My Name is New Orleans: 40 Years of Poetry and Other Jazz

Spoken word jazz poet, Arthur Pfister, who performs as Professor Arturo, will be at the Main Library on Sunday, July 12, at 3:00 p.m. Pfister's book, My Name is New Orleans, reflects a lifetime immersed in the city's humor, pathos, and idiosyncrasies. Professor Arturo will perform selections from this collection and will sign copies of the book which will also be on sale.

An original Broadside Press poet of the 1960s, Pfister was a fixture on the New Orleans poetry scene until 2005 when he relocated to Connecticut due to Hurricane Katrina. He continues to be a strong and passionate voice for the city of New Orleans. His work has been published in numerous publications including the American Poetry Review, Ebony Magazine, and the New Orleans Tribune.

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

Big Fun on the Bayou -

As part of the Library’s Adult Summer Reading Program, Big Fun on the Bayou, the Library has some great events planned for adults.

Cajun humorist, Ed Taylor, will be at the Jones Creek Regional Branch as part of the Library’s Adult Summer Reading Program, Big Fun on the Bayou. Taylor’s tales of Boudreaux and Fontenot from the bayous of Louisiana will keep you laughing for hours. This free event will start at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, July 9. For more information, call (225) 756-1150.

Discover the magic of the Atchafalaya at the Zachary Branch on Thursday, July 16, at 7:00 p.m. Charles Fryling, Jr. will talk about the animal and plant life found in the Atchafalaya Basin as he shows a slide show of more than eighty photographs of the area. An exhibit of Fryling’s photography will also be on display at the Zachary Branch for the month of July. Fryling is an associate professor with the LSU Department of Landscape Architecture. He is also involved with several nature conservation organizations and has done numerous photography studies of the Atchafalaya. For more information, call (225) 658-1840.

Learn how to make your garden bird friendly at the Baker Branch on Tuesday, July 21, at 6:00 p.m. Betty Miley, owner of Maypop Hill Nursery, will talk about the variety of birds that live in or migrate through our area. She will also present ways to create home habitats to attract and protect our native birds. For more information, call (225) 778-5940.

Jane Patterson with the Baton Rouge Audubon Society will present a program on the migratory pattern of birds that live in or fly through the Baton Rouge area. She will also discuss what the public can do to help protect and preserve the birds’ habitats. This free event is open to all ages and will take place at the Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch on Wednesday, July 22, at 7:00 p.m. Patterson is the Education Committee Chair of the Baton Rouge Audubon Society

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American Experience: New Orleans

The East Baton Rouge Parish Library and Louisiana Public Broadcasting (LPB) are hosting an open discussion on New Orleans at the Main Library, 7711 Goodwood Boulevard, on Wednesday, July 29, at 7:00 p.m. This event will coincide with the airing of American Experience: New Orleans on LPB, Sunday, July 26. The public is invited to watch the special and then attend the program at the Library. A special guest moderator will lead a discussion on the program which will include viewer evaluations of how well the televised program presented New Orleans past and present.

For more information, call (225) 231-3710.
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Audubon Society. The Audubon Society is dedicated to protecting Louisiana biological treasures, especially birds, wildlife and their habitats. For more information, call (225) 274-4440.

Learn how to hook that big one at this free program! Maurice Wall, from Bass Pro Shops, will be at the Jones Creek Regional Branch Library on Thursday, July 23, at 6:30 p.m. Wall is an expert saltwater and freshwater fisherman with fifty years of angling experience. For information, call (225) 756-1150.

The Baton Rouge Cajun French Music Association will be at the Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch on Thursday, July 30, at 6:30 p.m. Members from the association will be performing as well as teaching Cajun French dancing. This free event is open to all ages.

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

The Monstrous and Marvelous in Eudora Welty’s Fiction
In honor of the centennial of Eudora Welty’s birth, Dr. Brannon Costello will present a program focusing on Welty’s work. Dr. Costello will spotlight The Golden Apples and other collections of Welty’s short stories. This free program will take place at the Jones Creek Regional Branch on Thursday, July 16, at 6:30 p.m. Registration is required.

