The Library proudly announces the Smokin’ Hot Kick-Off for the Spring 2008 Big Read: One Book/One Community program, sponsored by The Big Read, East Baton Rouge Parish Library and the Baton Rouge Area Chamber. The event will begin with a fiery reception featuring a steaming hot, flavor-filled, menu and continue with the presentation of the classic film based on Ray Bradbury's Fahrenheit 451, at the BREC Independence Park Theatre & Cultural Center on Saturday, February 9, at 2:00 p.m. After the FREE movie screening, audience members will participate in an open discussion, moderated by Beth Courtney, President and CEO, Louisiana Public Broadcasting (LPB), and led by a panel of community leaders featuring Danny Heitman, columnist, The Advocate; Derek Gordon, CEO, Arts Council of Greater Baton Rouge; Craig Freeman, LSU professor and moderator of LPB’s Public Square; and special guest Christine Taylor, Program Director for The Big Read. Jennifer Lehmkuhl, Program Assistant of Arts Midwest, which is administering the Big Read program for the National Endowment for the Arts will also attend. Admission is free and open to the public.

The Big Read: One Book/One Community is a community-wide reading program where people from all walks of life including middle and high school students are encouraged to read and then discuss important issues raised by one book. “As part of our focus on education, the Baton Rouge Area Chamber aspires to transform our community into a ‘Learning Community,’” said Stephen Moret, former President and CEO, Baton Rouge Area Chamber. “This community-wide reading project will not only promote reading and lifelong learning but will also give an opportunity for all residents to become involved in meaningful conversation with people of different background and perspectives.”

Copies of Fahrenheit 451, accessible in a variety of formats including print, audio, and DVDs, are available not only in libraries, but also in classrooms, churches, clubs, community centers, and businesses throughout the nine-parish area. Reading Discussion Groups can meet at libraries, bookstores, coffee shops and cafes, businesses, churches, schools, clubs, and homes. The Big Read: One Book/One Community website, www.ReadOneBook.org, includes a master schedule of events and toolkits for teachers.

For more information on participating in the program, and for businesses and organizations who wish to partner with the Library and the Chamber, call (225) 231-3710, or visit www.ReadOneBook.org.


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They Were Children Too!

Celebrate Black History Month at the Eden Park Branch, on Thursday, February 21, at 10:30 a.m. This program for children, ages 9 to 11, will take a look at the childhood years of African-American role models, such as George Washington Carver, Booker T. Washington, Marian Anderson, and Jackie Robinson. Participants will watch a presentation on how the childhoods of these famous people influenced their later successes in life. Following the presentation, a brief trivia quiz will be given and a prize will be awarded to the winner.

To register and for more information, call (225) 231-3260.

Find Ancestors on the Web

Learn how to use several databases that can help with ancestral research at the Bluebonnet Regional Branch, on Wednesday, February 27, at 10:30 a.m. FamilySearch.org and Rootsweb.com are two free databases that offer a wealth of information. FamilySearch.org offers many tools including a unique how-to-section for those researching African-American ancestors. This class will teach how to navigate these sites as well as how to download a specialized program to your home computer which can aid in the organization of a genealogical search.

To register and for more information, call (225) 763-2283.

Black Life Through the Lens:
The Willie Harris Collection

The Willie Harris Collection is an outstanding collection of black and white and color photographs depicting African-American life in Baton Rouge, Louisiana from the 1920's through Willie Harris' death in 1992, housed at the Scotlandville Branch as part of the Library's Black Heritage Collection. Though the Scotlandville Branch Library houses a small portion of the collection, many more items are housed in storage, awaiting discovery and distribution. Willie Harris, the first chief of police at Southern University A&M College, was an avid, professional photographer who captured every aspect of the world around him. Those images included family life, social organizations, religious ceremonies, collegiate life at Southern University, and much more. After his death in 1992, James Terry, Harris' neighbor, found and saved over 40,000 photographs that had been bagged and put on the curb for trash pickup. The pictures depict rare glimpses into the life of the historic Scotlandville community and serve as a living testament to African-American culture.

