

Can't remember when your library books are due? Let the Library Elf remember for you! Library Elf is an Internet-based tool for keeping track of what's due, overdue and ready for pickup. Users can keep track of one or more library accounts and receive reminders.



Reminders are sent before items are due (up to seven days advance notice, weekly notice or everyday reminders). Families can take advantage of the multiple cards checking feature. Just enter all the library cards under a single Library Elf account. "This is something patrons requested in our recent library survey," says Mary Stein, Assistant Library Director. "We hope that Library Elf will help our patrons keep their accounts organized and fine free!" Sign up for an account today at www.libraryelf.com!

Greetings from the New Library Director

The people of Baton Rouge are known for their warm hospitality. I've experienced this firsthand as I've settled into my new position. It's a pleasure to be a new resident in the most exciting and progressive city in the United States. It's also an honor to be selected to work with library staff as we endeavor to expand the reach of the Library in the upcoming years. The East Baton Rouge Parish Library is known throughout the country for its innovative system of branch libraries. The quality of information access and exceptional programming has defined this system



David Farrar

as a leader in the world of libraries. This is a testament to the determination of a dedicated staff and a determined Library Board of Control. I look forward to working with each of you in preserving the high standard of excellence already in place as well as taking on new challenges in the near future.

I have found in my short time here that Baton Rouge has everything. Energetic business leaders, a wide variety of worship choices, forward thinking elected officials and best of all, great food! The library is an all inclusive organization as well. We offer wonderful opportunities for unlimited access to so many enjoyable pastimes that make living here a unique experience. Whether you appreciate the finer points of local and state history or you simply want to enjoy the latest offering on the programming calendar, the library

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Digital Bookmobile Visits Library

The East Baton Rouge Parish Library will host the Digital Bookmobile, an immersive download experience inside a 74-foot, high-tech tractor-trailer, on Wednesday, December 3, from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the Main Library. Readers of all ages are invited to engage digital downloading through interactive demonstrations and experience the Library's audiobook, eBook, music, and video download service at this **FREE** event. There will be giveaways throughout the day – including mp3 players!

The Digital Bookmobile is housed inside an 18-wheel tractor-trailer. This 74-foot community outreach vehicle is a high-tech update of the traditional bookmobile that has served communities for decades. The vehicle is equipped with broadband Internet-connected PCs, high definition monitors, premium sound systems, and a variety of portable media players, all of which help visitors explore the Library's download service. Interactive learning stations give visitors an opportunity to search the digital media collection, use supported mobile devices, and download and enjoy eBooks, audiobooks, music, and video from the Library.

The Digital Bookmobile is a service of e-Media, and is operated by OverDrive, Inc. To check out and download digital books and more, visit <http://overdrive.ebr.lib.la.us>. For more information, call (225) 231-3750.





Crochet Workshop

If you have always wanted to learn how to crochet – this is the workshop for you! Ann Wroten Fuffel will teach the basics needed to crochet hats, bags, pillows, baby blankets, and more! This free workshop will take place at the Jones Creek Regional Branch on Thursday, December 4, at 7:00 p.m.

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

Basic Sewing 101

The Pride-Chaneyville Branch is now holding a monthly sewing class. The class will meet on Tuesday, December 2, at 6:00 p.m. After the first of the year the class will meet on the second Tuesday of each month. This class is for people who want to learn to sew or learn to sew better. Participants will learn about basics supplies and sewing terms as well as tips on choosing, altering, laying out, and cutting a pattern.

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

Pandemic Flu Video Viewing and Discussion

The American Red Cross will provide an informative video on pandemic flu at the Main Library, on Wednesday, December 10, 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.



New Library Director

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can meet your needs. The upcoming Big Read: One Book/One Community will once again establish our library system as a leader in community programming. During Spring 2009, all are invited to read Ernest Gaines' *A Lesson Before Dying*.

The upcoming new construction projects will be an exciting challenge for the next few years. The building accomplishments of the past are a defining measure of what is expected in the future. The Library is a national leader and award winning system in regard to outstanding architectural as well as accessible structures. The new Main Library will be an outstanding example of technological advancement. The interior aesthetics will create a new standard for beauty and efficiency. There are many challenges ahead as we endeavor to continue in the direction begun by the Library Board of Control several years ago. I am excited to take the next step as we break ground on the new Main Library very soon.

The East Baton Rouge Parish Library System has an outstanding staff dedicated to service and citizen access. I have watched their pleasant approach to library patrons. I have also noticed their intense desire to assist patrons while searching for information. Soon I will have visited all branches and spoken with each employee in the system. I look forward

to this interaction on a regular basis. The concept of a full service library system begins with communication and determination. Library staff has developed an all inclusive approach to meeting the needs of patrons that remains second to none.