Dr. Costello is an assistant professor in the English department at Louisiana State University. He specializes in American literature, southern studies, and comic and graphic novels.

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

Library Computer Upgrade
The Library’s computer system, including the online catalog, will be upgraded beginning July 20. Though public PCs with access to the Internet will be available, certain features and services will be temporarily unavailable as we implement and test the new software. We anticipate "going live" with the new system on July 27. The new system will have many new features for your use and convenience. Thank you for your patience during this transition.

Computer Classes at the Library
In addition to the regularly scheduled classes at the Main Library, the following computer classes will be held for adults in July. Registration is required for all classes. For more information or to register, call the individual branch.

Baker Branch
Introduction to Microsoft Word
Saturday, July 18, 10:00 a.m.
Learn the basics of Microsoft Word 2003. Participants will learn about margins, font types and sizes, spell check, and graphics.

Bluebonnet Regional Branch
Computers Without Fear
Thursday, July 2, 10:00 a.m.
Learn computer basics without the worry of breaking anything! An experienced instructor will cover several topics including the parts of a computer, using a mouse, creating files, and using a floppy disk.

Introduction to Excel
Saturday, July 11, 10:00 a.m.
Participants will learn how to create a spreadsheet using Microsoft Excel 2003. They will also learn how to enter data into a spreadsheet, add and resize columns and rows, and create basic mathematical formulas to apply to the spreadsheet.

Introduction to the Internet
Thursday, July 16, 10:00 a.m.
Learn the basics of "surfing the web!" Library staff will cover several topics, including brief facts about the development of the Internet, basic Internet terms, how to find a website, and learn facts about copyright.

Introduction to PowerPoint
Thursday, July 23, 10:00 a.m.
Learn how to develop a presentation using PowerPoint. Participants will learn how to include animation, clip art, text, and graphs in their slides.

Introduction to Gmail from Google
Thursday, July 30, 10:00 a.m.
Learn how to create your free email account with Gmail, the email service provided by Google. Participants will learn how to receive, compose, and forward emails.

Jones Creek Regional Branch
Introduction to Microsoft Word
Tuesday, July 7, 10:00 a.m.
Saturday, July 11, 10:00 a.m.
Learn the basics of Microsoft Word 2003. Participants will learn about margins, font types and sizes, spell check, and graphics.

Intermediate Microsoft Word
Tuesday, July 21, 10:00 a.m.
Saturday, July 25, 10:00 a.m.
In this intermediate class, participants will learn how to separate text into columns, create and modify a table, sort items in a table, and insert headers and footers.

State Board of Education Textbook Display
The Louisiana Department of Education Sample Textbooks will be on display in the Children’s Room at the Main Library. The display represents 2009-2010 textbook adoption for elementary, middle, and high school students. The topic of the textbooks is Career and Technical Education. Teachers and interested adults can view these textbooks and make comments on forms available at the library.

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

If you have always wanted to learn how to crochet—this is the workshop for you! Diane Forrest Taylor will teach several beginning crochet classes at the Scotlandville Branch. Learn the basics needed to crochet hats, bags, pillows, baby blankets, and more! This free workshop will take place on Tuesday, July 21, at 10:00 a.m.; Thursday, July 23, at 10:00 a.m.; and Saturday, July 25, at 4:00 p.m.

Registration is required. For more information and to register, call (225) 354-7540.

Ace and Mudcat Sing the Blues

Ace and Mudcat will perform at the Baker Branch on Sunday, July 26, at 3:00 p.m. Steve DuBois and Ken Johnston, also known as Ace and Mudcat, will present a musical impersonation of the Delta Blues.

Listen to great music and learn about Louisiana’s contribution to this great genre! For more information, call (225) 778-5940.