"People can touch and identify with these pictures," says Terry. "We (African Americans) have a very proud heritage. It is up to one of us to get the ball rolling, and it is up to someone else to keep it going after we are gone." Members of the community are encouraged to visit the Scotlandville Library and browse through the collection. "The exhibits usually bring a smile to people's faces because they may see someone that they know in the photographs," Terry said.

For more information, contact the Scotlandville Branch at (225) 354-7580.
Tellin’ Tales

Roscoe Reddix, Jr., dancer, storyteller, and musician will share stories and songs from the African diaspora in an interactive presentation for children, ages 5 to 11. The inspiring program celebrates the ability of each of us to overcome all obstacles on the road to achieving success.

Tuesday, February 12, 10:00 a.m.
Baker Branch

Saturday, February 16, 10:00 a.m.
Carver Branch

Thursday, February 14, 10:00 a.m.
Delmont Gardens Branch

Saturday, February 16, 2:30 p.m.
Main Library

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

More than just an overview of Baton Rouge’s African American community, the “Our African-American Legacy” webpage, located on the Library’s website at www.ebr.lib.la.us is designed to provide a place to explore the rich legacy of African Americans in the Baton Rouge community through a historical timeline, concise biographies of important individuals and places, an evolving photo gallery, as well as various featured print and audio/visual resources from the Library’s collections. Patrons are asked to submit their own pictures or anecdotes to the “Our African American Legacy” webpage, today!

The Library will be closed for Mardi Gras on Tuesday, February 5, 2008.
Surviving in the Workplace

Learn how to excel at your current job at the River Center Branch, on Monday, February 4, at 10:30 a.m. Career Coach, Ursula Carmena, will teach participants the steps on how to move ahead in their careers, as well as how to handle difficult co-workers.

Carmena is a career coach with the Career Center located in the River Center Branch Library. The Career Center is a free public service offering extensive resources to identify personal needs while planning a career path.

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

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. Ranging from computer basics to PowerPoint, the Library is your first stop on the information superhighway.

Beginning Word
Thursday, February 7, 10:00 a.m.
Learn how to edit documents.

Introduction to Microsoft Publisher 2003
Tuesday, February 12, 10:00 a.m.
Learn how to make a flyer, newsletter, pamphlet, and many other documents.

Introduction to the Internet
Saturday, February 23, 10:00 a.m.
Learn the basics of surfin’ the web.

Beginning PowerPoint
Wednesday, February 27, 10:00 a.m.
Learn how to develop a dynamic presentation.

To register and for additional information, call (225)763-2250.

Library Year in Review: Fast Stats At a Glance

- **Registered Borrowers** = 366,065 people; (89% of the legal population.)
- **Circulation** = 2,307,630 items were checked out!
- **Library Visits** = 2,125,928—Lots of wear and tear on our welcome mats!
- **Regular Collection** = 2,026,890 bar-coded items and microfilm
- **Reference Questions** = 695,746 total questions were answered—which averages to 1,906 questions a day! (a 7% increase over last year)
- **Total Library Programs** = 3,947 with 60,352 people attending
- **Library hosted its first Big Read**, with more than 7,700 people participating, across the nine-parish region.
- **Storytime programs** = 17,673 attended
- **Summer Reading Club** participation is up by 10%--perhaps due to the immense popularity of the jazz themed adult summer reading programming and its sensational t-shirt incentive.
- **Database Usage**= 155,386 database searches were performed, a 5.2% increase over last year. By taking advantage of the FREE database services, East Baton Rouge Parish patrons lead the state in database usage—with school and business resources leading the list. Other favorites included genealogical resources, car repair, and Newsbank databases and Overdrive, our new media download center.
- **Computers** = 444 public computers with free access to the internet.

Look for the Library’s complete Annual Report online at www.ebr.lib.la.us.

Blogging with Blogger

Blogging is one of the fastest and easiest ways to publish to the web. Learn about blogs and how to create your own at the Main Library, on Wednesday, February 13, at 9:00 a.m. Participants will learn how to sign up for a free blog with Blogger.com, write a blog post and publish it to the web, customize their blog, and how to blog responsibly and safely.

