quilting fun! Learn how to design, cut and sew your own masterpiece. Participants are asked to bring their own fabric, but the Library will also have some on hand.
For more information, call (225) 658-1550.

Handmade
Holiday Ornaments
Learn how to create unique holiday ornaments at the Pride-Chaneyville Branch on Wednesday, November 19, at 1:00 p.m. Library staff will offer some great ideas for beautiful handmade ornaments that will spruce up your holiday tree!
For more information and to register, call (225) 658-1540.

Adult Computer Training
In addition to all of the regularly scheduled computer classes at the Main Library, the Carver Branch and Pride-Chaneyville Branch will offer a variety of FREE computer classes for adults. Call the individual branch to register!

Carver Branch
Microsoft Publisher for Beginners
Tuesday, November 4, 10:30 a.m.
Learn the basics of Microsoft Publisher, including how to create a flyer.
Computers Without Fear
Tuesday, November 18, 10:30 a.m.
Learn computer basics without the worry of breaking anything! An experienced instructor will cover several topics including the parts of a computer, using a mouse, creating files, and using a floppy disk.

Pride-Chaneyville Branch
Computer Basics I
Monday, November 3, 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday, November 5, 4:00 p.m.
Participants will learn about the basic components of a computer and how to use a mouse.
Computer Basics II
Monday, November 10, 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday, November 12, 4:00 p.m.
Participants will learn about options for saving documents, how to open software applications, and how to print a document.
Introduction to Microsoft Word
Monday, November 17, 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday, November 19, 4:00 p.m.
Participants will learn how to edit documents using Microsoft Word as well as how to format page margins, change font types, and insert graphics.
Introduction to the Internet
Monday, November 24, 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday, November 26, 4:00 p.m.
Learn the basics of “surfing the web!” Library staff will cover several topics, including brief facts about the development of the Internet, basic Internet terms, how to find a website, and learn facts about copyright.

Teen Open Mic Night
The Zachary Library Teen Council will present its annual Teen Open Mic Night with the theme “Meet You at the Drive-In”, at the Zachary Branch on Thursday, November 20, at 6:30 p.m. Local teens, ages 12 and up, are invited to show off their exciting talents and skills for their peers and families. The program will be an open forum for skits, comedy routines, poetry readings, singing, dancing, monologues, magic tricks and more!
All ages are invited to attend the show. Root beer floats and other refreshments will be served.
The deadline to register is Monday, November 17. For more information and to register, call (225) 658-1870.
Duct Tape/Blue Tarp Fashion Show

The hurricanes have passed and blue tarps are in abundance – what better time to hold a Duct Tape/Blue Tarp Fashion Show? Teens are invited to create their most innovative fashion designs out of duct tape and blue tarps provided by the Library. The contest will be held at the Baker Branch on Wednesday, November 19, at 4:00 p.m. Awards will be presented for top designs. Teens will have one hour to create wearable fashions before hitting the runway with their designs at 5:00 p.m. The public is welcomed to attend the show.

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

Bling Bling Thing Rings

Teens are invited to create unique rings at the Baker Branch on Thursday, November 6, at 4:00 p.m. The library will provide a variety of supplies for participants to make a one-of-a-kind piece of jewelry.

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

Feather Earrings

In honor of Native American month, teens will create feather earrings at the Carver Branch on Tuesday, November 18, at 3:30 p.m.

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

PowerPoint for Teens

Make your next school project stand out from the crowd with a PowerPoint presentation! Teens will learn the basics of PowerPoint from library staff at the Carver Branch on Tuesday, November 25, at 3:00 p.m.

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

Fall Chess

The East Baton Rouge Parish Library’s popular chess program will continue with fall classes for ages, 9 and up! Volunteers from the Baton Rouge Chess Club will teach the basics of chess to beginners and intermediate level players. There will be a total of six classes and participants are encouraged to attend as many as possible.

The fall chess classes will be on Saturdays, November 8, 22, at 10:00 a.m. at the Main Library.

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

Baby Yoga

Parents and caregivers are invited to bring their infants to a free beginning yoga workshop at the Jones Creek Regional Branch on Thursday, November 6, at 10:00 a.m. Audrey Kafkallides, certified yoga and fitness instructor, will demonstrate simple moves and stretches for babies. Participants should bring a baby blanket and pillow.

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

Cat and Mouse

Play a game of cat and mouse at the Baker Branch on Saturday, November 1, at 11:00 a.m. Children, ages 4 to 8, will listen to the story, The Mouse, the Cat, and Grandmother’s Hat by Nancy Willard. Following the story, participants will create cat and mouse magnet toys.

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

A Kitty Tale

Have the purr-fect afternoon at the Pride-Chaneyville Branch! Children, ages 5 to 11, will listen to the story Nini Here and There by Anita Lobel on Thursday, November 13, at 3:00 p.m. Following the story, participants will create a cute kitty craft.