Duplicate Bridge Summer Training Program

Learn how to play a game that is fun and stimulates your mind! Beginning Friday, July 10, Duplicate Bridge training classes will be held on Fridays in July and August from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Scotlandville Branch. These free classes are open to teens and adults.

For more information, call (225) 354-7550.

Razzle Dazzle

Are you looking to spruce up your summer wardrobe? Julie Badeaux will teach participants simple embroidery stitches and beadwork techniques to update clothing. This free workshop will take place at the Zachary Branch on Saturday, July 25, at 10:30 a.m. Registration is required.

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

Cartooning 101

Study cartooning with a professional cartoonist! Erik van Buren will teach teens the art of character design. Participants will practice and experiment with shapes and structure to develop unique and memorable characters for comic books and cartoons.

van Buren has illustrated two children’s books, several comic books, and created numerous characters, designs, and logos for clients across the U.S. He is the founder and president of the Baton Rouge Cartoonist Society. He has also been working as lead concept artist for the video game company, Nerjyzed Entertainment.

This free workshop will take place at the Zachary Branch on Saturday, July 11, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. There will be a one hour lunch break at noon and lunch will not be provided. Registration is required. For more information and to register, call (225) 658-1870.

This program is supported in part by funds from the Louisiana State Arts Council and the Louisiana Division of the Arts and by the Arts Council of Greater Baton Rouge through the Decentralized Arts Funding Program.
Teen Book Clubs

Join one of the Library’s great Teen Book Clubs! The Baker Branch club will meet at 3:00 p.m. on Wednesday, July 15, and this month’s selection is The Pact: Three Young Men Make a Promise and Fulfill a Dream by Sampson Davis. The Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch’s club is reading Marked by P.C. and Kristin Cast. They will meet at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, July 20. Feel like reading a classic? The Zachary Branch club is reading Jane Eyre by Charlotte Bronte and meeting on Tuesday, July 14, at 3:00 p.m. to discuss it. The Pride-Chaneyeville Branch is starting up a new book club called The Dragon’s Lair Book Club. This new book club will meet the last Thursday of each month at the Pride-Chaneyeville Branch to explore all sorts of weird, far-out, and supernatural books. Join in on Thursday, July 30, at 3:00 p.m. and vote on what books to read next! Call the individual branch to find out more information or to register for any of these clubs.

Quilting Break

Bring your own fabric or borrow from our stash, and join the Pride-Chaneyeville Branch for some quilting fun on Thursday, July 9, at 3:00 p.m. Get technical assistance from experienced quilters. Learn to design, cut, and sew your own masterpiece.

To register and for more information, call (225) 658-1555.

Guy Stuff

It’s time for some manly activities at the Library! Make a duct tape wallet, participate in a paper airplane competition, and find out what happens when Mentos are dropped into Diet Coke. The fun starts at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, July 23, at the Baker Branch.

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

Game Overload @ the Library

Bring a friend and have some fun with a variety of games this summer! Call the individual branch for more information.

• Race over to the Baker Branch on Thursday, July 9, at 2:00 p.m. for an afternoon of Wii Mario Kart!
• Join the Central Branch for an afternoon of fun playing Halo 3 and Rock Band on Wednesday, July 8, at 2:30 p.m.
• Stomp on over to the Delmont Gardens Branch on Saturday, July 11, at 4:00 p.m. or the Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch on Wednesday, July 22, at 3:30 p.m. and have some fun playing Super Smash Brothers on the Library’s Wii.
• Have the ultimate jam session with Guitar Hero at the Scotlandville Branch on Thursday, July 2, at 4:00 p.m., the Jones Creek Regional Branch on Wednesday, July 1, at 2:00 p.m., or the Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch on Tuesday, July 7, at 2:30 p.m.
• Don’t be bored – play board games at the Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch on Thursday, July 16, at 3:30 p.m. Bring your own board games or try out some of the Library’s classic games like Uno, chess, or checkers!
• Teens are invited to test their knowledge of movie trivia during this fun and fast paced game of Movie Jeopardy at the Jones Creek Regional Branch on Thursday, July 9, at 2:00 p.m.
• Rock out with Rock Band 2 at the Pride-Chaneyeville Branch on Saturday, July 18, at 11:00 a.m.
• Put your dancing skills to the test with Dance, Dance Revolution at the Scotlandville Branch on Tuesday, July 7, at 4:00 p.m.
• Boost your vocabulary while you compete against your peers with Scrabble at the Scotlandville Branch on Tuesday, July 21, at 4:00 p.m.

