Big Read Ends With a Country Salute!

The Library will conclude its third annual, community-wide reading program, *The Big Read: One Book/One Community*, with a *Country Salute* and *Film Finale* on Saturday, April 4, at the BREC Independence Park Theatre and Cultural Center, 7800 Independence Boulevard. Doors open at 2:00 p.m., with a small reception, featuring Louisiana “country” favorites, like MoonPies® and root beer, followed by a free screening of Joseph D. Sargent's film adaptation of Ernest J. Gaines’ novel *A Lesson Before Dying* at 2:30 p.m.

The film features a star-studded cast, including Oscar-nominated and Golden Globe Award-winning Don Cheadle, who plays the conflicted school teacher, Grant Wiggins; Oscar and Golden Globe nominated, Emmy Award-winning, famed veteran actress Cicely Tyson, as strong matriarch Tante Lou; and break-out star, popular television actor from ER Mekhi Phifer, in the role of Jefferson.

Following the film, audience members will participate in an open discussion about the themes raised in *A Lesson Before Dying*. The panel discussion will center on questions and comments relating to the prevalent themes of both the book and the novel. Panelists include Radio personality Maxine Crump, Journalist Danny Heitman, and Arts Council Director Derek Gordon. Admission is free and open to the public.

*The Big Read: One Book/One Community* is sponsored by *The Big Read*, the East Baton Rouge Parish Library, and The Baton Rouge Area Chamber. Additional funding provided by the Wurtele Foundation.

Visit [www.ReadOneBook.org](http://www.ReadOneBook.org) or call (225) 231-3710 for more information.

“Hey, Hey! The Blues Is Alright”

Maxine Crump Tells It How It Is… the History Of Baton Rouge Blues

In conjunction with Baton Rouge Blues Week, Maxine Crump will discuss the history of Baton Rouge Blues at the River Center Branch on Wednesday, April 22, at 12:00 p.m. Crump has more than 25 years of dedicated service in radio and television broadcasting. She has worked in news, public relations, and media development and began her broadcast career as an announcer with WXOK and WFMF radio.

Crump is one of the founding members of the Baton Rouge Blues Foundation, founded in 2002. A non-profit organization, the Foundation sponsors the Music in the Schools Program, the Baton Rouge Blues Foundation Awards and Baton Rouge Blues Week. Crump’s love for blues music goes back to her early childhood when her father opened a blues club called the *Hide-Out Night Club* in the bayou town of Maringouin...it was better known as *Crump’s Place*. At the time, Maringouin was one of the places where blues music was allowed to flourish freely.

Crump currently works with MPower Group serving the management needs of businesses and organizations throughout the community.

For more information, call (225) 389-4960, or visit the Library’s Big Read website at [www.ReadOneBook.org](http://www.ReadOneBook.org).

Blue Note & Baton Rouge Blues with Ed Markham

Join Ed Markham for a jazzy discussion of the Baton Rouge blues scene at the River Center Branch on Friday, April 24, at 12:00 p.m. In conjunction with Baton Rouge Blues Week, Markham will lecture on the Baton Rouge Blues scene. He will discuss the rare tune “Country Negro Recording Artist” recorded in Scotlandville during the 1940’s.

Markham is a long time student of local blues music. He is well known for his knowledge and vast blues collection.

For more information, call (225) 389-4960.

تحدي: الطلب رغبة في الانتهاء من الأوراق المالية
Lesson Learned: Hope Behind Bars

In 1990, there were 455 armed assaults at Angola Prison involving attack by inmates on other inmates. In 2007, there were only nine. When Burl Cain became warden of Angola, he endeavored to provide programs for the inmates that would bring them respect and dignity. One of the most successful has been New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminar’s (NOBTS) Angola Extension, which prepares inmates to serve as missionaries in Angola and at other prisons within Louisiana. The first class graduated in 1997, and by 2007, the Seminary had produced nearly 200 inmate missionaries. John “Doc” Robson, Director of the Seminary, will discuss the positive effects of the program on both the inmates who graduated from the Seminary and on the prison system as a whole. This program will be held at the Main Library on Thursday, April 16, at 7:00 p.m.

