The Library proudly announces the Gala Kick-off for the Spring 2010 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 1920’s soiree featuring a flavor-filled menu and continue with the presentation of the classic film, The Great Gatsby, starring Robert Redford and Mia Farrow. The Gala will be held at the Baton Rouge Community College Magnolia Performing Arts Pavilion, on Thursday, February 4, at 6:00 p.m. 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. The Library and the Chamber have partnered with libraries, school systems, religious and community organizations, and key leaders of industry and commerce throughout the area to implement this comprehensive program, which will strengthen our community and bring our diverse region together.

The Great Gatsby is a tragic love story, a mystery, and a social commentary on American life. The novel’s focus on Jay Gatsby’s desperate quest to win back his first love reverberates with themes characteristically American and universally human, among them the importance of honesty, the temptations of wealth, and the struggle to escape the past. Though The Great Gatsby runs to fewer than two hundred pages, there is no “bigger” read in American literature.

Copies of The Great Gatsby, accessible in a variety of formats including print, audio, and movies, 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, and Discussion Leaders will be trained to guide conversation on key themes of the novel. The Big Read: One Book/One Community website, www.ReadOneBook.org, includes a master schedule of events and toolkits for teachers and discussion leaders.

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.

The Big Read is an initiative of the National Endowment for the Arts in partnership with the Institute of Museum and Library Services and Arts Midwest.

The Big Read is sponsored locally by the Baton Rouge Area Chamber, the Foundation for Historical Louisiana, and the East Baton Rouge Parish Library. Collaborative Partners include:

Champagne & Chocolates!

Join us for an evening of champagne, chocolate, dancing, and a visit with Zelda Fitzgerald!! We'll be entertained by Zelda impersonator, Debra Conner, and enjoy the beauty of the Old Governor's Mansion. Join us at the mansion at 502 North Boulevard on Thursday, March 18, at 6:30 p.m.

Visit www.ReadOneBook.org for more information about The Big Read: One Book/One Community.

For more information, call (225) 231-3710.

Harry Anderson Jazz Group

If you like jazz, the Jones Creek Regional Branch is the place to be! Harry Anderson and his jazz group will perform a free concert on Wednesday, February 10, at 7:00 p.m.

Anderson is the director of Southern University's Jazz Institute. He has performed with musicians such as Itzhak Perlman and Jimmy Heath, and he has appeared in jazz festivals around the world.

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

Live @ Chelsea’s

“The Jazz Nurse” Betsy Braud will be the featured performer at this month’s edition of Live @ Chelsea’s!

Don’t miss out on great jazz, great food and a great time on Wednesday, February 17, at 6:30 p.m., at Chelsea’s Café, 2857 Perkins Road.

Live @ Chelsea’s is a FREE monthly jazz concert featuring local talent. Previous performances have included The Jazz Vipers, Louis Ford, John Smart, and The Baton Rouge Jazz Ensemble. Live @ Chelsea’s is sponsored by the East Baton Rouge Parish Library and Chelsea’s Café.

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

The Hip Hop Doc

The Hip Hop Doc, Dr. Rani C. Whitfield, will bring his positive health messages to the Jones Creek Regional Branch on Saturday, February 6, at 3:00 p.m.

Whitfield is a family physician and author known for his messages aimed to raise awareness about the benefits of good health. Whitfield discusses many issues, such as asthma, diabetes, heart disease, stroke, obesity, substance abuse, and more. Don’t end up like Jay Gatsby!

The Hip Hop Doc discusses the consequences of poor decision-making in regards to health and living in general.

Adults and young adults are welcome to attend.

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

Get Down on the Boogie Bus

As part of The Big Read: One Book/One Community Program, the Library’s friends group, Patrons of the Public Library (POPL) is sponsoring a bus trip on the Bon Temps Limo Party Bus to Teddy’s Juke Joint on Sunday, March 21, at 6:00 p.m. For a mere $35, you and a gaggle of your friends can travel a la party bus to Teddy’s Juke Joint for a night of jazzy blues and food. The $35 includes the bus fare to and from Teddy’s, snacks on the bus, the driver’s tip, as well as the cover to get into Teddy’s Juke Joint! Seats are limited, so get your tickets today!