The Pharaoh’s Curse

Can you solve the mystery of the Pharaoh’s Tomb? Teens are invited to search for clues, examine the evidence, act out the parts of the suspects, and solve the crime. Registration is required.

Baker Branch – Friday, July 10, 4:00 p.m.
Jones Creek Regional Branch - Wednesday, July 29, 2:00 p.m.

Baker Teen Poets Society

Join the Baker Library’s new Teen Poetry Society! The theme for July’s meeting is “Favorite Poetry”. Bring one or two of your favorite poems to share with the group on Monday, July 20, at 4:00 p.m. Snacks will be provided.

To register and for more information, call (225) 778-5960.
Arts n’ Crafts
Feeling arty and creative? Put all of that energy into one of the Library’s great craft programs! For more information and to register, call the individual branch.

• Create a book of memories from the summer. Bring photos and other items you would like to include in your scrapbook to the Baker Branch on Saturday, July 18, at 2:00 p.m. The Library will supply everything else!

• Teens are invited to design and redecorate an old book into an original journal or scrapbook at the Central Branch on Wednesday, July 15, at 3:30 p.m. Supplies will be provided.

• Teens will learn how to make Indonesian shadow puppets at the Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch on Thursday, July 9, at 3:30 p.m.

• Turn the back pocket from an old pair of jeans into a handy pocket magnet for your locker! Grab an old pair of jeans and head to the Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch on Tuesday, July 28, at 2:30 p.m.

• Learn how to make paper mache masks and sculptures in part one of this program at the Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch on Monday, July 20, at 2:30 p.m. Paint and decorate your creation in the second part of the program on Tuesday, July 21, at 2:30 p.m.

• Help decorate the Library! Participants will paint a mural on a large sheet of paper to be hung in the Teen areas of two libraries. Make your mark at the Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch on Monday, July 13, at 2:30 p.m. or at the Baker Branch on Tuesday, July 14, at 2:00 p.m.

• Learn the basics of drawing lines, shapes, and forms to create unique images at the Pride-Chaneyville Branch on Wednesday, July 22, at 2:00 p.m.

• Create your own unique journal at the Pride-Chaneyville Branch on Wednesday, July 1, at 3:00 p.m. or the Jones Creek Regional Branch on Thursday, July 23, at 2:00 p.m.

• Teens are invited to turn in artwork to the Young Adult Department at the Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch between 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 28, and 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, July 29. The art show starts at 4:30 p.m.

Open Mic Café
Teens are invited to showcase their talents in a coffee house style atmosphere at the Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch on Wednesday, July 1, at 3:30 p.m. Performances may include music, dance, monologues, skits, poetry recitals, puppets, singing and more!

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

Fashion Forward
Design unique jewelry, shirts, and accessories to complete your fabulous wardrobe!

• Learn how to make a special friendship bracelet at the Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch on Tuesday, July 14, at 2:30 p.m.

• Learn how to make a stylish belt out of soda can pop tops and safety pins at the Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch on Monday, July 27, at 2:30 p.m.

• Construct a beach bag entirely out of duct tape at the Main Library on Thursday, July 2, at 2:00 p.m. or the Jones Creek Regional Branch on Tuesday, July 7, at 2:00 p.m. Waterproof and durable - it’s the perfect summer accessory!