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

Introducing InfoBlog

How does the Library Information Service find phone numbers so quickly? What are some of the newest online databases available to library patrons? Curious patrons can check out InfoBlog at http://ebrpl.wordpress.com. InfoBlog is a weblog containing interesting and useful websites, online resources and search hints brought to you by the seasoned librarians of the Library Information Service. You already knew that they could find the answers to your questions. InfoBlog shows you how they do it.
Don’t Read These Books… You May Get Ideas!!

From *Harry Potter* to *Little Women*, and even Dr. Seuss, books have been “under Fire” for many years. Staff at the Jones Creek Regional Branch has displayed just a few books that are often banned or challenged from around the globe. See *just how many you’ve read!* A brochure of challenged books is available at [www.ReadOneBook.org](http://www.ReadOneBook.org).

For more information, call (225) 756-1140.

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**KristallNacht Discussion**

As a part of *The Big Read: One Book/One Community*, Rabbi Barry Weinstein will give a lecture at the Main Library, on Sunday, February 10, at 3:00 p.m. Rabbi Weinstein will describe the destruction of synagogues and burning of books on Kristallnacht, and the impact of that night in 1938, upon Germany and European Jewish life. He will explore how those events relate to the themes of government oppression and censorship found in Ray Bradbury’s *Fahrenheit 451*.

Following his lecture, Rabbi Weinstein will lead a discussion as to what extent our lives reflect fear of government censorship today and how much of our individual rights have been lost due to important changes in our communities or in our local, state and national government.

Rabbi Weinstein is the Sabbatical Rabbi of B’nai Israel Synagogue. He is also the co-founder of One Baton Rouge and the Interfaith Federation.

For more information, call (225) 231-3745 or visit [www.ReadOneBook.org](http://www.ReadOneBook.org).

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**Save the Date! Saturday, March 1st.**

Author Sam Weller will discuss his work, *The Bradbury Chronicles: The Life of Ray Bradbury* at the Bluebonnet Regional Branch Library at 2:00 p.m. A book signing and reception will follow. For more information visit, [www.ReadOneBook.org](http://www.ReadOneBook.org).

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**Spittin’ and Sizzlin’ Freshhhh Heat @ The Library**

*Are you a lyrical master? Think you got what it takes to “spit” fresh rhymes? Prove it, at the Main Library on Saturday, February 23, at 2:00 p.m. Teens are invited to participate in a poetry slam. Interested participants can pick up a list of “hot” words to use in their poems from the Teen Services desk, or by visiting *The Big Read: One Book/One Community* website, [www.ReadOneBook.org](http://www.ReadOneBook.org). For more information, call (225) 231-3770.*

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**Exhibits:**

*The Bonfire of Liberty: Censorship of the Humanities* – Highlighting the impact of censorship as applied to the humanities through the ages, this exhibit emphasizes modern times, with surprises on every panel. View this exhibit at the Jones Creek Regional Branch in March and at the Bluebonnet Regional Branch in April.

*Freedom of the Press* will be on display at LSU Hill Memorial Library beginning February 25.

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**Elsewhere in the Community**

**Events:**

- **“Ring of Fire: The Music of Johnny Cash”** LSU Great Performance will be on Tuesday, February 19, at 8:00 p.m. For ticket pricing and more information, call (225) 578-5128.

- **“Speak Truth to Power: Voices From Beyond the Dark”** a Swine Palace production is showing February 6-24. For ticket pricing and more information, call (225) 578-3527.

- **St. Francisville’s Kick-Off Reception for *The Big Read: One Book/One Community*** will be held on Thursday, February 14, at 6:00 p.m. Call the West Feliciana Parish Library at (225) 784-0260 for more information.

- **St. Francisville Teen Panel** discusses *Intellectual Freedom* on Tuesday, February 19, 6:00 p.m. Call the West Feliciana Parish Library at (225) 784-0260 for more information.

- **St. Francisville discusses *Our First Amendment Rights***, on Thursday, February 28. Call the West Feliciana Parish Library at (225) 784-0260 for more information.

