The Big Read!
All That’s Fitz...

White Linen Party in the Rose Garden with Zelda

Throw on some ‘20s garb or wear all white and join us for an evening of champagne, chocolate, dancing, and a “visit” with Zelda Fitzgerald!

As part of the 2010 Big Read, be entertained by Zelda impersonator Debra Conner and enjoy the beauty of the Old Governor’s Mansion!

Join us at the Mansion, located at 502 North Boulevard, on Thursday, March 18, at 6:30 p.m. This event is free and open to the public.

Visit www.ReadOneBook.org for more information about The Big Read: One Book/One Community. For more information, call (225) 231-3710.

Speakeasy: A Special After-Hours Event

Drink mocktails and learn how to dance the Charleston at our own Library Speakeasy! This premiere after-hours event, held at the Bluebonnet Regional Branch, celebrates our 2010 Big Read: One Book/One Community selection, The Great Gatsby by F. Scott Fitzgerald.

While there, you can visit with the fabulous Zelda Fitzgerald impersonator, Debra Conner. The fun begins on Friday, March 19, at 7:00 p.m.

Since this event occurs after regular library hours, participants will have to mosey ‘round back and be admitted through the “secret” entrance. Remember to knock three times and offer the phrase, “This is the cat’s meow!”

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Project Runway, Gatsby Style

In conjunction with this spring’s The Big Read: One Book/One Community events spotlighting The Great Gatsby by F. Scott Fitzgerald, staff of the Jones Creek Regional Branch will present a runway project featuring the ladies’ and gents’ fashions of the 1920s!

Come set your sights on unique and beautiful attire that will take you back to the roaring ‘20s on Sunday, March 21, at 3:00 p.m.

For more information, call (225) 756-1150.
Boogie Bus to Teddy’s Juke Joint

The Library’s friends group, Patrons of the Public Library (POPL), and the Baton Rouge Blues Foundation are sponsoring a bus trip on the Bon Temps Limo Party Bus to Teddy’s Juke Joint, 16999 Old Scenic Highway, in Zachary.

For a mere $35 per person, you and a gaggle of your friends can travel via 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 cover to get into Teddy’s Juke Joint!

Participants will meet at the Main Library at 6:00 p.m. on Sunday, March 21. Seats are limited, so call to register and reserve your seat as soon as possible.

To register or for more information, call (225) 231-3710.

Duct Tape/Blue Tarp Fashion Show

Calling all aspiring fashion designers! Have we got the program for you! Teens will be given blue tarps and duct tape to make 1920’s flapper sensations! “Work the runway” at the Bluebonnet Regional Branch on Saturday, March 20, at 2:00 p.m.

After the fashionistas create their magic, participants will model their creations. The community is invited to attend this funky, flapper fashion show!

For more information or to register, call (225) 763-2270.

Live @ Chelsea’s

You don’t have to be Irish to be festive on St. Patrick’s Day! This St. Paddy’s Day, Live @ Chelsea’s hosts Brasilliance Trio from New Orleans playing cool Brazilian jazz. It will be a little bit of blarney and a whole lot of Samba! Who knows, you might spot a leprechaun shakin’ his lucky stars!

Don’t miss out on great jazz, great food, and a great time on Wednesday, March 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, Betsy Braud, and The Baton Rouge Jazz Ensemble. Live @ Chelsea’s is sponsored by the East Baton Rouge Parish Library, the POPL, and Chelsea’s Café.

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

Movies on the Lot – Gatsby Style

Do you miss the old drive-in movie experience, or want to enjoy it for the first time? Then grab a blanket and head to the Library for Movies on the Lot!

The film adaptation of the novel, The Great Gatsby, starring Mia Farrow and Robert Redford will be projected onto a big screen in the parking lot at the Main Library on Saturday, March 20, at 6:30 p.m.

Audience members may bring lawn chairs or sit in their cars – the audio will be transmitted onto a radio frequency, and participants can tune in to their radios to hear the movie.

Free popcorn and drinks will also be provided. For more information, call (225) 231-3740.

Gatsby Gab

Come and join these Big Read book discussions on The Great Gatsby, by F. Scott Fitzgerald!

- 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.

The Big Read: One Book/One Community is sponsored by the East Baton Rouge Parish Library, the Foundation for Historical Louisiana, 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. For a list of Big Read events, visit www.ReadOneBook.org.
Genealogy 101: Ancestry.Com

Are you getting into genealogy or looking for new ways to expand your research? The Library has a fantastic database for you!