John “Doc” Robson is Doctor of Ministry, Assistant Professor of Christian Ministries at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary and Director of Seminary at Angola. He lives in Baton Rouge. Prior to his positions at NOBTS, he served as a pastor in Kentucky, Georgia, and Louisiana.

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

A Lesson Before Dying Film Screening and Book Discussion with Sharon Weston-Broome

Join the Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch for a free film screening of the film adaptation of Ernest Gaines’ novel, A Lesson Before Dying on Tuesday, April 14, at 6:00 p.m. Following the film, join Senator Sharon Weston-Broome for a discussion of the themes and motifs found in both the book and the movie. Light refreshments will be served.

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

White House Restoration
Presented by Dr. William Seale

As part of The Big Read, join the White House Historical Association, the Foundation for Historical Louisiana and the Library as we present American historian, architectural restorationist, and author Dr. William Seale. Seale will appear at The Old Governor Mansion on Thursday, April 2, to discuss the Truman-era restoration of the White House. A light reception will be held from 6:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., with a discussion to follow.

Dr. Seale will speak about the 20th century White House, emphasizing the years from the twenties to the Truman renovations of 1948 to 1952, when the house was emptied within the original stone shell and reconstructed in its historic image. It was during these years that Governor Huey P. Long built a governor’s mansion at Baton Rouge strongly suggestive of the White House, the first and only such governor’s mansion in the United States.

Seale is the editor of White House History, the award winning journal of the White House Historical Association, and author of over 15 books, including The President’s House: A History, The White House Garden, The White House: History of an American Idea, and the forthcoming The White House: An Historic Guide (50th anniversary edition). He has also penned various guide books and local histories relating to architecture, such as The Virginia Governor’s Mansion with Henry-Russell Hitchcock, Temples of Democracy: The State Capitols of the USA, and Courthouse.

This program is free and open to the public. For more information, call (225) 231-3745.

3-D Architectural Portraiture

View the extensive 3-D architecture collection of Martin Brignac at the Jones Creek Regional Branch on Saturday, April 25, at 2:30 p.m. Brignac will present a program on his three-dimensional scale model plantation homes. He incorporates his knowledge of building with his love of Louisiana history in each detailed replica of area plantation homes. Brignac will bring his entire collection to display.

For more information, call (225) 756-1150.
Book Discussions at The Library

The Big Read: One Book/One Community Program

As part of The Big Read: One Book/One Community program, the East Baton Rouge Parish Library will sponsor several reading and discussion group meetings. These discussions are free and open to the public.

The Big Read: One Book/One Community program, sponsored by the East Baton Rouge Parish Library and the Baton Rouge Area Chamber, is a community-wide reading program, 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 Parishes. People from all walks of life are encouraged to read and then discuss important issues raised by the book, A Lesson Before Dying by Ernest Gaines.

Sunday, April 5
3:00 p.m. Main Library
3:00 p.m. Jones Creek Regional Branch, with guest moderator Patti Fox of Echad Awakening

Tuesday, April 7
7:00 p.m. Bluebonnet Regional Branch

Tuesday, April 14
11:00 a.m. Zachary Branch
6:00 p.m. Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch, with guest moderator Senator Sharon Weston-Broome

Visit www.ReadOneBook.org, for a complete listing of reading and discussion group meetings and related programming. For more information, call (225) 231-3745.

Ask-A-Lawyer

Free Legal Advice at the Library

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 Scotlandville Branch on Saturday, April 11, and at the Carver Branch on Saturday, April 25. Both programs will be held from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

For more information, call the Scotlandville Branch (225) 354-7580, or the Carver Branch at (225) 389-7480.

Where Does Your Paycheck Really Go?

Recession woes got you down? Tired of living paycheck to paycheck? Find out where your money goes at the Bluebonnet Regional Branch on Mondays, April 13, 20, and 27, at 6:30 p.m. Fran Carney will help interested patrons “follow their money” in three easy steps: (1) Prepare a simple budget by the end of the first session. (2) Develop a system to track expenses to learn about your spending habits during the second session. (3) Learn about ways to save money, while allowing wise spending in the final session. As an added bonus, participants can learn the basics of mutual funds—the types, the risks involved, and more.