- **Livingston Parish discusses *Fahrenheit 451*** at the Denham Springs-Walker Branch Library on Tuesday, February 19, at 6:00 p.m. and again at 7:00 p.m.

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**The Big Read** is an initiative of the National Endowment for the Arts in partnership with the Institute of Museum and Library Services & Arts Midwest.
Speak Truth to Power: Voices From Beyond the Dark

Experience the moving off-Broadway hit, Speak Truth to Power, playing Wednesday, February 6, through Sunday, February 24, at Swine Palace. In searing and uplifting interviews, veteran human rights defender Kerry Kennedy examines the quality of courage within women and men who are dramatically changing the course of events in their communities and countries. Imprisoned, tortured and threatened with death, they speak with compelling eloquence on subjects to which they have devoted their lives and for which they have been willing to sacrifice. For tickets, contact Swine Palace at (225) 578-3527.

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

Let the training begin! Volunteers who would like to serve as discussion leaders or program sponsors for the Spring 2008 Big Read: One Book/One Community series co-sponsored by the East Baton Rouge Parish Library and the Baton Rouge Area Chamber, may attend a short and lively orientation at the Main Library on Tuesday, February 19, at 6:30 p.m.

Techniques learned will be useful in any setting, whether leading a discussion of Fahrenheit 451 in any of nine parishes during the spring series, or participating in discussions in a business, community organization, educational, or recreational setting.

For more information, call (225) 231-3710 or visit the The Big Read: One Book/One Community website at www.ReadOneBook.org.

The Big Read: One Book / One Community
Fahrenheit 451

What book would you save?

In Ray Bradbury’s Fahrenheit 451, firemen are not the fire stoppers...instead they are the fire bringers! What book would you memorize or risk the fireman’s wrath to save? Stop by any branch of the Library and fill out a “What Book Would You Save” postcard, or drop us an email at ReadOneBook@gmail.com. The postcards will be used to create a list of the books that the nine-parish region deem vital to survive. The postcards will be displayed at The Big Read: One Book/One Community Flamin’ Finale at Baton Rouge Community College’s Magnolia Theatre and Performing Arts Pavilion on Thursday, April 10, at 6:00 p.m.

Book Discussions at The Library

The East Baton Rouge Parish Library will host reading and discussion group meetings at various library branches in February.

The Big Read: One Book/One Community program, is offered throughout the nine parishes included in the Baton Rouge Area Chamber—Ascension, East Baton Rouge, East Feliciana, Iberville, Livingston, Pointe Coupee, St. Helena, West Baton Rouge, and West Feliciana Parish.

- Jones Creek Regional Branch, Saturday, February 16, at 2:30 p.m.
- Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch, Tuesday, February 19, at 7:00 p.m.
- Scotlandville Branch, Thursday, February 28, at 7:00 p.m.

For a complete listing of reading and discussion group meetings and related programming, visit www.ReadOneBook.org. For more information, call (225) 231-3740.

Mind Your Beeswax

The candle-making learning curve is short, which makes this the craft to learn! Teens are invited to “light it up” and make some great candles at the Baker Branch on Thursday, February 7, at 4:00 p.m.

To register and for more information, call (225) 778-5960.
Fire Safety Programs for Kids

In conjunction with the Library’s fiery selection, Fahrenheit 451 by Ray Bradbury for The Big Read: One Book/One Community, several libraries will be holding fire safety programs for children. To register and for more information, call any participating library.

**Baker Branch**

Stop, Drop, and Roll!
Saturday, February 2, 11:00 a.m.
A firefighter from the Baker Fire Department will talk to children, ages 4 to 11, about fire safety. The children will also be guided through a house fire simulation to show them how to respond in case of a fire.

**Bluebonnet Regional Branch**

Where there’s smoke...
Saturday, February 2, 2:30 p.m.
Firefighters from the St. George Fire Department will talk to children, ages 3 and up, about fire safety. The children will also be guided through a house fire simulation to show them how to respond in case of a fire. Photo opportunities with the firefighters and their truck will be available after the presentation.