• Learn how to create cool and funky jewelry using items from the hardware store at the Main Library on Thursday, July 9, at 2:00 p.m. or the Jones Creek Regional Branch on Tuesday, July 14, at 2:00 p.m.

• Make a groovy change to your wardrobe with tie-dye! Teens should bring a pre-washed and dried white t-shirt to the Jones Creek Regional Branch on Tuesday, July 21, at 2:00 p.m. Participants are encouraged to wear old clothing.

• Create unique and beautiful beaded jewelry at the Pride-Chaneyville Branch on Wednesday, July 8, at 2:00 p.m. The Library will provide an array of colors and styles to choose from.

• Learn how to make cool and colorful jewelry out of paper roule and beads at the Pride-Chaneyville Branch on Tuesday, July 14, at 3:00 p.m.

To register and for more information, contact the individual branch.
Anime Fun
Get your Anime fix this July at the Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch! Watch *Prince of Tennis* and compete in an anime jeopardy game on Monday, July 6, at 2:30 p.m. or check out *Moon Phase* and play a special Ninja vs. Samurai trivia game on Thursday, July 23, at 3:30 p.m.

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

Yu-Gi-Oh Afternoon
Duel, trade, chat, learn, practice, and snack at this fun *Yu-Gi-Oh* program at the Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch on Wednesday, July 15, at 3:30 p.m.

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

Publisher Flyers
Learn how to create flyers using Microsoft Word and Microsoft Publisher at the Scotlandville Branch on Wednesday, July 15, at 4:00 p.m.

To register and for more information, call (225) 354-7550.

Research Help
Library staff will teach students search techniques for using the Library’s extensive collection of databases at the Scotlandville Branch on Wednesday, July 22, at 4:00 p.m. The databases are great resources for research and school projects.

To register and for more information, call (225) 354-7550.

Healthy Selections
Sharmaine Charles from the LSU Ag Center will teach teens about nutrition and healthy eating habits at the Scotlandville Branch on Thursday, July 16, at 3:00 p.m. She will also prepare strawberry smoothies for participants to sample.

To register and for information, call (225) 354-7550.

Tiger Squadron
Children and teens, ages 7 to 17, are invited to play this strategic and tactical jet and pilot board game at the Zachary Branch on Monday, July 13, at 4:00 p.m.

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

Bath Beauty
Learn how to make sparkling hot bath salts for a soothing spa-like experience at the Main Library on Wednesday, July 22, at 2:00 p.m.

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

Scavenger Hunt
Hunt for items and win prizes at the library scavenger hunt challenge at the Main Library on Saturday, July 18, at 2:00 p.m.

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

Book and Math Buds
Teen volunteers will assist children, ages 6 to 11, with reading and math skills at the Main Library. Book Buds is a reading program that pairs volunteer teens with children in second through fourth grades. Teens help their buddies select books from staff-approved materials, read to them, and serve as reading coaches. In Math Buds, teen volunteers will use games like Checkers, Chess, Battleship, Connect 4 and other fun activities to help children improve math skills and critical thinking.

Math Buds will take place at 2:30 p.m. on Wednesday, July 1, and Book Buds will start at 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, July 2. To register or for more information, call (225) 231-3770.

End of Summer Reading Parties
Enjoy snacks, play games, and bid a fun farewell to summer at the Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch on Thursday, July 30, at 3:30 p.m. or the Baker Branch on Thursday, July 30, at 4:00 p.m. Call the individual branch to register and for more information.
Summer Chess

The East Baton Rouge Parish Library’s popular chess program concludes this month with a class for ages 9 and up, and a novice chess tournament! Volunteers from the Baton Rouge Chess Club will teach the basics of chess to beginners and intermediate level players.

The final summer chess class will be on Saturday, July 11, at 10:00 a.m. The tournament will be held on Saturday, July 25, at 10:00 a.m. Both the class and tournament will be held at the Main Library, 7711 Goodwood Boulevard.