For more information, call (225) 763-2250.

New Job-Hunting Books at the Career Center

Are you looking for a new job and need some help in the job search process? Take a look at these new books in the Career Center collection and come by the Career Center for one-on-one career coaching and/or resume help.

• Guerilla Marketing for Job-Hunters by Jay Levinson, great unconventional job search advice.
• Competency-Based Interviews by Robin Kessler, gives insight into how hiring managers are trained to interview candidates and coaches the reader how to successfully master such interviews.

Need help updating your resume? Check out these great new resume books:
• The Career Coward’s Guide to Resumes by Katy Priotrowski
• Amazing Resumes by Jim Bright and Joanne Earl
• 30-Minute Resume Makeover by Louise Kurmsark

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

Vacationing at Disney World

Learn how to strategize and plan your family’s dream Disney World vacation with advice from Andre Leday, a veteran Disney vacationer, at the Bluebonnet Regional Branch on Saturday, April 18, at 2:30 p.m. You’ll learn cost cutting tips and how to maximize your enjoyment of everything Disney!

Leday has extensively researched money saving measures and insider advice to make the most of this fun-filled family adventure.

For more information, call (225) 763-2250.
B.H. Brantly, Don’t You Know?

Local author, B.H. Brantly, will visit the Zachary Branch on Saturday, April 4, at 10:30 a.m. to discuss his book, The Story of B.H. Brantly, Don’t You Know? The discussion will focus on life during the 1930s and the 1940s. During this time, Brantly grew up on a farm in rural Arkansas. He also fought in World War II. His professional career spanned counseling and administrative positions, but ended with a return to his first love—teaching high school math. Following the presentation, Brantly will sign copies of his work.

For more information, call (225) 658-1840.

Pastels: Fun Art Lessons With Karen McCormick

Learning to draw is fun—and anyone can do it, no matter your age, experiences, or professional background! In this second class of a three-part series, graphic artist Karen McCormick, experienced presenter of fine art programs, will teach participants the basics of using pastels in artwork at the Pride-Chaneyville Branch on Wednesday, April 15, at 1:00 p.m. The final class, on Wednesday, May 20, will center on painting with watercolors.

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

Cherie Quarters: The Place And The People

As part of The Big Read, writer Ruth Laney will present a slide lecture, “Cherie Quarters: The Place and the People,” at the Carver Branch on Sunday, April 19, at 3:00 p.m. The slide lecture will focus on Cherie Quarters, the original slave quarters at River Lake Plantation, where author Ernest J. Gaines was born in 1933 and where he lived until 1948. Laney will pay special attention to activities of daily life, the workers’ relationship to their houses, the church, and to the owners’ “Big House.” She will discuss Gaines, and other residents, recollections of life in the Quarter.

Gaines spent the first 15 years of his life in a tin-roofed cypress cabin at River Lake Plantation in Pointe Coupee Parish, just across the river from Baton Rouge. All that remains of the community is a slave cabin built in the 1840s and the grave yard where generations of residents are buried. (The 1930s church where Gaines attended school has been moved to Gaines property on False River.) Gaines recreated the Quarter vividly in his fiction, including The Autobiography of Miss Jane Pittman and A Lesson Before Dying.

Laney has written many articles about Gaines and was lead contributor to the book Conversations with Ernest Gaines. She wrote and co-produced the documentary Ernest J. Gaines: Louisiana Stories for Louisiana Public Broadcasting and provided background material to the Oprah Winfrey Show, which featured A Lesson Before Dying on the Oprah Book Club. Last November, in connection with the art exhibit “The Sky Is Gray: Visual Works Inspired by Ernest Gaines,” she was a panelist at the symposium “Art and Social Justice” at the Shaw Center for the Arts. Laney is currently completing work on a book about Cherie Quarters.

For more information, call (225) 389-7480.