I have met with State Librarian Rebecca Hamilton. We spoke about the need for the our Library system to establish a new approach toward accessibility and outreach throughout Louisiana. Her outstanding leadership is known across the country and her achievement of increased funding for Louisiana public libraries is admirable. I look forward to working with Rebecca and extend my service to her as needed. The Library has a wonderful opportunity to develop a strong relationship with all public libraries around the state. We will not fail in creating these needed partnerships.

I look forward to working with the entire Baton Rouge community in the years to come. There is much work to be done as we take on the challenges that lie ahead. Again, thank you for the warm welcome and please let us know how we can assist you.

Sincerely,
David Farrar, Director
East Baton Rouge Parish Library

Movies on the Lot

Do you miss the old "drive-in" movie experience? Well, grab a warm blanket and head to the Library for *Movies on the Lot!* Several Christmas movies will be projected onto a big screen in the parking lot at the Main Library. Bring lawn chairs or sit in your car – the audio will be transmitted onto a radio frequency—you can just tune into your radio to hear the movie. Refreshments will also be provided. Catch *The Grinch Who Stole Christmas* at 7:00 p.m. and

Elf at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, December 19 and *Christmas in Connecticut* at 7:00 p.m. on Saturday, December 20.

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



Patrons of the Public Library (POPL)

Patrons of the Public Library (POPL) is a library “friends” group open to all in the community interested in supporting the East Baton Rouge Parish Library. POPL members receive *The Source*, the library’s monthly newsletter, as well as notification of special programs.

Many of the Library’s programs and services would not be possible without the continuing support of our patrons. POPL helps finance the prestigious annual Author Illustrator program. Over the past 31 years, this program has brought important authors and illustrators of children’s books to speak to the Baton Rouge community. The Summer Reading program, Attic Treasures & Collectables (now in its 9th year) and a variety of other popular programs are also supported in part by funds from POPL.

POPL raises money through its monthly sales of gift books, the sale of its special library bookmark, and membership dues. There are three levels of dues:

- Annual Member - \$5.00
- Supporting Member - \$10.00
- Life Member - \$50.00

Memorials, recognitions, bequests, and other special gifts to POPL are tax deductible and greatly appreciated.

Contact POPL via email at popl@ebr.lib.la.us. To become a member of POPL, fill out the form below, or complete an online membership form available at <http://www.ebr.lib.la.us/about/popl.htm>. For more information, call the Adult Services division of the Main Library at (225) 231-3745.

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Name _____	Membership Dues:
Address _____	Annual \$5.00
City, State, Zip _____	Supporting \$10.00
Telephone _____	Life \$50.00

Mail your tax-deductible check with this application to: Patrons of the Public Library
7711 Goodwood Boulevard
Baton Rouge, LA 70806

For more information about this non-profit organization, call the Adult Services Division at (225) 231-3745.



Meet & Greet the New Library Director at the POPL Social

The Library invites everyone to “meet & greet” the Library’s new Director during the POPL Membership Social at the Main Library on Thursday, December 4, at 2:00 p.m. After a brief informational and Q&A session, members will elect new officers for the 2009 year. All attendants will get the chance to participate in a drawing for **FREE** tickets to see comedian Paula Poundstone live at the Manship Theater on Saturday, January 31.

Refreshments will be served at this meeting. For more information, call (225) 231-3745.



Festival of Lights

Join the Downtown Development District (DDD), the East Baton Rouge Parish Library, and a host of other partners under downtown's historic oaks to commemorate Baton Rouge's oldest holiday tradition, the *Festival of Lights* on Friday, December 5, from 4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Transforming the winter sky into a wonderland, Mayor Melvin "Kip" Holden will light North Boulevard with half a million sparkling white lights. Experience the magic beneath the City's official 35-foot Christmas tree. Ice skate, visit Santa's Gift Shoppe, or listen to holiday music during an evening of performances, including a featured Library storyteller from 3:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. There's even **FREE** parking in the River Center garage for this special evening. A full listing of events can be found at the DDD website, <http://www.downtownbatonrouge.org/playFestofLights.asp>

The Library will be closed in observance of

Christmas Eve on Wednesday, December 24,

Christmas Day on Thursday, December 25, and

New Years Eve on Wednesday, December 31.

Paula Poundstone to Visit Baton Rouge!

Emmy-award winning comedian Paula Poundstone, the national spokesperson for Friends of Libraries U.S.A. (FOLUSA), will appear at the Manship Theater on Saturday, January 31. The "Wait, Wait...Don't Tell Me!" panelist, mother of three, and author will lend her name, voice, and humor to support the Library's own friends group, POPL. POPL will raffle off tickets to see Poundstone at the membership social at the Main Library on Thursday, December 4, at 2:00 p.m.