**Eden Park Branch Library**

Fire catches, so don’t play with matches!
Thursday, February 7, 4:30 p.m.
A fire prevention inspector from the Baton Rouge Fire Department will talk to children, ages 7 to 11, about fire safety. Following the presentation, there will be a short trivia quiz on fire safety. A prize will be awarded to the winner.

**Central Branch**

Touch a real fire truck, up close!
Saturday, February 9, 2:30 p.m.
Captain Derek Glover of the Central Volunteer Fire Department will conduct a fire safety program for children, ages 4 to 11. He will offer fire safety tips and show how his fire truck operates. A story related to fire safety will be read to the children following the program and children’s books on fire safety and fire fighting will be available for children to check-out.

**Main Library**

Patches the Fire Dog
Tuesday, February 12, 10:30 a.m.
David Sevier with the Baton Rouge Fire Department’s Fire Prevention Bureau and his robot, Patches the Fire Dog, will speak to children, ages 2 and up, about fire safety and prevention.

**Delmont Gardens Branch**

Fire Safety Fun
Saturday, February 23, 4:00 p.m.
Library staff will teach children, ages 4 to 7, about fire safety. Following the program, participants will create their own unique fire truck collage.

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**St. Francisville**

Fire safety house
Saturday, February 16, 1:00 p.m.
Kids of all ages are invited to stop, drop, and roll their way through the St. Francisville Fire Safety House. For more information, call (225) 784-0260.

**Jones Creek Regional Branch**

Where there’s smoke...
Saturday, February 9, 2:30 p.m.
Firefighters from the St. George Fire Department will talk to children, ages 4 to 10, about fire safety. The children will also be guided through a house fire simulation to show them how to respond in case of a fire. Photo opportunities with the firefighters and their truck will be available after the presentation.

**Main Library**

“Mystery Lovers Book Club”
Second Tuesday at noon or fourth Tuesday of each month at 1:00 p.m.
Read any mystery by J.A. Jance

"Anarchists’ Book Club”
Fourth Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m.

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**Pride-Chaneyville Branch**

Last Saturday of each month at 10:30 a.m.
Read any title about Dean Martin

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**Scotlandville Branch**

First and third Thursday evenings of each month at 6:30 p.m.
Share your favorite stories about Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

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**Zachary Branch**

Second Tuesday of each month at 11:00 a.m.
Fahrenheit 451 by Ray Bradbury
Architectural Firm Selected for New Main Library

The City of Baton Rouge and Parish of East Baton Rouge Design and Planning Selection Board voted on Thursday, December 13, to select the architectural firm, The Library Design Collaborative: A Joint Venture, to design the new Main Library in BREC’s Independence Park.

The Library Design Collaborative is comprised of Stephen Jackson with Cockfield Jackson Architects of Baton Rouge, LA, Denelle Wrightson with PSA-Dewberry, Inc. of Fairfax, VA, and Kenneth Tipton with Tipton Associates of Baton Rouge, LA. Jackson will serve as project manager and design coordinator, Tipton will serve as principal-in-charge of exterior architecture, and Wrightson will serve as principal-in-charge of interior architecture. Jon Emerson & Associates will serve as landscape architecture consultants. Other sub-consultants of this firm include: McKee & Deville Consulting Engineers, Inc.; Nesbit & Associates, LLC; PSA-Dewberry, Inc. (Technology Studio); Assaf, Simoneaux, Tauzin & Associates, Inc.; SJB Group.

The Library Design Collaborative formed in 2004 when they first heard about the Main Library project. They have 84 years of combined professional practice and have extensive national and public library experience. “This is truly the highlight of my career,” says Jackson. “Our team is very excited and looking forward to designing for the community of East Baton Rouge Parish.”

The timeline for this project includes up to twelve months for schematic design and construction documents, followed by eighteen months of construction. The anticipated move-in date is 2011. “We are very excited,” says Library Director, Lydia M. Acosta. “We have worked with them individually in the past and are confident that The Library Design Collaborative will deliver not only a functional and creative design, but one that will be an architectural gem that this community will be proud of and enjoy for years to come.”