Brown Baggin’ It @ The Library

Bring your own brown bag lunch, invite your friends, and settle in for a great series of movie clips at the State Library of Louisiana, 701 North 4th Street. Beginning on Monday, April 27, through Thursday, April 30, at 12:00 p.m., the State Library will host a free, week-long screening of the movie based on Ernest J. Gaines’ award-winning novel A Lesson Before Dying. On Friday, May 1, State Library staff will host a reading and discussion session at 12:00 p.m.

For more information, call (225) 342-4923.

Celebrate Ernest J. Gaines Day

Celebrate the life and work of a great author on Saturday, April 18th! As part of the Big Read, the Pointe Coupee Parish Library, 201 Claiborne Street, will host a day-long tribute to its native son, author Ernest J. Gaines. With demonstrations by the Pointe Coupee Rural Life Museum, arts and crafts for kids, and book discussions, the day will be a virtual Gaines Fest-for-All, in lovely New Roads, Louisiana!

This program is possible largely due to the support and sponsorship of the Wurtele Foundation (WF). The Wurtele Foundation is dedicated to the children of Pointe Coupee. To that end, its mission is to ensure that each child of Pointe Coupee has an opportunity to fulfill her/his dreams with the support of existing academic institutions and any additionally designated programs defined by the WF. The WF donated $5,000 dollars to buy additional copies of A Lesson Before Dying, so that each young person in Pointe Coupee could have their own personal copy.

For more information, call (225) 638-7593.
GeauxHeart Baton Rouge

The Library in conjunction with GeauxHeart Baton Rouge is offering a FREE health fair at the Carver Branch on Saturday, April 18, at 10:00 a.m. GeauxHeart Baton Rouge is a community service project conducted by the Louisiana State University (LSU) Department of Kinesiology and funded by Edwards Lifesciences. Its aim is to expand awareness of cardiovascular disease, its prevention and treatment, and enhance support and access to care for under-served patients in the Greater Baton Rouge area.

Community members are invited to attend this FREE health fair to receive information about heart-healthy programs, as well as valuable health and wellness information like their BMI, blood pressure reading, glucose levels, and more. In conjunction with Louisiana Cardiology Associations, FREE clinical testing will be offered for those that qualify.

For more information, call (225) 389-7480.

Watch for more free GeauxHeart sponsored health fairs at a library near you throughout the spring. For more information, contact Adult Services at (225) 231-3745.

UnPrimp My Yard

Just as you can over-accessorize your outfit, you can also make the same mistakes with your yard. Betty Miley, Master Gardener, will show you how “less is more” at the Scotlandville Branch on Wednesday, April 22, at 10:30 a.m. Miley will present examples of edible landscapes, beneficial insects, wind-resistant trees, water management, and other concepts central to proper land use.

Miley, owner of Maypop Hill Nursery and Publications, is the author of the books My Yard: A Louisiana Gardener’s Notebook and Geaux Native! In Your Louisiana Yard.

To register and for more information, call (225) 354-7540.

Gardening with Nature

Betty Miley will present “Gardening with Nature” at the Baker Branch on Sunday, April 19, at 3:00 p.m. The program will introduce eco-friendly methods to gardeners and anyone interested in protecting the environment. Pictures of real landscapes will be used to illustrate various “green” ideas and new gardening practices.

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

Worlds Connect @ Your Library

Celebrate National Library Week

April 12th–18th is National Library Week, a time to celebrate the contributions of libraries, librarians and library workers in schools, campuses and communities nationwide—and the perfect time to discover how worlds connect @ your library. First sponsored in 1958, National Library Week is a national observance sponsored by the American Library Association (ALA) and libraries across the country each April. National Library Week 2009 will be celebrated with the theme, “Worlds Connect @ Your Library.” Also, be sure to celebrate National Library Workers Day on Tuesday, April 14, and Teen Literature Day on Thursday, April 16.