To register or for more information, contact Tameka Roby at (225) 231-3710, or email troby@ebr.lib.la.us.
A 1920’s Soiree!

You’re invited... -
Join us in a celebration of The Great Gatsby, the 2010 selection for The Big Read: One Book/One Community. -
Thursday, February 4th -
Mocktails, 6:00 p.m. -
Film screening, 6:30 p.m. -
BRCC Magnolia Performing Arts Pavilion
5130 Florida Boulevard -

The Big Read: One Book/One Community is sponsored by the East Baton Rouge Parish Library, and the Baton Rouge Area Chamber. The Big Read is an initiative of the National Endowment for the Arts in partnership with the Institute of Museum and Library Services and Arts Midwest.

Call For Photograph Submissions

The East Baton Rouge Parish Library, in conjunction with the Baton Rouge Blues Foundation, is calling for submissions of photographs of Baton Rouge blues musicians. The photos will be included in an exhibit put on display during Blues Week, April 19-25, at the River Center Branch.

The Baton Rouge Room will accept entries from March 1 to April 9. Photographs should be framed and ready for display. The show will run from April 12 through April 30. All submissions will be returned.

To be considered, call Melissa Eastin at (225) 389-4960, or e-mail a copy of the image to meastin@ebr.lib.la.us.

Big Read Book Discussions

Come and join these Big Read book discussions on The Great Gatsby, by F. Scott Fitzgerald! Look for more discussions in April!

**February**

- **Baker Branch**
  Monday, February 8, 10:30 a.m.

- **Central Branch**
  Tuesday, February 9, 6:00 p.m. and Tuesday, February 23, 6:00 p.m.

- **Zachary Branch**
  Saturday, February 20, 2:30 p.m.

**March**

- **Bluebonnet Regional Branch**
  Wednesday, March 24, 7:00 p.m.

- **Carver Branch**
  Wednesday, March 31, 6:00 p.m.

- **River Center Branch**
  Saturday, March 20, 11:00 a.m.

- **Scotlandville Branch**
  Saturday, March 20, 3:00 p.m.
Black History Month

Open House

The Carver Branch is five years old this year! Come and celebrate during an Open House on Tuesday, February 23, from 10 a.m. to noon.

The Open House will include information about the flourishing Old South Baton Rouge Oral History Collection, the Baton Rouge Archives and new features on the catalog and Web site. New branch manager Cynthia Watanabe will preview the new Digital Archives and introduce the staff members who serve the community daily.

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

February One

The inspiring film, February One, will be shown at the Scotlandville Branch on Saturday, February 20, at 3:00 p.m. The film tells the story of four men who started the Greensboro, N.C., lunch counter sit-ins on February 1, 1960.

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

Josiah Henson

Dr. Charles Vincent will present a program on Josiah Henson, the inspiration behind Harriet Beecher Stowe’s book, Uncle Tom’s Cabin at the Baker Branch on Tuesday, February 9, at 4:00 p.m.

A video entitled, Josiah Henson: The Real Uncle Tom, will precede a discussion on Henson’s life as a slave, a free man, and a teacher of life and job skills to ex-slaves.

School supplies, magazines, and other amenities will be provided to the first 20 students at each program.

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

African-American Genealogy

Genealogy searches can often lead to unfamiliar ground. The Bluebonnet Regional Branch will hold a class that looks into plantation records, Freedman Bank records, and federal records.

This program is designed to help researchers understand what kind of information exists in those records, where to find them, and how to make the most of these valuable resources. Find out all this and more on Wednesday, February 24, at 10:30 a.m. Visit the Genealogy Research Guide on the Library website, www.ebr.lib.la.us for tips on how to get started.

For more information and to register, call (225) 763-2283.