Social Security Online Awareness Seminar

Don’t wait in line at the Social Security office again! Their new website offers several helpful tools including access to retirement and disability applications benefit calculators, and Medicare card replacements. Social Security representatives will be on hand to answer questions and help participants navigate the website.

- Bluebonnet Regional Branch
  Monday, February 11, 10:00 a.m.

- Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch
  Wednesday, February 13, 10:00 a.m.

- Central Branch
  Monday, February 25, 10:00 a.m.

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

Pandemic Flu Video Viewing and Discussion

The American Red Cross will provide an informative video on the pandemic flu at the Main Library, on Wednesday, February 13, at 11:00 a.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.

To register and for more information, call (225) 231-3746.

Louisiana Master Gardener Series

The Louisiana Master Gardeners will present a four part series of educational presentations with a specific focus on gardening tips and techniques for planting and caring for flowers, plants, and herbs at the Bluebonnet Regional Branch Library, on Thursdays in February, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. This program is designed for adults only. For more information, call (225) 763-2280.

The Master Gardeners receive many hours of instruction through the Louisiana Cooperative Extension Service, the educational arm of the LSU AgCenter.

Topics and descriptions of each program in this four part series are listed below.

- **Thursday, February 7**
  “Gardening is a Dirty Business – Soil and Composting”
  “The Tall and Short of Trees and Shrubs”

- **Thursday, February 14**
  “Tuff Turf and Blankety Blank Weeds”
  “Tried and True Annuals and Perennials”

- **Thursday, February 21**
  “Jeepers Creepers – Ground Cover”
  “Ornamental Grasses”

- **Thursday, February 28**
  “Landscaping Made Easy”
  “Who is Who? What Do I Expect? – Hiring Landscape Professionals”
Disney Classics Quiz Bowl

The Zachary Branch Teen Council invites all teens to their Disney Classics Quiz Bowl at the Zachary Branch on Saturday, February 16, at 2:00 p.m. Teams of three will compete in this contest, consisting of questions from Disney classic movies such as Aladdin, Cinderella, and The Little Mermaid. Prizes will be awarded and costumes are encouraged. The deadline to register is Sunday, February 10.

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

Anime Club

Teens are invited to the Baker Branch on Thursday, February 21, at 4:00 p.m. for a FREE afternoon screening of their favorite Anime DVDs.

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

Yu-Gi-Oh Tournament

Teens are invited to participate in an official FREE Yu-Gi-Oh tournament sponsored by Upper Deck Entertainment, Steve’s Comics and Cards, and the Library at the Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch, on Saturday, February 16, from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. After submitting a signed permission form, teens will be eligible to register with Upper Deck Entertainment and receive a national ranking. Following the registration of all competitors, two tournament rounds will take place. An official from Upper Deck Entertainment will preside over the games and determine the winner. Prizes, courtesy of Steve’s Comics and Cards, will be awarded.

Not ready for tournament play? Teens can also duel it out at the Baker Branch on Thursday, February 14, at 4:00 p.m.

To register and for more information, call (225) 274-4470 or (225) 778-5960.

ACT Test for Students

The East Baton Rouge Parish Library will offer a free full-length Practice Test for the ACT.

All Practice Tests will begin at 10:00 a.m. and end at 1:30 p.m. Students should arrive between 9:45 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. If seats are still available at 10:05 a.m., they will be given to walk-ins at first come, first served. Students should bring two sharpened pencils and a calculator to the Practice Test.

Staff from the Princeton Review will hold a “Scores Back” session at libraries following the test. 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 will be offered at the following locations, dates and times.

**Practice Test on Saturday, February 23**
- Bluebonnet Regional Branch . . . . . . . . . . . . Wednesday, March 5, 6:00 p.m.
- Eden Park Branch . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . Thursday, March 6, 6:00 p.m.
- Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch . . . Wednesday, February 27, 6:00 p.m.
- Jones Creek Regional Branch . . . . . . . . . . . . . Thursday, February 28, 6:00 p.m.
- Zachary Branch . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . Wednesday, March 12, 6:00 p.m.

**Practice Test on Saturday, March 8**
- Main Library . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . Thursday, March 13, 6:00 p.m.