The Library will be closed in observance of Good Friday on Friday, April 10, and Easter on Sunday, April 12.
Library Receives American Heritage Preservation Grant

Nearly 190 million objects in U.S. collections are in immediate danger of deterioration and need restoration or conservation, according to the Heritage Health Index report. American Heritage Preservation Program grants are available for use by small museums, libraries, and archives to help to preserve specific items, including works of art, artifacts, and historical documents that are in need of conservation. These grants are awarded by the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS)—a partner for The Big Read. According to IMLS Director Dr. Anne-Imelda M. Radice, “With these awards, communities will be able to rescue exceptional objects that link their pasts to their futures.

This year alone, IMLS received over 202 applications requesting more than $500,000. They selected only 53 projects. The East Baton Rouge Parish Library was awarded $2740 to aid in the preservation of The Baton Rouge Room, currently housed at the River Center Branch.

Because of Louisiana’s location in the sub-tropics, the Baton Rouge area is subject to high levels of humidity. Combined with poor lighting and inefficient storage, this can lead to the deterioration of materials. Library archivist, Melissa Eastin has assessed the situation and prioritized the conservation needs of the collection. The grant will enable her to begin re-housing materials into archival quality storage, properly encapsulate fragile documents, and address the collection’s physical environment. The Library will use grant funds to purchase two Thermo-Hygrometers and a portable light meter. These instruments will measure the amount of humidity and light in the air—alerting staff to adjust the environmental controls accordingly.

The Institute of Museum and Library Services is the primary source of federal support for the nation’s 122,000 libraries and 17,500 museums. The Institute’s mission is to create strong libraries and museums that connect people to information and ideas.

To learn more about the Institute, please visit www.imls.gov. For more information about the Baton Rouge Room, call (225) 389-4960.

Picture This: Your Library Enhances Lives

Do you have photos of a library program in action? Maybe, you have a great shot of your son or daughter kissing Daisy the Reading Pig? Did the library help you win an award? Or perhaps, help you ace a science test? In celebration of National Library Week, April 12th - April 18th, the Library is asking that all patrons help us out! We are looking for pictures, both big and small, to add to our growing collection, “How the Library Enhances My Life.” If you, or someone you know, has a photo of Library resources being utilized, whether attending a program, studying alone or in a group, or using the computers, feel free to send them to Tameka Roby in Library Administration. The Library understands that memories are precious, and as such, we will return all photos. If you have a digital copy, email Tameka Roby, via troby@ebr.lib.la.us.

For more information, call (225) 231-3710.
Have a Dulcimer Spring

Join Jimmie and DeWayne Ray of the Lagniappe Dulcimer Society for a Mountain dulcimer informance at the Baker Branch on Sunday, April 26, at 3:00 p.m. The Lagniappe Dulcimer Society is a volunteer, nonprofit organization designed for the preservation of old time musical instruments and the music they produce.

For more information, call (225) 778-5980.

Home School 101

"Is this even legal?" "Can I really teach my own child?" These are just a few of the questions that will be answered at the Jones Creek Regional Branch on Saturday, April 18, at 2:00 p.m. Presented by the Christian Home Educators Fellowship (CHEF) of Baton Rouge, a local homes school support group, Home School 101 is an opportunity for interested patrons to find out what homeschooling really involves. Veteran home school parents will be available to answer questions, present practical tips, and offer sources for curriculum ideas and support.

The Christian Home Educators Fellowship (CHIEF) of Louisiana is a Christian organization comprised of Christian home school support groups from around the state. This gives CHIEF of Louisiana an effective membership of hundreds of families without competing with local support groups for memberships. The unique relationship CHIEF of Louisiana has with local support groups offers each home school family the comprehensive, unified and affordable support it needs at local and state levels.

The Library has many books to assist homeschoolers. Information for both students and teachers are available in circulating and non-circulating materials. Visit the Children's Page on the Library's website, www.ebr.lib.la.us.

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

Text-A-Librarian

Do you need information, but can’t make it to a library? The Library can provide short answers to your questions over the phone at any branch, through the Electronic Reference form on our web site at www.ebr.lib.la.us, or now, via text message!

To send us your question, simply text us at 66746 and start your question with erref.

For example:

• erref What are the library hours on Saturday?
• erref Who are the US senators from Louisiana?
• erref what is silly putty made of?