Wellness and Nutrition

Get a free health assessment and learn how to develop a wellness lifestyle that you can enjoy! Local health and wellness specialists, Zakee Nasheed and Charta Burden, will provide information to help you sort through the maze of information you hear and see about nutrition and wellness.

You can grow your nutritional knowledge at the Jones Creek Regional Branch on Wednesdays, February 3 and 10, at 6:30 p.m.

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

More than just an overview of Baton Rouge's African American community, the Our African-American Legacy web page, 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!

CENSUS 2010

It’s easy…It’s safe… It’s important.

Find out more at Census.gov or 2010census.gov.
Community volunteer readers will share their favorite African-American literature during the African-American Read-In at libraries in February. Family and friends are invited to share a reading from a work authored by or about an African American. Call the individual library branch for more information, to register, or to learn about reading selections.

**Baker Branch**
Monday, February 22, 4:30 p.m.
Register to read aloud from a book about a prominent African American.

**Carver Branch**
Saturday, February 27, 4:00 p.m.
Pre-selected books or book excerpts by African-American authors will be available for all participants to read.

**Delmont Gardens Branch**
Thursday, February 11, 11:00 a.m.
Children will read from African-American themed selections.

**Eden Park Branch**
Sunday, February 14, 2:30 p.m.
Eden Park will have a combined program with adults, teens and children. Call the branch to register and for reading selections.

**Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch**
Monday, February 22, 10:00 a.m.
Come and hear the third grade children of Merrydale Elementary recite verses from their favorite stories or poems.

**Jones Creek Regional Branch**
Saturday, February 27, 2:30 p.m.
All ages are invited to attend. Register with the Children’s Room and pick up reading material.

**Main Library**
Saturday, February 13, 2:30 p.m.
Children, teens, and adults can sign up at the Main Library’s Children’s Room to read a two-minute selection by a prominent African American.

**River Center Branch**
Thursday, February 11, 1:30 p.m.
African-American stories for children will be read aloud, and a selection of African-American themed children’s books will be available for participants to read and check out from the library. Read aloud stories will be appropriate for children ages 5-7, but all ages are welcome.

**Scotlandville Branch**
Tuesday, February 2, 3:30 p.m.
Children ages 6-11 are invited to listen to Faith Ringgold’s delightful book, *Tar Beach*, which is the inspiring story of Cassie Lightfoot, who dreams of flying above her Harlem home, claiming all she sees for herself and her family. After the story, design and draw your own story quilt blocks based around the theme, “free as a bird.”
Spring Gardening Series

From February to May, the Carver Branch will hold an informative Spring Gardening Series.

- On Wednesday, February 17, at 6:00 p.m., the Master Gardeners will present *Roses for the Home Landscape*.
- On Wednesday, March 10, at 6:00 p.m., Bob Souvestre will present *Home Vegetable Gardening*.
- On Wednesday, April 21, at 6:00 p.m., Bedding Plants will be presented by Allen D. Owings.
- On Wednesday, May 19, at 6:00 p.m., Crape Myrtles will be presented by Allen D. Owings.

For additional information about this great opportunity to learn from some of the state’s leading horticultural experts in a comfortable and informal setting, call (225) 389-7450.

Basic Wreath-Making

Make your own creative statement with your home décor!

Ann Wroten Duffel will give a demonstration on basic wreath-making, showing participants the latest holiday and seasonal wreaths. Duffel believes that making your own wreaths at home brings an extra personal touch to decorating.

When neighbors compliment your wreath as it hangs on your front door, you’ll be able to say, “I made that!” Get started at the Jones Creek Regional Branch on Thursday, February 4, at 7:00 p.m.

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

Telling Your Story

Jennifer Abraham, director of the T. Harry Williams Oral History Center at Louisiana State University, will provide examples and guidelines for creating oral histories of your family.

Preserving your family traditions and memories, and talking about unique experiences and memorabilia, can be a valuable family heirloom for future generations.