Beginning to intermediate researchers will benefit from learning about a great Internet resource, Ancestry.com – Library Edition at the Bluebonnet Regional Branch on Wednesday, March 17, at 10:30 a.m.

Ancestry.com - Library Edition includes more than 5,000 databases to assist you with your genealogy search. Participants will learn how to search effectively for better results using the card catalog and advanced search options.

Basic strategy and keys for success will be covered. The class is free and all materials will be supplied.

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

Genealogy 101: Land Records

Accessing land records can be a stumbling block for many beginning genealogists. Come learn how to find and use these records to enhance your genealogy research!

Beginning and intermediate researchers are welcome to attend this land records class at the Bluebonnet Regional Branch on Wednesday, March 24, at 10:30 a.m.

For hands-on experience, the Library’s new mobile laptop teaching lab will be available for use on a voluntary, limited basis. Participants are welcome to bring their own personal laptops to follow along using the Library’s new wireless access.

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

Magnolia’s Memories

The Foundation for Historical Louisiana will bring the dead “back to life” through interesting stories of former notable Baton Rouge residents in the Magnolia’s Memories presentation at the Historic Magnolia Cemetery on Florida Boulevard and North 22nd Street.

The event is scheduled for Friday, March 12 and Saturday, March 13. Tours are scheduled every fifteen minutes beginning at 6:30 p.m. with the last tour beginning at 8:00 p.m.

Reserved ticket prices are $30 for Foundation for Historical Louisiana current members and $40 for non-members. A group ticket price of $35 is available for ten or more tickets.

For more information and to order tickets, contact the Foundation for Historical Louisiana at (225) 387-2464.

A Sacred Trust: America’s National Cemeteries

Rex Kern, director of Port Hudson and Baton Rouge National Cemeteries, will speak on the history of the National Cemetery Administration, the role it plays in the burial of veterans, and what burial benefits are available to veterans and their families.

Kern will present at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 4, at the Bluebonnet Regional Branch.

The Mid-City Historical Cemeteries Coalition and Bluebonnet Regional Branch are co-sponsoring the event.

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

Finding the Women in Your Family Tree

Are you having trouble locating details about women in your family tree? It can be difficult to locate and trace women from prior to the 20th century - property was in the name of men, men ran the majority of businesses and controlled government, and they also wrote most histories.

Get some helpful tips on Tuesday, March 16, from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at The Carver Branch will hold a program to discuss the wide array of research strategies available for locating an elusive female in your lineage.

For more information, call (225) 389-7450.
We Were Merchants: A Book Signing with Hans J. Sternberg

Hans J. Sternberg will speak about his new book, We Were Merchants, detailing the life of the Sternberg family and their wonderful store, Goudchaux’s.

Goudchaux’s was a shopping tradition of Baton Rouge residents for many generations.

Copies of Sternberg’s book will be available for purchase and signings after his talk on Sunday, March 7, from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Bluebonnet Regional Branch.

More information on Sternberg, his family, and his book can be found by visiting www.weweremerchants.com.

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

2010 AARP Tax-Aide Schedule

This free service from AARP volunteers will help low and middle-income taxpayers file their taxes with special attention to those ages 60 and older. Spaces are limited so get there early!

Main Library
8:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m.
Mondays: March 1 through April 5
Tuesdays: March 2 through April 6
Wednesdays: March 3 through April 7
Thursdays: March 4 through April 8

Greenwell Springs Road
Regional Branch
9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
Thursdays: March 4 through April 8

Central Branch
9:15 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
Tuesdays: March 2 through April 6

Bluebonnet Regional Branch
9:15 a.m.-11:30 a.m.
Mondays: March 1 through April 12
Wednesdays: March 3 through April 7

Ask-A-Lawyer

Take advantage of free and 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 Zachary Branch on Saturday, March 6, and at the Eden Park Branch on Saturday, March 20. Both programs will be held from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

For more information, call the Zachary Branch at (225) 658-1880 or the Eden Park Branch at (225) 231-3280.

Hospice: Fact vs. Fiction

Maggie Falgout of Amedisys Home Health Services will present a program on the Medicare hospice benefit and when it should be considered at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 24, at the Jones Creek Regional Branch.

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

Tight-Knit Group

Everyone from experts to beginners will enjoy and benefit from the weekly meetings of the Tight-Knit Group! Teens and adults are invited to join the group to knit and crochet using supplies provided by the Library. Beginners can learn from those who are more advanced.

The Tight-Knit Group will meet Thursdays at 4:00 p.m. at the Central Branch.

For more information or to register, call (225) 262-2640.