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

Harvey Rabbit and Friends

Harvey Rabbit and Friends will perform at the Jones Creek Regional Branch on Thursday, July 16, at 2:30 p.m. Tim and Laura Allured are the masters behind these hilarious puppets and perform wonderful programs filled with jokes, music, magic, and dance.

This program is supported in part by funds from the Louisiana State Arts Council and the Louisiana Division of the Arts and by the Arts Council of Greater Baton Rouge through the Decentralized Arts Funding Program.

This performance is free and open to the public; however, space is limited and registration is required. Please call (225) 756-1160 to register and for more information.

This program is supported in part by funds from the Louisiana State Arts Council and the Louisiana Division of the Arts and by the Arts Council of Greater Baton Rouge through the Decentralized Arts Funding Program.

Dunce Upon A Dime

The Playmaker’s Summer Tour will once again be making stops at libraries this summer. This year’s play, Dunce Upon a Dime follows Daniel, a third grader who doesn’t like school or story time hour – that is until he stumbles upon a magical coin that sends him off into a fairy tale of his own. Ages, 4 to 11, are invited to join Daniel on his entertaining journey filled with outlandish characters and quick witted comedy.

The schedule is as follows. For more information, call the individual branch or (225) 231-3760.

Wednesday, July 1
10:30 a.m. – Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch

Thursday, July 2
2:00 p.m. – Scotlandville Branch

Monday, July 6
10:00 a.m. – River Center Branch

Tuesday, July 7
10:00 a.m. – Central Branch
2:00 p.m. – Baker Branch

Thursday, July 9
10:00 a.m. – Pride-Chaneyville Branch

Cangelosi Dance Project: Collection of Contemporary Jazz

The Cangelosi Dance Project will perform “Collection of Contemporary Jazz”. In this performance, dancers will demonstrate a variety of types of contemporary jazz moves. Ages, 5 and up, are invited to attend.

The schedule is as follows. For more information, call the individual branch or (225) 231-3760.

Wednesday, July 1
2:00 p.m. – Carver Branch

Thursday, July 2
2:00 p.m. – Central Branch

Monday, July 6
2:00 p.m. – Main Library

Tuesday, July 7
2:00 p.m. – Jones Creek Regional Branch

Wednesday, July 8
2:00 p.m. – Baker Branch

Thursday, July 9
2:00 p.m. – Eden Park Branch

Monday, July 13
2:00 p.m. – Delmont Gardens Branch

Tuesday, July 14
2:00 p.m. – Bluebonnet Regional Branch

Wednesday, July 15
2:00 p.m. – Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch

Thursday, July 16
2:00 p.m. – Zachary Branch
**Book Buffs**

Children, ages 7 to 11, are invited to join the Baker Branch Library’s new children’s book club, *The Book Buffs*. The club will meet on Tuesday, July 7, at 11:00 a.m. and this month’s selection is *Because of Winn Dixie* by Kate DiCamillo.

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

**Louisiana Wild**

Wildlife expert, Wayne Houston, with Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries will give a special presentation on Louisiana wildlife to children, ages 6 to 11, at the Baker Branch on Friday, July 10, at 10:30 a.m. This will be a fun hands-on program that includes learning how to take an impression of an animal track.

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

**Kindermusik**

A music teacher from Kindermusik will lead children, up to age 7, in a music program at the Bluebonnet Regional Branch on Tuesday, July 7, at 11:00 a.m.

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

**Spectacular Sing-Along**

Two local high school students, Devika Balachandran and Amber Spicer, will present a musical sing along for children of all ages at the Bluebonnet Regional Branch on Saturday, July 18, at 2:30 p.m.

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

**Magic with Glen Ghirardi**

Magician, Glen Ghirardi, will delight and amaze audiences this summer with tricks and illusions! His show will also feature Ernie the Book Worm, a magical fellow who peeks out of library books while teaching the importance and rewarding benefits of reading.