Get tips on questions to ask and how to structure your talk to make it a valued treasure at the Bluebonnet Regional Branch on Saturday, February 27, at 10:00 a.m.

For more information, call (225) 763-2283.

What’s Cooking?

Louisiana is home to some of the best food in the world! Chef Jeremy Coco, an instructor at the Louisiana Culinary Institute, will prepare a food demonstration featuring some of the finest Louisiana cuisine.

Coco has worked for local restaurants Juban’s Creole Cuisine, Café Vermillionville in Lafayette, and Fleming’s Prime Steakhouse. He also worked with other chefs in the Food Network special, *Bringing Back the Bayou*.

Be a part of this event on Wednesday, February 24, at 6:00 p.m. at the Jones Creek Regional Branch.

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

Have you visited the new online catalog? Check it out at www.ebr.lib.la.us

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During the January 21 meeting the Library Board of Control elected officers. Library Director David Farrar congratulates newly-elected treasurer Kizzy Payton, President Dan Reed, and Vice President Tanya Freeman.
In addition to the regularly scheduled classes at the Main Library, the following computer classes will be held for adults in February. Registration is required for some classes. For more information or to register, call the individual branch. A complete list of free computer classes can be found on the Library’s website under Computer Education Research Guide or by searching the online calendar. Both are found at www.ebr.lib.la.us.

**Bluebonnet Regional Branch**

**Introduction to Gmail**
**Thursday, February 4, 10:00 a.m.**
Patrons will learn how to create a Gmail account, as well as how to compose an e-mail, forward an e-mail and send an attachment.

**Beginning Word**
**Thursday, February 11, 10:00 a.m.**
Adults will learn how to use Microsoft Word to edit documents.

**Introduction to Microsoft Publisher 2003**
**Saturday, February 20, 10:00 a.m.**
Learn how to use Microsoft Publisher to make a flyer, pamphlet, newsletter, and many other documents.

**Intermediate Microsoft Word 2003**
**Thursday, February 25, 10:00 a.m.**
This is an intermediate class in which patrons will learn how to separate text into columns, create and modify a table, sort items in a table, and insert headers and footers.

**Carver Branch**

**Job Searches on the Internet**
**Thursday, February 4, 9:30 a.m.**
This program covers the second half of Introduction to the Internet, with an emphasis on advanced Internet searching.

**Setting Up an E-mail Account**
**Tuesday, February 9, 9:30 a.m.**
Patrons will learn how to set up an e-mail account, how to send an e-mail, how to check an e-mail, and how to add and open attachments.

**Eden Park Branch**

**Classes in Basic Computer Use**
Classes teaching basic computer skills will be offered to patrons desiring to learn how to use the computer, as well as how to use various computer programs to complete a task.

**Introduce Without Fear**
**Saturdays, February 6, 27, 10:30 a.m.**

**Introduction to Microsoft Word**
**Thursday, February 11, 4:00 p.m.**

**Introduction to Microsoft Word**
**Monday, February 15, 5:00 p.m.**

**Jones Creek Regional Branch**

**Introduction to Microsoft Word**
**Tuesday, February 2, 10:00 a.m.**
**Saturday, February 6, 10:00 a.m.**
In this class, the following basic skills will be learned using a word processing program: opening, closing, and saving files; editing a letter; formatting documents, inserting text and images; creating bulleted lists; and cutting and pasting text.

**Introduction to New Patron Online Catalog**
**Thursday, February 4, 10:00 a.m.**
Learn the basics of the new integrated library software for patrons. Gain skills in searching the new patron online catalog and accessing user activities.

**Intermediate Word**
**Tuesday, February 16, 10:00 a.m.**
**Saturday, February 20, 10:00 a.m.**
Patrons will learn basic skills and instructions on how to use more advanced functions offered by Microsoft Word. Patrons will learn how to insert headers and footers in documents, create tables and sort data into columns, change margins, add new rows and columns, and other table properties.