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

Guitar Hero

Rock On, Teens! Here’s your chance to channel your inner rock star. Choose your tune, grab your guitar and rock out at the Main Library on Saturday, March 1, at 2:00 p.m.

For more information, call (225) 231-3770

Teen Book Club

The Baker Teen Book Club will be meeting to discuss *Twilight* by Stephenie Meyer at the Baker Branch on Thursday, February 28, at 4:00 p.m. All interested teens are invited to attend.

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

Scrapbooking Fun!

Learn how to scrapebook photos and treasured memories with the Central Library Teen Crewe at the Central Branch on Monday, February 18, at 6:30 p.m. Supplies will be provided.

To register and for more information, call (225) 262-2660.
**Winter/Spring Chess**

The East Baton Rouge Parish Library’s popular chess program continues with classes for ages 9 to 13! Classes will be offered for beginners and intermediate level players. Volunteers from the Baton Rouge Chess Club will teach basic moves and strategies at the Main Library on Saturdays, February 9 and 23, at 10:00 a.m.

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

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**Checkers**

*Don’t double jump me!* Children, ages 4 to 11, will learn to play the classic game of Checkers at the Carver Branch on Thursday, February 7, at 4:00 p.m. Following a brief tutorial, participants will compete against each other.

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

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**Is your thumb green?**

*A Louisiana Master Gardeners Series for children*

The Louisiana Master Gardeners will present a three part series on gardening for children, ages 5 and up, at the Bluebonnet Regional Branch. Topics will include planting seeds, propagating plants, and learning about the food web. The classes will start at 2:30 p.m. on Saturdays, February 16, 23, and March 1.

To register and for more information, call (225) 763-2260.

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**Captain Underpants Trivia Contest**

Are you the authority on Captain Underpants? Prove it during this fun trivia contest at the Baker Branch on Saturday, February 23, at 1:00 p.m. A special prize will be awarded to the winner.

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

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**Tiara Club Book Club**

*Calling all princesses!* Children, ages 7 to 10, are invited to join this royal book club at the River Center Branch. The club will discuss *Princess Katie and the Silver Pony* on Saturday, February 16, at 2:00 p.m. Following the discussion, members will play Pin the Silver Tail on the Silver Horse.

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

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**Cam Jansen and Nancy Drew Book Clubs**

Do you like mysteries? The Zachary Branch has two new book clubs for you! Children, ages 7 to 11, are invited to join the Cam Jansen Book Club and the Nancy Drew Book Club. The Cam Jansen Book Club will meet at the Zachary Branch on Saturday, February 16, at 10:00 a.m. The Nancy Drew Book Club will meet at the Zachary Branch on Saturday, February 16, at 11:00 a.m.

To register and for more information, call (225) 658-1860.

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**Valentine’s Day Skit**

The McKinley Middle Magnet Drama Department will present a Valentine’s Day skit for children, ages 4 to 11 at the Carver Branch on Thursday, February 14, at 10:00 a.m.

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

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**Heart to Heart Baking**

Let them eat cake! Children, ages 5 to 8, will assist in making a heart shaped cake at the Jones Creek Regional Branch on Saturday, February 2, at 2:30 p.m. They will also learn cake decorating techniques which they will test out on cupcakes.

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

Organized groups must reserve a date and time other than those listed below.

### Lapsit – for babies through crawling

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Weaving
See “Diverse Threads: Variety From the Loom” an exhibit of hand-woven items by the WA Weavers of Baton Rouge.

Jones Creek Regional Branch
Don’t Read These Books… You May Get Ideas
Books are still being banned—rage against the machine and read some of the items on display.

Pride-Chaneyville Branch
Mixed Media
View the drawings, collages, and prints of famed artist Randell Henry.

Scotlandville Branch
Mardi Gras Photographs
Discover the personalities behind Mardi Gras in New Orleans through the lens of Darlene A. Moore.

**Library Book Sale**
Saturday, February 23, 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
**Recycled Reads**, 13505 Hooper Road

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East Baton Rouge Parish Library
Lydia M. Acosta, Library Director

**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. – 6:00 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.
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