"We're absolutely thrilled that Paula Poundstone is using her celebrity status to help highlight and support Friends of the Library groups," said Sally Reed, Executive Director of FOLUSA. "Each one of these volunteer citizen organizations work hard throughout the year to raise money for and public awareness about their libraries. Libraries would be immeasurably poorer without them."

"There I was in another unbalanced relationship," begins Emmy-award winning comedian Paula Poundstone, "I could borrow anything I wanted from my library unless it was in the reference section or nailed down. And what was I giving back? It was unhealthy. Now I've joined Friends of the Library. I'm helping them raise money for children's summer reading programs, author events, computers - I feel good. Join your Friends of the Library chapter. All you have to do is call your local library and they'll tell you how. If you haven't been to the library lately, you're overdue."

Paula is so quick and unassuming that audience members at her live shows often leave complaining that their cheeks hurt from laughter and debating whether the random people



she talked to were "plants".

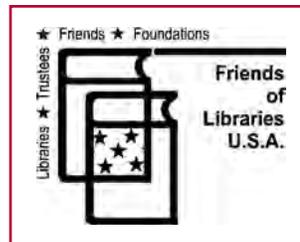
Copies of the book, *There's Nothing In This Book That I Meant To Say*, will be available for purchase before and after the performance. Following her one-woman show, Poundstone will be available for book signing.

Among her many accolades, Poundstone is an EMMY Award winner. She was the first woman to be invited to perform at the White House Correspondents Dinner, and the first woman to win a Cable ACE for best standup comedy special. She's also won an ACE for Program Interviewer and

an American Comedy Award for Best Female Standup. Other appearances include: Garrison Keillor's *A Prairie Home Companion*, *Real Time with Bill Maher*, *Late Night with David Letterman*, and several specials on HBO.

FOLUSA is a national organization which provides resources, services, and networking opportunities for over 3,000 Friends, Trustees, and library Foundations across the country to increase and enhance their efforts on behalf of libraries of all types. For more than 25 years FOLUSA has offered training, support, and idea sharing for library supporters around the country.

For more information about POPL or this event, contact Library Public Relations at (225) 231-3710.



Holiday Intrigue

Cozy up to the fire this December with a yuletide mystery! Some great selections include:

The Twelve Deaths of Christmas by Marian Babson

A Carol for a Corpse by Claudia Bishop

Sugarplums and Scandal by Kerrelyn Sparks

Peppermint Twisted by Sammi Carter

Sugar Cookie Murder by Joanne Fluke

Death's Bright Angel by Janet Neel

Jingle Bell Bark by Laurien Berenson

Mistletoe Mischief by Sandra Heath

Two Cooks-a-Killing by Joanne Pence

Deadly Little Christmas by Mary V. Welk

Kissing Christmas Goodbye by M.C. Beaton

To discover more great titles like these check out *NovelList* in the online databases on the Library's website or visit www.cozy-mystery.com.



Library staff will march in several area parades this holiday season.

Check us out at the following:

"Christmas in Central"
Saturday, December 6,
10:00 a.m.

"Christmas in Chaneyville"
Saturday, December 6,
11:00 a.m.

"A Fairy Tale Christmas"
Saturday, December 13,
10:00 a.m. (Zachary)

"Welcome Back, Main Street"
Saturday, December 13,
2:00 p.m. (Baker)

"Christmas in the Park"
Saturday, December 13,
11:00 a.m. (Scotlandville)

"An Eden Park Christmas"
Saturday, December 13,
1:00 p.m.

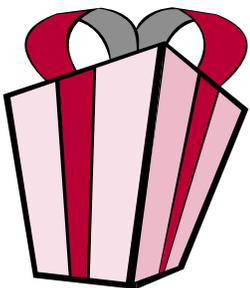
"Christmas on the Creek"
Sunday, December 14,
2:00 p.m. (Jones Creek)

Holiday Gifts

Gifts From The Kitchen

Save money this holiday season with homemade gifts from your kitchen! The Pride Chaneyville Branch will hold a free holiday cooking workshop on Wednesday, December 3, at 1:00 p.m. Library staff will demonstrate how to make several delicious recipes along with unique presentation ideas. Printed copies of the recipes will be available to take home.

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



African Angels

Learn how to create a unique Christmas decoration just in time for the holidays! Joann Fryling will be holding several workshops on how to make an African Angel. These colorful dolls can be used as ornaments or as free standing decorations. They are easy to craft and make wonderful gifts.