The schedule is as follows. For more information, call the individual branch or (225) 231-3760.

**Ballet Boogie**

Local dance instructor, Rachel Carlino, will teach children, ages 4 to 11, the basics of ballet at the Carver Branch on Tuesday, July 7, at 11:00 a.m.

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

**Aloha!**

Hula on over to the Carver Branch on Monday, July 13, at 4:30 p.m. for a Hawaiian good time. Children, ages 5 to 11, will listen to the story, *Luka’s Quilt* by George Guback and then create flower leis.

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

**Model Trains**

Bob Coon of the Greater Baton Rouge Model Railroaders will discuss model trains and have several model trains on display at the Central Branch on Monday, July 13, at 10:30 a.m. Open to children, ages 4 and up.

For more information, call (225) 262-2660.
String of Stars

Start your Fourth of July celebration early at the Delmont Gardens Branch on Thursday, July 2, at 2:30 p.m. Children, ages 5 and up, will listen to a story about the United States and then create a string of stars to take home.

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

Bugs, Bugs, Everywhere!

Bug out at the Eden Park Branch on Thursday, July 16, at 10:30 a.m. Children, ages 5 and up, will listen to several stories about bugs and then make a cute ladybug.

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

Crazy ‘Bout History

Brenda Mitchell of the Crazy ‘Bout History touring group will recite Ain’t I a Woman? as presented by Sojourner Truth in 1851 at the Women’s Convention in Akron, Ohio. The Delta Tau Community Service Organization will also present a soulful dance performance. This program will take place at the Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch on Tuesday, July 7, at 10:30 a.m. and is open to ages, 8 and up.

For more information and to register, call (225) 274-4460.

Shiver Me Fingers

Shiver me fingers, thar’s pirates on deck! Children, ages 3 to 5, will listen to the story How I Became a Pirate by Melinda Long at the Main Library on Monday, July 6, at 10:30 a.m. Following the story they will create pirate-themed fingerprint art.

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

Two Chapters Book Club

Children, ages 8 to 12, will listen to the first two chapters of Sarah Plain and Tall at the Jones Creek Regional Branch on Saturday, July 18, at 2:30 p.m. Following the reading, participants will write and discuss what they think will happen next.

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

Racing Dinosaurs

Have a dino-mite time at the Pride-Chaneyville Branch on Thursday, July 16, at 2:30 p.m. Children, ages 5 to 8, will listen to the story, Bronto Eats Meat and create racing dinosaurs.

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

Space Fun

Children, ages 5 to 11, can visit the stars with MARS! The Mobile Astronomy Resource System (MARS) will be at libraries this summer. Chris Kersey, the manager of the Highland Road Observatory, will give tours of MARS and teach children about the solar system. Children will be able to look through an optical telescope for solar viewing, as well as view several space displays and demonstrations. Participants will also receive a special bracelet that changes color in the sunlight.

The schedule is as follows. For more information, call the individual branch.

Thursday, July 9
2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Carver Branch

Saturday, July 11
2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Eden Park Branch

Thursday, July 16
2:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.
Baker Branch

Saturday, July 25
11:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch

(This program will include a children’s presentation at 11:30 a.m. and a special adult presentation at 12:30 p.m.)
**Strings Attached**

Harpist, Kat Winn, will demonstrate how to play the harp to children, ages 8 to 11, at the Zachary Branch on Monday, July 13, at 2:30 p.m. Following the demonstration, participants will have an opportunity to try their hand at the harp.

For more information and to register, call (225) 658-1860.

**Let’s Clean Up!**

The Greater Baton Rouge Garden Club will present an informative performance on ways to keep our environment free of litter at the Main Library on Tuesday, July 14, at 10:30 a.m. Garden Club members will also demonstrate what happens to litter items that remain in our environment. Open to all ages. Registration is required for groups.