For more information and to register, call (225) 658-1560.

Create a Silly Pet

Children, ages 5 to 11, will listen to the story, Don’t Take Your Snake for a Stroll by Karin Ireland. Following the story, participants will create their own silly pet. The fun starts at 3:00 p.m. on Thursday, November 6, at the Pride-Chaneyville Branch.

For more information and to register, call (225) 658-1560.

Dog Tales at the Library!

Children, ages 6 and up, will have the opportunity to spend time with animals from the LSU Tiger HATS (Human Animal Therapy Services). These special therapy animals will be available for children to read to at the Carver Branch on Saturday, November 1, at 10:00 a.m.

For more information, call (225) 389-7460.

Two Chapters Saturday

Children, ages 8 to 12, are invited to the River Center Branch on Saturday, November 8, at 4:00 p.m. to listen to the first two chapters of Judy Blume’s Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing. Following the reading, participants will write and illustrate what they think will happen in the next chapter.

For more information and to register, call (225) 389-4959.
Disney Dance

Dance with Mickey at the Carver Branch on Wednesday, November 12, at 4:30 p.m. Children, ages 5 to 11, are invited to show their moves with a special Disney edition of Dance Dance Revolution.

For more information, call (225) 389-7460.

Animation Club

Children, ages 5 to 11, are invited to join this fun club at the Carver Branch on Monday, November 24, at 4:00 p.m. The club will explore animation through the wide variety of drawing books that are available in the library’s collection. Members will also share ideas and animation techniques.

For more information, call (225) 389-7460.

Games Galore

Children, ages 6 to 11, are invited to celebrate National Game and Puzzle week at the Delmont Gardens Branch on Tuesday, November 25, at 3:00 p.m. There will be a variety of board games and jigsaw puzzles for children to play and they may also bring their own games.

For more information and to register, call (225) 354-7060.

Toddler Round Up

Toddlers to age 3 are invited to the library for a fun morning of singing and games at the Bluebonnet Regional Branch on Wednesday, November 19, at 10:30 a.m.

For more information and to register, call (225) 763-2260.

Get ready for Thanksgiving with these special storytimes and crafts!

Gobble Gobble on over to the Jones Creek Regional Branch on Saturday, November 15, at 2:30 p.m. for some turkey fun! Children, ages 3 to 7, will listen to the story Run Turkey Run by Diane Mayr and then create a Thanksgiving centerpiece.

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

Turkey Time Children, ages 4 to 11, will listen to Thanksgiving stories and create a turkey craft at the Carver Branch on Wednesday, November 19, at 4:00 p.m. and at the Delmont Gardens Branch on Thursday, November 20, at 4:00 p.m.

For more information, call (225) 389-7460 or (225) 354-7060.

Turkey Fun Children, ages 5 to 10, will listen to the story Turkey is… by Gail Gibbons at the Pride-Chaneyville Branch on Thursday, November 20, at 3:00 p.m. Following the story, participants will make a colorful turkey craft.

For more information and to register, call (225) 658-1560.

Thanksgiving Tie-Tac-Toe Children, ages 7 to 11, will create their own Thanksgiving tic-tac-toe game at the Scotlandville Branch on Thursday, November 20, at 3:30 p.m.

For more information and to register, call (225) 354-7560.

Hooray for Thanksgiving Day! Get ready for Thanksgiving at the Baker Branch on Saturday, November 22, at 11:00 a.m. Children, ages 4 to 8, will listen to the story The Night Before Thanksgiving by Natasha Wing. Following the story, participants will create a Thanksgiving centerpiece.

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

Thanksgiving Family Storytime Children, ages 3 and up, and their parents are invited to this special family storytime featuring Thanksgiving stories at the Bluebonnet Regional Branch on Monday, November 24, at 10:30 a.m. Participants will also create Thanksgiving scrapbooks.

For more information and to register, call (225) 763-2260.

Thankful Turkey Expressions Children, ages 5 to 11, will listen to the story Run Turkey Run! by Diane Mayr at the Scotlandville Branch on Wednesday, November 26, at 3:30 p.m. Following the story, participants will create a fun Thanksgiving craft.

For more information and to register, call (225) 354-7560.

Thanksgiving Storytime Children, ages 3 to 7, will listen to stories, sing songs, and create crafts all related to Thanksgiving at the River Center Branch on Wednesday, November 26, at 5:00 p.m.

For more information, call (225) 389-4959.

Autumn Spelling Bee

Children, ages 5 to 11, are invited to participate in this special spelling bee at the Scotlandville Branch on Thursday, November 6, at 3:30 p.m. All words will be autumn related and every child will receive a certificate of participation.