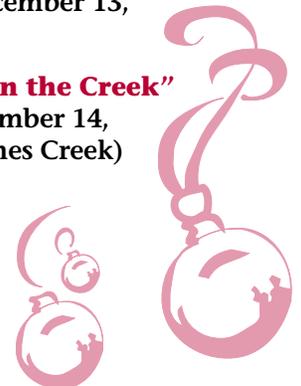
This craft workshop will be held at the Scotlandville Branch on Thursday, December 4, at 10:30 a.m. and again at 6:30 p.m.; and at the Jones Creek Regional Branch on Saturday, December 6, at 10:30 a.m.

For more information and to register, call the Scotlandville Branch at (225) 354-7550 or the Jones Creek Regional Branch at (225) 756-1150.

Genealogy Holiday Craft Ideas

Turn your genealogy work into a holiday gift for the entire family to enjoy! Genealogy Librarian, Cassie Fedrick, will go over some unique ideas for a family heritage heirloom at the Baker Branch on Wednesday, December 3, at 10:00 a.m. This will be an idea sharing and instruction session only. Participants will be provided handouts that include instructions and websites to find more ideas on family heritage gift treasures.

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





The East Baton Rouge Parish Library wishes to thank the following for their special contributions this year.

- Aunt Sally's Pralines
- Barnes and Noble
- Baton Rouge Fire Department
- Baton Rouge Zoo
- Bernard's Pralines
- Blue Bayou
- BREC
- Celebration Station
- Central Bloomers
- Chelsea's Café
- Chick-Fil-A
- Ci Ci's Pizza
- Coca Cola Bottling Company
- Community Coffee
- Cookies by Design
- Cortana Mall
- Cotton Wood Books
- Cox Communications
- Creative Educational Teaching Tools
- Don Carter's All Star Lanes
- Grand Cinema
- Jack-in-the-Box
- LASM
- Learning Express
- LPB
- McDonald's
- Mellow Mushroom
- Papa John's
- Patrons of the Public Library (POPL)
- Popeye's
- The Princeton Review
- Random House
- School Aids
- A Soup Named Stew
- Sunshine Pages
- Target
- Tropical Smoothie
- USS Kidd
- Video USA
- Whole Foods

The Library also extends thanks to the many groups, community organizations, and individuals that have contributed their time and talent for the many fine programs presented throughout the year.

Holiday Fun at the Creek

A Weekend of Caroling

Enjoy a weekend of caroling at the Jones Creek Regional Branch. A family caroling contest will take place on Saturday, December 13, from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Each family will perform their favorite holiday song and a prize will be awarded for the best performance.

Families can register by calling (225) 756-1150.

On Sunday, December 14, from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. choirs and musicians from local Baton Rouge churches will present holiday tunes. The public is invited to attend and refreshments will be served.

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



Holiday Decorating

Make your home look fabulous this holiday season with help from local decorator and wedding planner, Trina King. King will offer tips and ideas for decorating your home as well as teach participants how to create a silk flower arrangement. This free workshop will take place at the Jones Creek Regional Branch on Saturday, December 6, at 2:00 p.m.

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

Winter Wonderland

The Jones Creek Regional Branch will turn into a winter wonderland this December! The Library will be filled trees decorated for the holidays by neighboring schools, churches, and civic associations. A variety of themes will be present in the displays.

The trees will be on display at the Jones Creek Regional Branch throughout the month of December. For more information, call (225) 756-1150.



Stuff your Stockings @ the Library!

Looking for the perfect gift for that someone that has everything? Well, give the gift that keeps on giving--reading. The Library proudly announces its continued tradition of selling our "golden" Library bookmark for just \$5.00! Funds generated from this sale will help support many library programs, like Summer Reading, Attic Treasures & Collectibles, Author Illustrator, and more.

For more information, or to purchase your own bookmarks this holiday season, visit the Adult Services Division at the Main Library.

New Career Center Books For Your Career Advancement

The Career Center now has study guides and exam review books for Certified Professional Secretary® and Certified Administrative Professional®. Take your career up a notch and become certified!

For more information and other career related questions contact the Career Center at the River Center Branch at (225) 381-8434.

Free Retirement Workshop

Are retirement issues weighing heavily on your mind? The Library will be holding a free retirement workshop twice in December to help put your mind at ease.



John Neyland, Certified Senior Advisor and president of JCN Financial, will present a two-part workshop, *Little Known Retirement Facts*, at the Jones Creek Regional Branch. The workshop will be split over two weeks. Part One will be held on Tuesday, December 2, and again on Wednesday, December 3. Part Two will be held on Tuesday, December 9, and again on Wednesday, December 10. The workshop will begin each night at 7:00 p.m.

This workshop will highlight the common mistakes made in retirement planning and illustrate tax efficient planning that can enhance individual retirement plans. Participants will also learn how to benefit from a volatile market.