Visit a library branch near you for free WiFi!
Un-Valentine’s Day

Teens, are you tired of all that pink and red sugary sweetness of Valentine’s Day? Then come to one of our branches’ Un-Valentine’s Day parties!

Join the Baker Branch for an Un-Valentine’s Day party on Thursday, February 11, at 4:30 p.m.! We’ll have a silly relay race, a sour candy eating contest, catapult candy hearts, and we’ll make up our own anti-Valentine’s Day sayings! For more information, call (225) 778-5960.

If you want to forget about Valentine’s and just dance, come to the Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch, where we’ll play Dance Dance Revolution, compete in a Hershey’s Kiss and Mitten relay, and play “Guess Which Candy Bar” at 2:30 p.m. on Saturday, February 13! For more information or to register, call (225) 274-4470.

Do you have broken heart syndrome? Join the River Center Branch for its first Un-Valentine’s Day Party on Friday, February 12, at 4:00 p.m. Teens ages 12-17 are invited to wear all black and have fun making un-Valentine’s Day cards. Broken-heart cookies will be served, non-love songs will be played, and a prize for best un-Valentine’s Day card will be awarded! For more information, call (225) 389-4959.

Ravishing Rings

Do you like to make your own jewelry? Do you like to paint? Did you know you can combine these two hobbies? Come by the Baker Branch on Thursday, February 18, at 4:30 p.m. to paint and embellish your own ring. The library will provide clear plastic rings for you to adorn.

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

Manga Club with Anime

’Tweens and teens will discuss the manga books they’ve read over the past month, then settle in for a showing of the anime series, Ouran High School Host Club at the Baker Branch on Thursday, February 25, at 4:00 p.m.

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

Doll It Up

Barbara Franklin will teach teens the art of creating handmade cloth dolls at the Eden Park Branch. Participants will be given a selection of items and fabric to transform their doll into an individual creation from head to foot, expressing the taste and character of its creator.

Every doll will be one of a kind – come and make your own on Saturday, February 27, at 2:30 p.m. For more information or to register, call (225) 231-3240.
**Happy Birthday, Maisy!**

Children ages 3-6 are invited to a special storytime celebrating the 10th birthday of Maisy, the beloved mouse character created by author Lucy Cousins. At the Baker Branch, we’ll be reading several Maisy picture books, including *Maisy Goes to the Library*, on Saturday, February 6, at 2:00 p.m. The celebration will also include rhymes, songs and a “Pin the Tail on Maisy” game. Afterward, children will do a “Dress up Maisy” paper craft by selecting an outfit to glue on a Maisy figure.

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

**Book Buffs**

What happens when a Valentine’s bouquet is sent to the wrong person? What if the sender is your best friend and you don’t return his feelings? That is exactly the situation Annabel faces in * Totally Crushed*, a Candy Apple book by Eliza Willard.

This fun and humorous novel is the Baker Branch’s Book Buffs selection for the February meeting on Saturday, February 27, at 2:30 p.m. Join the group and read and discuss portions of the book, drink lemonade, eat cookies and make lovely tissue paper flowers to take home. Children ages 8-11 are invited to attend.

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

**Dogs at the Library**

Come and read to your favorite dog! LSU Tiger HATS will visit the Carver Branch at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, February 6, with their specially-trained dogs. These dogs serve as excellent reading companions to young children. For more information, call (225) 389-7460.

Bonus! LSU Tigers HATS will Children will also make an appearance at the Jones Creek Regional Branch! Children will learn about animal therapy and read to the dogs; staff will also read the story, *Chewy Louie*, by Howie Schneider, on Saturday, February 20, at 2:30 p.m.

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

**Love, Splat**

Children ages 4-8 are invited to come to the Central Branch and listen to the book, *Love, Splat*, by Rob Scotton, and then make a Splat Valentine on Tuesday, February 9, at 4:00 p.m.

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

**Children’s Knitting Group**

Kids, want to learn to knit? Join us at the Central Branch every Thursday evening at 5:00 p.m. Beginners can learn from those more experienced with knitting and crocheting. Supplies available – brave adults also welcome!