Members of the Reference staff will text back your answer. And remember, standard message rates apply.

“Check-out” Credo Reference

Credo Reference is our newest general reference database. Its full-text content covers every major subject and it features information from hundreds of reference books, rather than magazines and periodicals. Credo Reference lets you find authoritative answers fast and can point you to other books and resources to expand your research. This database delivers real value to the students, researchers, businesspeople and inquiring minds in our parish.

Visit the Library’s online databases located at www.ebr.lib.la.us to start using Credo Reference today! For questions or more information, call (225) 231-3750.
Mango Languages Online

You asked for it! Due to patron demand, the Library is proud to introduce one of our newest databases, Mango Languages. Mango Languages is designed to equip users with conversational abilities in a variety of languages. Whether you're learning how to order a pizza or ask when the game starts, Mango Languages immerses you in real, everyday conversations in 12 different language courses. Using this phenomenal language learning database, patrons can learn French, Spanish, German, Italian, Mandarin Chinese, Russian, and a host of other languages.

Visit www.ebr.lib.la.us, to “check-out” Mango Languages today!

For more information, contact Library Information Service at (225) 231-3750.

New on Safari Tech: Online Video Training

Need help with the Microsoft Office Suite, but want it in “byte” size pieces? Can’t make it to the Library for a free class? Try the Library’s free technology database, Safari Tech. Safari Tech is an e-reference library containing collections of emerging technology books, manuscripts, papers and instructional video. Instructional how-to videos now complement Safari’s immense repository of published works. These videos deliver expert visual instruction on web development, digital media, and many design and development applications.

For more information about this or other databases, visit www.ebr.lib.la.us, or call Library Information Service at (225) 231-3750.

Kirigami @ the Library

Visit the Baker Branch on Thursday, April 30, to learn the art of kirigami. Kirigami is a variation of origami where the artist is allowed to make small cuts in the paper (from Japanese “kiru” = to cut, “kami” = paper). It differs from origami, in that paper cutting is frowned upon by the majority of modern folders, but is hailed in kirigami. In kirigami, symmetrical objects such as snowflakes, pentagrams, or orchid blossoms are usually made.

The fun begins at 4:30 p.m.

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

Wham! It’s A Poetry Slam

“Respect the mic. Respect the audience. Respect the room.”

In celebration of National Poetry Month, the Baker Branch will host a Teen Poetry Slam on Thursday, April 16, at 6:00 p.m. All area teens are invited to attend. Teens can participate in the readings or just watch the fun.

Snacks will be provided.

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

Teen Book Scene

Teens in the Pride-Chaneyville area are welcome to join the Dragon’s Lair Book Club at the Pride-Chaneyville Branch. Meetings will be held the last Thursday of each month. Participants can discuss their favorite weird, far-out, and supernatural books. Teens should read Stephenie Meyer’s vampire novel Twilight for the first meeting on Thursday, April 30, at 3:00 p.m.

For more information, call (225) 658-1550.

Teen Book Club Meeting

Teens are invited to read and discuss the Douglas Adams’ The Hitchhiker’s Guide to the Galaxy at the Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch on Monday, April 20, at 6:30 p.m. Teens can discuss their favorite characters, plot twists, and dish about the film.

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

Funky Teen Jewelry

Liven up your Bling, Bling with an awesome new bracelet for the new spring fashion lines! Teens will make cool beaded bracelets using a little bit of imagination and jewelry supplies. The fun begins at the Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch on Thursday, April 16, at 4:30 p.m.

To register and for more information, call (225) 274-4470.
Marvelous Maracas
Shake things up at the Bluebonnet Regional Branch on Saturday, April 25, at 2:30 p.m. Children ages 3 and up can listen to a fun story about mice who make musical instruments. After the story, participants can make their own paper plate maracas!
To register and for more information, call (225) 763-2260.

Mommy & Me Yoga
Spring means one thing...no more winter exercise excuses. What better way is there to stretch out your bones than with your children? Parents and their children, ages 2 to 5, are invited to a free Mommy & Me Yoga class at the Jones Creek Regional Branch on Thursday, April 30, at 10:00 a.m. Certified Yoga and Fitness instructor, Audrey Kafkallides will lead the class.
To register and for more information, call (225) 756-1160.