Library books and magazines on retirement issues will be available at the event. Library staff will highlight print and online retirement sources available in the Library's collection. For more information and to register, call (225) 756-1150.

Adult Computer Training

In addition to all of the regularly scheduled computer classes at the Main Library, the Bluebonnet Regional Branch will offer a variety of FREE computer classes for adults. Call (225) 763-2250 to register!

Introduction to Microsoft Word

Thursday, December 4, 10:00 a.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.

Intermediate Microsoft Word

Thursday, December 11, 10:00 a.m.

Participants will learn how to separate text into columns, create and modify a table, sort items in a table, and insert headers and footers.

Microsoft Publisher for Beginners

Saturday, December 13, 10:00 a.m.

Learn the basics of Microsoft Publisher, including how to create a flyer, pamphlet, and newsletter.

Introduction to Gmail

Thursday, December 18, 10:00 a.m.

Learn how to create an email account with Google. Participants will also learn the basics of email including how to receive email, compose an email, and send an attachment.



BOOK CLUBS @ your Library™

Baker Branch

Second Monday of each month
at 10:30 a.m.

A Very Southern Christmas
by Charlie McCord and Judy Tucker

First Tuesday of each month
at 6:30 p.m.

*A Treasury of African-American
Christmas Stories*
by Bettye Collier-Thomas

Bluebonnet Regional Branch

Third Wednesday of each month
at 7:30 p.m.

Molloy by Samuel Beckett

"Crazy Little Thing Called Love Book
Club"

Third Tuesday of each month
at 7:00 p.m.

The Devil in the Junior League
by Linda Francis Lee

Jones Creek Regional Branch

Third Tuesday of each month
at 7:00 p.m.

The Secret Garden by Frances H.
Burnett

Main Library

"Mystery Lovers Book Club"

Tuesday, December 9, at noon
Any Holiday Mystery

"Anarchists' Book Club"

Fourth Wednesday of each month
at 7:00 p.m.

Pride-Chaneyville Branch

Saturday, December 6, at 10:30 a.m.

Swine Not by Jimmy Buffet

River Center Branch

Last Wednesday of the month
at 5:00 p.m.

Zachary Branch

Second Tuesday of each month at
11:00 a.m.

The Red Tent by Anita Diamant

Due to the holidays,
several bookclubs
will not meet in December.

They will resume
their regularly scheduled
meetings in January.

Teen Game Day



Pack up some games and head to the Baker Branch on Saturday, December 27, at 2:00 p.m. for an afternoon of fun! The library will have a Wii and other board games available for teens to play.

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

Animated Afternoon

Would you like to learn basic animation techniques? Head to the Baker Branch on Thursday, December 11, at 5:00 p.m. to create your very own animated flip book!

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



Christmas Tree Bling Bling

Give your tree some *ZING!* with a little bling bling! Create unique Christmas ornaments using recycled CDs at the Baker Branch on Wednesday, December 17, at 2:30 p.m.

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

Christmas Jewelry

Stand out at holiday parties this season with unique jewelry. Teens will make fun and funky Christmas earrings and bracelets at the Main Library on Saturday, December 20, at 2:00 p.m.

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

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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, one of the premier suppliers of college preparatory material. Each Practice Test will last several hours and is divided into sections, as is the real test. Students are required to pre-register for the Practice Tests.

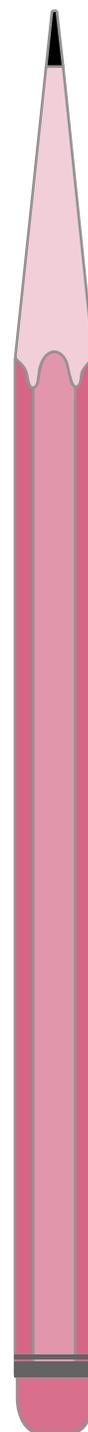
The Practice Test will take place on **Saturday, February 7** at the Bluebonnet Regional Branch, Main Library, Scotlandville Branch and the Zachary Branch. Students should arrive thirty minutes prior to the start of the test and bring two sharpened pencils and a calculator.

Staff from the Princeton Review will appear at libraries for a “Scores Back” session. The “Scores Back” session is a free seminar that will help parents and students navigate the important road through testing and college admissions. Topics include an in-depth look at practice tests, an overview of the ACT and SAT, and the student’s high school timeline. Students will also receive their scores from the test.

“Scores Back” sessions subsequent to the Practice Tests will be offered as follows:

Practice Test on Saturday, February 7	Scores Back Date & Time
Main Library 9:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Wednesday, February 18, 6:30 p.m.
Bluebonnet Regional Branch 10:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.	Thursday, February 12, 6:30 p.m.
Zachary Branch 10:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.	Tuesday, February 17, 6:30 p.m.
Scotlandville Branch 1:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.	Wednesday, February 11, 6:30 p.m.