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

**Paws at Work**

K-9 Units from the Baton Rouge Police Department will talk about the dogs and demonstrate some of their special skills at several libraries. Children, ages 4 and up, are invited to attend.

For more information and to register, call the individual branch.
Zachary Branch - Thursday, July 2, at 10:30 a.m.
Main Library - Thursday, July 9, at 2:30 p.m.
Central Branch - Thursday, July 16, at 10:30 a.m.

**The Work Dogs Do**

Local veterinarian, Dr. Roberta McKowen, will bring several dogs to the library to demonstrate how they work at different tasks. This program will take place at the Pride-Chaneyville Branch on Wednesday, July 15, at 2:00 p.m. and is open to ages, 5 to 10.

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

**Colorful Cross Stitching**

Learn how fun and easy cross stitching can be at the Main Library on Thursday, July 16, at 2:30 p.m. Children, ages 9 to 11, will learn how to cross stitch some simple and colorful patterns.

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

**Heads Up Safari**

Get ready for a safari at the Main Library on Thursday, July 16, at 10:30 a.m. Children, ages 3 to 5, will listen to the story *Starry Safari* by Linda Ashman and then create colorful safari hats.

**Sixth Grade Doesn’t Have to Kill You**

Learn how to survive the sixth grade at the Zachary Branch on Tuesday, July 7, at 2:00 p.m. Students who have successfully survived the exciting, but challenging transition to sixth grade will share tips to make it a good year for ‘tweens.

For more information and to register, call (225) 658-1860.

**Fingerprint Raindrops**

Leave your fingerprints behind at the Pride-Chanevyville Branch on Thursday, July 2, at 2:30 p.m. Children, ages 2 to 4, will listen to the story *Taste the Raindrops* by Anna Hines and then make a fingerprint raindrop craft.

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

**Finger Puppet Theater**

Children, ages 5 to 11, will listen to the story *Fat Cat: A Danish Folktale* at the Pride-Chaneyville Branch on Tuesday, July 7, at 4:30 p.m. Following the story, participants will create finger puppets and a tissue box puppet theatre.

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

Shake it at the Pride-Chaneyville Branch on Saturday, July 11, at 11:00 a.m. Children, ages 6 to 11, will listen to the story, *Gunniwolf* by Wilhelmina Harper and then create a paper plate shaker.

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

Bonsai Gardening

Howard Merrill of the Louisiana Bonsai Society will demonstrate how to plant and maintain a bonsai at the Main Library on Tuesday, July 7, at 10:30 a.m. Open to ages 5 and up. Registration is required for groups.

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

It’s Party Time!!!!

To celebrate the end of the Children’s Summer Reading Program, the Library will host 12 spectacular parties beginning July 20 and running through July 29. For specific dates and times, call your local branch or (225) 231-3760.

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

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| Tuesday, July 7, 14                     |
| 5:30 p.m.                               |
| Jones Creek                             |
| Monday, July 6, 13                      |
| 7:00 p.m.                               |
| Scotlandville                           |
| Thursday, July 30 & August 27           |
| 5:00 p.m.                               |
Bluebonnet Regional Branch
Nigerian Art
Yola Mills will exhibit her collection of Nigerian art including carved figurines, Jasper beads, and brass jewelry.

Our Flag, Our Heritage
View the Baton Rouge Chapter of the National Society Daughters of the Revolution’s exhibit, honoring our flag, “Old Glory”.

Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch
A Bit of Nostalgia
View a variety of vintage compacts and perfume bottles.

Mixed-Media Art Show
Students from the BREC Adult Leisure Art Group will display their recent work.

Jones Creek Regional Branch
Smocking
The Red Stick Smocking and Fine Needle Art Guild will display samples of their work.

Main Library
Swamp Scenes
Local artist, Bobby Neames, will display a variety of his artwork including oil on canvas and oil on cypress.

Zachary
Comic Book Superheroes: The Beginnings
Check out Superman comics and Sunday comic strips from the 1940’s – 1950’s.