Carver Animation Club
Don't miss your chance to be in the art show this summer! Children, ages 7 to 11, are invited to join this fun and exciting club. The next meeting will be held on Monday, April 27, 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. This month, club members will continue preparing their artwork for the upcoming art exhibit this summer.
For more information, call (225) 389-7460.

THE LIBRARY NEEDS YOU!
Do you need to earn community service hours? Looking for fun ways to volunteer? The Pride-Chaneyville Branch has the club for you! Join the Pride-Chaneyville Teen Crew beginning on Mondays in April, and continuing throughout the year. Teen Crew members will give input on Teen Programming and help staff decorate and create a unique teen space at the Pride-Chaneyville Branch.
For more information, call (225) 658-1550.

Let the Games Begin!
Visit either of the following libraries for a variety of food, folks, and fun! A classic favorite and a few new treats will be presented at a library near you.

- **Join the club**, and challenge a teen to a friendly game of **chess** at the Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch on Saturday, April 4, at 2:00 p.m.
- Play **Mario Kart** and more on the Library’s **Wii** at the Baker Branch on Thursday, April 23, at 4:30 p.m.
- **Rock out** at the Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch on Saturday, April 25, at 2:00 p.m. Bring your friends and play **Guitar Hero**.

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

Go Green! Look for the Library at Earth Day on Sunday, April 19.
Dog Tales at the Library!

Children, ages 6 and up, can spend time with animals from the LSU Tiger HATS (Human Animal Therapy Services) on the first Saturday of the March. Tiger HATS representatives will bring these special therapy animals to the Carver Branch on Saturday, April 4, from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., so kids can practice their reading skills. 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.

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

Celebrate Earth Day!

Celebrate Earth Day at the Pride-Chaneyville Branch on Wednesday, April 22, at 4:30 p.m. Kids ages 4 to 8 will create a small wheelbarrow garden and listen to the story, Planting a Rainbow by Lois Ehlert.

Kids, ages 3 to 5, can visit the River Center Branch on Wednesday, April 22, at 10:00 a.m. for a fun story and craft. Participants will hear a story about plants, and afterwards, make a Earth Day Seedling Necklace.

To register and for more information, call either participating branch.

Turn Off the TV and…

Unglue your eyes from the TV and get your body moving at the Zachary Branch. In conjunction with the 2nd annual Turn Off the TV week challenge, the Library is offering fun alternatives to watching television on Tuesday, April 21, at 6:00 p.m. Families can participate in lots of fun activities, like weaving, photography, origami, and so much more!

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

Frog Month

Frogs, Frogs, Everywhere! In celebration of National Frog month, the Eden Park Branch is hosting a special storytime and craft for children ages 7 to 11. Participants will listen to the story, Jump, Frog, Jump! by Robert Kalan on Saturday, April 25, at 2:00 p.m. Following the story, kids will create a fun “fold and cut” craft.

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

The Hunt Is On!

Children, ages 7 to 11, are invited to the Jones Creek Regional Branch on Tuesday, April 14, at 2:00 p.m. for a Fairy Tale Scavenger Hunt. Participants will be given a handout listing questions about several fairy tales. They will then search through several books to find the answers to the questions. The child that answers the most questions will win a prize.

The hunt is on for prowling lions at the Bluebonnet Regional Branch on Saturday, April 18, at 2:30 p.m. Children ages 3 and up can listen to the story, We’re Going on a Lion Hunt by Margery Cuyler. After the reading, kids can make their own safari hat.

To register and for additional information, call (225) 756-1160 or (225) 763-2260.

It Looked Like Spilt Mike

Children ages 5 to 9, are invited to the Carver Branch on Wednesday, April 15, at 4:00 p.m. for a “dairy” good time. Participants will listen to the story, It Looked Like Spilt Milk by Charles G. Shaw. After the story, the kids will make a fun milky craft.