Due to the limited number of seats available, students are required to register for the ACT Practice Tests and Review Sessions. Registration begins Tuesday, December 2. To register, visit www.princetonreview.com or call your participating library. For more information, call (225) 231-3770.





Mrs. Claus Visits the Library

During the month of December while Santa Claus is busy making toys and treats for boys and girls all over the world, Mrs. Santa Claus will be making special visits to children, ages 3 and up, at the East Baton Rouge Parish Library. She will pick up letters and listen to requests for Santa. Children will also be given treats and participate in storytelling, activities, and carols. The Holiday Clown will make a special guest appearance with Mrs. Santa Claus.

For children, ages 3 and up. Groups must register. To register and for more information, call (225) 231-3760.

Monday, December 1

Scotlandville Branch, 10:30 a.m.

Tuesday, December 2

Pride-Chaneyville Branch, 10:00 a.m.

Wednesday, December 3

Eden Park Branch, 10:00 a.m.

Thursday, December 4

River Center Branch, 10:30 a.m.

Monday, December 8

Central Branch, 10:00 a.m.

Tuesday, December 9

Main Library, 10:30 a.m.

Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch, 10:30 a.m.

Wednesday, December 10

Baker Branch, 11:00 a.m.

Thursday, December 11

Bluebonnet Regional Branch, 10:30 a.m.

Monday, December 15

Carver Branch, 10:30 a.m.

Tuesday, December 16

Jones Creek Regional Branch, 10:30 a.m.

Wednesday, December 17

Zachary Branch, 10:00 a.m.

Thursday, December 18

Delmont Gardens Branch, 11:00 a.m.



The Library Has Gone To The Dogs!

The Library has purchased over fifty Story Dogs for children. These life sized stuffed dogs can be found in the children's room at every location of the library. Children can pick out a dog and read to it for up to thirty minutes. Story Dogs are patient listeners who will help strengthen children's reading skills. To find out more about the Story Dogs check with the children's division at your local branch!



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. Children will be allowed to pick out their favorite book and then spend up to 15 minutes reading to the animal of their choice.

Tiger HATS is a community organization sponsored by the LSU School of Veterinary Medicine. It is composed of volunteers from the LSU Veterinary School and interested persons from the Baton Rouge community. The purpose of the Tiger HATS program is to demonstrate the benefits of human-animal interaction through programs such as this.

Tiger HATS will be at the Carver Branch on Saturday, December 6, at 10:00 a.m. For more information, call (225) 389-7460.



Santa Sends Letters in Braille

One of the greatest holiday traditions for children is sending a letter to Santa at the North Pole. This year, the tradition will get even better. Beginning December 1, Braille letters from Santa will start going out to boys and girls around the country. The Braille letter will also be accompanied by a print copy (for mom and dad to read), and parents can choose the contracted or uncontracted form of Braille for the letter.

"Santa approached the National Federation of the Blind a couple of years ago and asked us to be his helpers," said Dr. Marc Maurer, President of the National Federation of the Blind. "I'm quite fond of the fellow and was delighted that we could assist him in his work. Braille literacy is the key to success and opportunity for the blind; besides, reading Braille is lots of fun. It's really exciting for kids to get their very own Braille letter at Christmas time from jolly old St. Nicholas himself."

From Sunday, November 16 through Tuesday, December 16, parents can go online at www.nfb.org and fill out a Santa Braille Letter request form. The form can also be printed and faxed to (410) 659-6893. Requests for letters must include the writer's name, the child's name, birthday, gender, mailing address, and a telephone number or e-mail address in case Santa's helpers at the National Federation of the Blind have questions.

The deadline for letter requests is December 16, to ensure that a return letter in braille is received before Christmas.

For more information about this and other programs of the National Federation of the Blind, visit www.nfb.org.



Mounted Patrol Unit Visits The Library

The Baton Rouge Police Department's Mounted Patrol will once again visit the Main Library on Saturday, December 6, at 2:30 p.m. Children of all ages will have a chance to meet several officers from the unit and their horses. The officers will discuss their role in the Baton Rouge Police Department as well as demonstrate movements and skills utilized by the unit.

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

Carver Animation Club

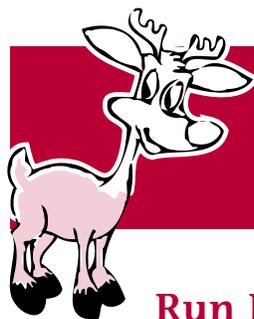
Children, ages 5 to 11, are invited to join this fun and exciting club at the Carver Branch on Monday, December 29, at 4:00 p.m. The club explores animation through the wide variety of drawing books that are available in the library's collection. Members also share ideas and animation techniques.