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

**The Art of Balloon Twisting**

Balloon artist Chris Pierce will teach children the art of balloon twisting at the Main Library! Learn special skills for creating fun and amazing balloon creatures on Saturday, February 27, at 2:30 p.m.

For more information or to register, call (225) 231-3760.
Mardi Gras Mask Craft

Children ages 6-11 are invited to come and learn about the history of Mardi Gras at the Carver Branch on Monday, February 15 at 2:00 p.m. Kids will make their own Mardi Gras masks using scissors, glue, tape, drinking straws, crayons, markers, cardboard, sequins, sparkle glue and feathers!

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

Dancing Dragon

Start the “Year of the Tiger” off right at the Zachary Branch! Learn about the Chinese New Year and make a dancing dragon to celebrate on Saturday, February 13, at 11:00 a.m.

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

Fun with Amelia Bedelia

Children ages 6-9 are invited to listen to the original Amelia Bedelia story at the Central Branch, and then participate in Amelia Bedelia activities on Tuesday, February 23 at 4:00 p.m.

For more information or to register, call (225) 262-2660.

Sugar Plum Ballerinas

The Carver Branch Kids Book Club, for children ages 8-11, will discuss the book, Sugar Plum Ballerinas, by Whoopi Goldberg on Wednesday, February 24, at 4:00 p.m.

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

Bio Book Club – What Did They Do?

This month’s Bio Book Club meeting at the Pride-Chaneyville Branch will feature the book, Harriet Tubman: Hero of the Underground Railroad, by Lori Mortensen on Saturday, February 13, at 10:30 a.m.

Children ages 6-11 will make a fabric collage much like the illustrations in the book. For more information or to register, call (225) 658-1560.
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. For more information, call your local library. Organized groups must reserve a date and time other than those listed below.

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**Lapsit – for babies through crawling**

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**Preschool Storytime – for children three to five years old**

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Read to your child at least 15 minutes each day!

Keep track of your children’s library books with the Library Elf! Sign up at www.libraryelf.com!
Bluebonnet Regional Branch

Portals
Be*Mused, a group of local fiber artists, presents two- and three-dimensional works of fabric, paper, beads, and paint, including wall art and dolls.

In Search of African-American Roots
Visit the Baton Rouge Genealogy Room to browse books on African-American genealogy. The display window features genealogy excerpts of key figures such as Oprah Winfrey and demonstrate the genealogy and oral history process.

Carved Birds
The hand-carved craft bird collection of Joy Martinez will be on display.

Louisiana Ghost Series
See paintings and photo art of Louisianan.

Eden Park Branch

African-American Doll Collection
View an array of African-American dolls from the collection of Jacqueline Hunt.

Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch

BREC Art Class Exhibit
View BREC's Art Class mixed media paintings.

The Carver and King Exhibits
Debra Daniels exhibits historic inventions of George Washington Carver, as well as relics from the life and times of Civil Rights leader Martin Luther King, Jr.

Barbara Franklin Doll Exhibit
Barbara Franklin will exhibit handmade cloth African-American dolls.

Jones Creek Regional

Portraits of Africa
Portraits of everyday life in Ghana.

Seniors Art Exhibit
St. Martha's Senior Art Colony will feature still life and nature paintings as well as portraits.

Scotlandville Branch

Tutankhamen through President Obama
John K. Gradney will display his works of art depicting historic, contemporary, and key figures throughout history.

East Baton Rouge Parish Library
David Farrar, 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 (225) 778-5940
Monday – Thursday, 9:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Friday and Saturday, 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Sunday, 2:00 – 6:00 p.m.

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

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

Central Branch Library
11260 Joor Road (225) 262-2640
Monday – Thursday, 9:00 a.m. – 9:00 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 (225) 658-1840
Monday – Thursday, 9:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Friday and Saturday, 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Sunday, 2:00 – 6:00 p.m.

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