For more information, call (225) 389-7460.
Lapsit – for babies through crawling

Greenwell Springs  Thursdays, April 2, 9, 16, 23, 30  10:30 a.m.
Jones Creek       Thursday, April 2               10:30 a.m.
Main Library      Tuesdays, April 7, 14           10:30 a.m.

Toddler Time – for walking children through two years old

Baker             Wednesdays, April 1, 8, 15, 22, 29  10:00 a.m.
Bluebonnet        Wednesday, April 1              10:30 a.m.
Central           Tuesdays, April 7, 14            10:00 a.m.
Greenwell Springs Tuesdays, April 7, 14, 21, 28  10:30 a.m.
Main Library      Tuesdays, April 7, 14           10:30 a.m.
Pride-Chaneyville Wednesdays, April 1, 8, 15       11:00 a.m.
Zachary           Wednesdays, April 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 10:00 a.m.

Preschool Storytime – for children three to five years old

Baker             Wednesdays, April 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 10:30 a.m.
Central           Wednesdays, April 1, 8, 15         10:00 a.m.
Delmont Gardens   Mondays, April 6, 20              10:00 a.m.
Greenwell Springs Tuesdays, April 7, 14, 21, 28   10:30 a.m.
Main Library      Tuesdays, April 7, 14            10:30 a.m.
Pride-Chaneyville Wednesdays, April 1, 8, 15       11:00 a.m.
River Center      Thursdays, April 2, 9, 16         10:30 a.m.
Scotlandville    Thursdays, April 2, 9, 16, 23, 30  10:30 a.m.
Zachary           Wednesdays, April 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 10:00 a.m.

Family Storytime – for all ages

Eden Park         Thursdays, April 2, 9, 16          5:00 p.m.

Spanish Storytime – for ages 3 and up

Bluebonnet        Thursday, April 2                10:30 a.m.

Night Storytime

Greenwell Springs Thursdays, April 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 7:00 p.m.
Jones Creek       Wednesday, April 1               7:00 p.m.

Celebrate Easter @ the Library

Listen to Easter stories and create awesome crafts! These Easter-inspired programs for children will be held in March at the following libraries.

• Kids ages 3 and up, can listen to the story Jennie’s Hat by Ezra Jack Keats and make a fanciful Easter bonnet at the Bluebonnet Regional Branch on Saturday, April 4, at 2:30 p.m.

• Kids ages 3 to 9, will make a Peter Cottonball pin after listening to the story Silly Tilly and the Easter Bunny by Lillian Hoban at the Pride-Chaneyville Branch on Thursday, April 9, at 4:30 p.m.

For more information or to register, please call the individual library.

Teddy Bear Picnic

Preschool children, from toddlers to age 5, are invited to bring a teddy bear or favorite stuffed animal to picnic at the Zachary Branch on Wednesday, April 29, at 10:00 a.m. Participants will hear special teddy bear stories and play old-time favorite games, like Tisket-A-Tasket and Hokey Pokey. After the stories and fun, a picnic will be held.

Kids are asked to bring a sack lunch for this program. Lemonade and Teddy Grahams will be provided. All children must be accompanied by an adult.

To register and for more information, call (225) 658-1860.
On View at the Library

Baker Branch
Mountain Dulcimers
Jimmy Ray shares his hand-crafted mount
dulcimers.

Bluebonnet Regional Branch
Mixed Media
View the creative art display of various
mediums presented by the 4-H Club.

Greenwell Springs Road
Regional Branch
Drawings and Paintings
The Highland Road Artists will exhibit
their drawings and paintings.

Jewelry
See a beautiful display of a variety of vivid
colored stones and beads in bracelets,
necklaces, and earrings by artist Jeanne
Brown.

Jones Creek Regional Branch
Painting
Local artist Denice M. Cyrex displays her
latest works of fine art and decorative
painting.

River Center Branch
Picturing America
Picturing America introduces citizens
every age to our nation’s history
and culture by bringing great works
of American art into classrooms and libraries. In conjunction with Earth Day, this month’s exhibit features Natural Resources.

LIBRARY BOOK SALE
Recycled Reads • 13505 Hooper Road
Saturday, April 25, 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.