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

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HOLIDAY FUN FOR KIDS

Run Run Reindeer

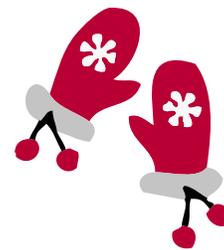
Children, ages 4 to 9, will listen to the story *Russell's Christmas Magic* by Rob Scotton at the Baker Branch on Saturday, December 13, at 11:00 a.m. Following the story, children will create a reindeer puppet.

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

The Mitten Storytime

Children, ages 4 to 8, will listen to the classic Ukrainian folktale, *The Mitten* at the Baker Branch on Saturday, December 6, at 11:00 a.m. Following the story, participants will create cat and mouse magnet toys.

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



Christmas is Coming!

Get ready for Christmas at the Pride-Chaneyville Branch on Thursday, December 18, at 4:00 p.m. Children, ages 4 to 6, will listen to the story *The Night Before Christmas* by Clement Moore and then create a Rudolph reindeer ornament.

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

Holiday Poetry Read Aloud

Celebrate the holiday season by sharing poems about Christmas, Kwanzaa, and Hanukkah. Children, ages 5 to 11, are invited to share their favorite holiday poem at the Carver Branch on Tuesday, December 9, at 4:30 p.m.

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



Wrap It Up!

Children, ages 7 to 11, will listen to a story that celebrates the joy of giving and then be taught how to gift wrap a present at the Scotlandville Branch on Monday, December 22, at 2:30 p.m.

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

A Very Merry Sing-a-long

Children of all ages and their families are invited to participate in a holiday sing-a-long at the Jones Creek Regional Branch on Tuesday, December 23, at 7:00 p.m. Holiday stories will also be read and participants will create a special pine cone craft.

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

Arthur's Christmas

Children, ages 5 to 8, will listen to the story *Arthur's Christmas* by Marc Brown and decorate a holiday coloring sheet at the Eden Park Branch on Saturday, December 20, at 10:00 a.m.

For more information, call (225) 231-3260.

Polar Express Pajama Party

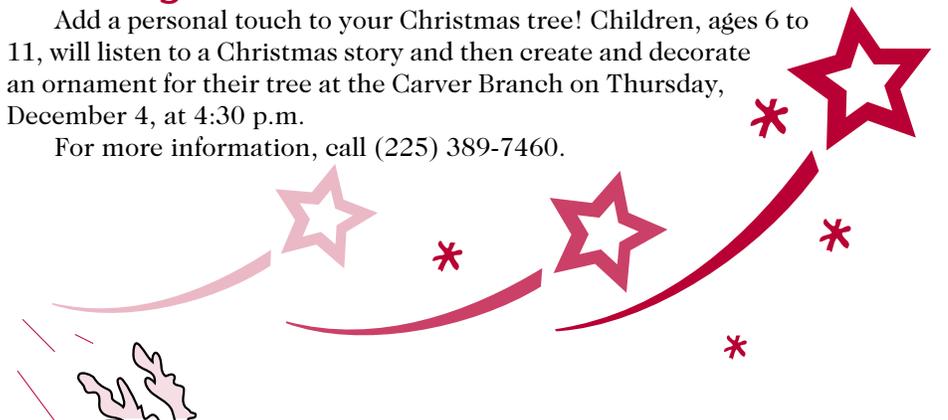
All aboard! Children, ages 4 and up, are invited to wear their pajamas to the library for a special reading of *The Polar Express* at the Jones Creek Regional Branch on Wednesday, December 10, at 7:00 p.m. Following the reading, children will sing songs, play games, and create a glittery bell craft.

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

Shooting Star Ornaments

Add a personal touch to your Christmas tree! Children, ages 6 to 11, will listen to a Christmas story and then create and decorate an ornament for their tree at the Carver Branch on Thursday, December 4, at 4:30 p.m.

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



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 three 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.

Toddler Time – for walking children through two years old

Central	Tuesdays, December 2, 9, 16	10:00 a.m.
Pride-Chaneyville	Tuesdays, December 2, 9, 16	10:00 a.m.
Zachary	Wednesdays, December 3, 10, 17	10:00 a.m.

Preschool Storytime – for children three to five years old

Baker	Wednesday, December 3	10:30 a.m.
Central	Wednesdays, December 3, 10, 17	10:00 a.m.
Pride-Chaneyville	Tuesdays, December 2, 9, 16	10:30 a.m.
Zachary	Wednesdays, December 3, 10, 17	10:00 a.m.