For more information and to register, call (225) 354-7560.
Storytime gives children an excellent introduction to books and the library, increases their attention spans, and develops their social skills by involving them in stories, poetry, and songs. The Children’s Services staff hopes Storytime will be an enjoyable experience for each child, leading to a lifelong love of books and reading.

You are always welcome to attend Storytime with your child. We offer six different Storytime formats. Since children develop at different rates, you may talk with one of our library staff members to place your child in a younger or older group. Call your local library for more information. Organized groups must reserve a date and time other than those listed below.

Lapsit – for babies through crawling

Bluebonnet Tuesday, November 4 10:30 a.m.
Greenwell Springs Thursday, November 6 10:30 a.m.
Jones Creek Thursdays, November 6, 13, 20 10:30 a.m.
Main Library Tuesdays, November 4, 18 10:30 a.m.

Toddler Time – for walking children through two years old

Baker Wednesdays, November 5, 12 10:00 a.m.
Bluebonnet Wednesdays, November 5, 12 10:30 a.m.
Central Tuesdays, November 4, 18, 25 and December 2, 9, 16 10:00 a.m.
Greenwell Springs Tuesdays, November 4, 18 10:30 a.m.
Jones Creek Tuesdays, November 4, 18 10:30 a.m.
Main Library Tuesdays, November 4, 18 10:30 a.m.
Pride-Chaneyville Tuesdays, November 4, 18, 25 and December 2, 9, 16 10:00 a.m.
Zachary Wednesdays, November 5, 12, 19, 26 and December 3, 10, 17 10:00 a.m.

Preschool Storytime – for children three to five years old

Baker Wednesdays, November 5, 12, 19, 26 and December 3 10:30 a.m.
Bluebonnet Monday, November 3 10:30 a.m.
Carver Wednesday, November 5 10:00 a.m.
Central Tuesday, November 6 10:00 a.m.
Delmont Gardens Tuesdays, November 4, 25 10:00 a.m.
Eden Park Wednesdays, November 5, 12, 19 10:00 a.m.
Greenwell Springs Tuesdays, November 4, 18 10:00 a.m.
Jones Creek Tuesdays, November 4, 18 10:30 a.m.
Main Library Tuesdays, November 4, 18 10:30 a.m.
Pride-Chaneyville Tuesdays, November 4, 18, 25 and December 2, 9, 16 10:30 a.m.
River Center Thursdays, November 6, 13, 20 10:30 a.m.
Scotlandville Thursdays, November 6, 13, 20 10:30 a.m.
Zachary Wednesdays, November 5, 12, 19, 26 and December 3, 10, 17 10:00 a.m.

Spanish Storytime – for ages 3 and up

Bluebonnet Thursday, November 6 10:30 a.m.

Combined Age Storytime – for all ages

Main Library Tuesdays, November 25 and December 2, 9 10:30 a.m.

Family Storytime – for all ages

Eden Park Thursdays, November 6, 13, 20 4:00 p.m.

Night Storytime

Carver Wednesday, November 5 5:00 p.m.
Greenwell Springs Thursday, November 6 7:00 p.m.
Jones Creek Wednesdays, November 5, 12, 19 7:00 p.m.

Stop That Garbage Truck!

There will be some trash talking going on at the Main Library! Children, ages 3 to 10, will listen to fun-filled stories about garbage trucks and then get an up-close look at a real garbage truck on Saturday, November 15, at 10:30 a.m. Allied Waste will have a truck on hand for children to look at and take pictures inside the cab of the truck.

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

Princess Charlotte and the Tiara Club

Be a princess at the Baker Branch on Saturday, November 8, at 11:00 a.m. Fans of the Tiara Club series, ages 6 to 11, are invited to the library to discuss the first book in the series, Princess Charlotte and the Birthday Ball. Following the discussion, participants will design a ball gown for Princess Charlotte.

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

Anansi Storytime

Children, ages 5 to 9, will listen to the story, Anansi and the Talking Melon by Eric Kimmel at the Baker Branch on Saturday, November 15, at 11:00 a.m. Following the story, participants will create a special spider hat.

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

Lucky Leaf Stained Glass

Children, ages 6 to 9, will listen to the story Lucky Leaf by Kevin O’Malley at the Jones Creek Regional Branch on Saturday, November 8, at 2:30 p.m. Following the story, participants will create their own Lucky Leaf stained glass from brightly colored tissue paper.

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

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On View at the Library

Bluebonnet Regional Branch Library
Highland Road Artists
Highland Road Artists will exhibit their recent works of paintings and drawings in a variety of mediums.

Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch
Ghost in the Wire
Artist Dan Rast will share his Vietnam experience in the form of photos, paintings, writings and memorabilia from his tours of duty in Vietnam.

Recycled Reads
will be closed in November and December.
The next book sale will be Saturday, January 31, 2009.