Combined Age Storytime – for all ages

Main Library	Tuesdays, December 2, 9	10:30 a.m.
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Gingerbread Man

Children, ages 5 to 11, will create listen to the story *The Cajun Gingerbread Man* at the Scotlandville Branch on Monday, December 29, at 2:30 p.m. Following the story, participants will decorate a paper cut-out of a gingerbread man.

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



Gingerbread Family

If you like gingerbread – head to the Bluebonnet Regional Branch on Saturday, December 6, at 2:30 p.m. Children, ages 5 and up, will listen to the story *Gingerbread Baby*, sing gingerbread songs, and decorate a gingerbread craft.

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

Gingerbread Cookie Ornaments

Children, ages 6 to 10, will listen to the story, *Harriet and George's Christmas Treat* by Nancy Carlson at the Pride-Chaneyville Branch on Thursday, December 4, at 3:00 p.m. Following the story, participants will design a pre-cut gingerbread cookie ornament.

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

Game Day

Don't be bored – play board games at the Baker Branch on Monday, December 22, at 2:30 p.m. Children, ages 5 to 11, will enjoy a variety of fun board games.

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

Spelling Bee Spectacular

Children, ages 6 to 11, will test their spelling skills during this fun spelling bee at the Carver Branch on Wednesday, December 17, at 4:00 p.m.

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

On View at the Library



Bluebonnet Regional Branch Library

Cheryl Holt

Local artist, Cheryl Holt, will exhibit a variety of her recent paintings.

Skating on the Thin Ice of an Idea

Be*Mused, a group of local fiber artist, will present an exhibit featuring two and three dimensional works of fabric, paper, beads, and paint that will include wall art, dolls, and books.

Central Branch Library

Picturing America

Picturing America introduces citizens of every age to our nation's history and culture by bringing great works of American art into classrooms and libraries. This month's exhibit features great American architecture.

Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch

A Kwanzaa Christmas Experience

Local artist, Johnnie Perkins, will display colorful paintings with images of Kwanzaa tradition.

Jones Creek Regional Branch Library

Angel Collection

Donnie Faye Hull will display her vast collection of angel themed jewelry, ornaments, ceramics, and linens.

Nutcrackers

View a wide array of nutcrackers from collector, Joan Walsh.

LIBRARY-BOOK-SALE

Recycled Reads • 13505 Hooper Road

will be closed in December.

The next book sale will be Saturday, January 31, 2009.

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Main Library

7711 Goodwood Boulevard (225) 231-3740
Monday – Thursday, 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.
Friday and Saturday, 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Sunday, 2:00 – 10:00 p.m.

Branch Libraries

Baker Branch Library

3501 Groom Road, Baker (225) 778-5940
Monday – Thursday, 9:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Friday and Saturday, 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Sunday, 2:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Bluebonnet Regional Branch Library

9200 Bluebonnet Boulevard (225) 763-2240
Monday – Thursday, 9:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Friday and Saturday, 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Sunday, 2:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Carver Branch Library

720 Terrace Street (225) 389-7440
Monday – Thursday 9:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Friday and Saturday, 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Sunday, 2:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Central Branch Library

11260 Joor Road (225) 262-2640
Monday – Thursday, 9:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Friday and Saturday, 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Sunday, 2:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Delmont Gardens Branch Library

3351 Lorraine Street (225) 354-7040
Monday – Thursday, 9:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Friday and Saturday, 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Sunday, 2:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Eden Park Branch Library

5131 Greenwell Springs Road (225) 231-3240
Monday – Thursday, 9:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Friday and Saturday, 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Sunday, 2:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch Library

11300 Greenwell Springs Road (225) 274-4440
Monday – Thursday, 9:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Friday and Saturday, 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Sunday, 2:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Jones Creek Regional Branch Library

6222 Jones Creek Road (225) 756-1140
Monday – Thursday, 9:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Friday and Saturday, 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Sunday, 2:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Pride-Chaneyville Branch Library

13600 Pride-Port Hudson Road (225) 658-1540
Monday – Thursday, 9:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Friday and Saturday, 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Sunday, 2:00 – 6:00 p.m.

River Center Branch Library

120 St. Louis Street (225) 389-4967
Monday – Thursday, 8:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Friday and Saturday, 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Sunday, 2:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Scotlandville Branch Library

7373 Scenic Highway (225) 354-7540
Monday – Thursday, 9:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Friday and Saturday, 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Sunday, 2:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Zachary Branch Library

1900 Church Street, Zachary (225) 658-1840
Monday – Thursday, 9:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Friday and Saturday, 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Sunday, 2:00 – 6:00 p.m.

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