The Art of Manga

Manga lovers, young and old, won’t want to miss this! Local manga artist Charsya Paul will discuss the topic “Japanese Manga vs. American Comics” at the Jones Creek Regional Branch on Saturday, March 6, at 2:00 p.m.

An experienced manga artist since her early teens, Paul has published several works and formed her own company, P2 Manga. Paul will offer advice to aspiring manga artists on getting their work published.

A book signing will follow the presentation.

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

LIBRARY BOOK SALE

Recycled Reads
13505 Hooper Road

Saturday, March 27, 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
First-Time Homebuyers Seminar

Thinking of purchasing your first home, but don’t know where to begin? Attend a free educational first-time homebuyers’ seminar at the Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch on Saturday, March 13, at 9:00 a.m.

The program will be led by Don Julian and Associates. Qualified presenters will be on hand to teach you how to qualify for a first-time mortgage and how to successfully complete a loan application. Advice will also be given on how to work with lending institutions and how to insure newly acquired property.

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

Children Excited About School!

Educators and counselors, Alonzo and Jacqueline Campbell, will present information to parents who want to help their children have a successful school experience.

Topics covered will include parental encouragement and involvement, the importance of school in shaping a child’s future, creative and interesting study skills, setting priorities, and time management.

Discover ways to motivate your child in school at the Jones Creek Regional Branch on Saturday, March 6, at 10:00 a.m.

For more information, call (225) 756-1180.

Gardening Series

The Carver Branch continues its informative Spring Gardening Series this month. On Wednesday, March 10, at 6:00 p.m., Bob Souvestre will present Home Vegetable Gardening. For more information, call (225) 389-7450.

A Truth Worth Tellin’ – Writing Workshop with Toni Teepell

Toni Teepell will present a writing workshop and book signing, highlighting her first novel, A Truth Worth Tellin’, at the Jones Creek Regional Branch.

Teepell’s life in Louisiana greatly influenced the writing of her novel. She is a graduate of Louisiana State University.

Teepell was awarded the Spring 2010 Written Arts Award for Best Fiction for this book. Hear from Teepell and get your copy of her book signed on Saturday, March 6, at 3:00 p.m.

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

Art Workshop

Feeling artsy? Come and create collages with materials and motivation. Darlene A. Moore, Randell Henry, and Jeanne’ Brown, local artists who have displayed their paintings at the library, will present this workshop at the Scotlandville Branch on Saturday, March 20, at 1:30 p.m.

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

BOOK CLUBS @ YOUR LIBRARY

Baker Branch
“Evening Book Club”
Tuesday, March 2, 6:30 p.m.
The Heart of a Woman by Maya Angelou

Bluebonnet Regional Branch
Wednesday, March 17, 7:00 p.m.
How Fiction Works by James Wood

Central Branch
Last Thursday of the month, 11:00 a.m.
The Simple Truth by David Baldacci

Delmont Gardens Branch
Saturday, March 20, 10:30 a.m.
A Life for A Life by Ernest Hill

Jones Creek Regional Branch
“Books Into Movies Book Club”
First Tuesday of the month, 7:00 p.m.
The Lightning Thief by Rick Riordan

Main Library
“Mystery Lover’s Book Club”
Second Tuesday of the month, noon
Husband and wife mysteries

“Anarchists Book Club”
Fourth Wednesday of the month, 7:00 p.m.

Pride-Chaneyville Branch
“Plum Crazy Book Club”
Saturday, March 20, 2:00 p.m.
Chocolate Chip Cookie Murder by Joanne Fluke

Zachary Branch
Second Tuesday of the month, 10:30 a.m.
Chocolate Chip Cookie Murder by Joanne Fluke

Art Exhibit Reception

Throughout the month of March, two-dimensional pieces of art such as paintings and drawings by Antoine Mitchell will be on display at the Scotlandville Branch. A free reception, open to the public, will be held on Sunday, March 7 at 3:00 p.m.

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

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Career Seminar–Communicate with Confidence

At an informative seminar presented by the Career Center, learn how to speak with confidence about your skills and accomplishments and aid your quest to get promoted in your current job or get hired to a new one.

The seminar will be presented by Melinda Walsh, owner of Walsh Communications and an accomplished communications and media coach.

The seminar will take place on Thursday, March 18, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Bluebonnet Regional Branch.

For more information or to register, call (225) 381-8434, e-mail anowak@careercenterbr.com, or visit the Career Center online at www.careercenterbr.com.

Attention Aspiring Entrepreneurs

Thinking about starting a business and being your own boss?

For aspiring entrepreneurs, Service Corps of Retired Executives (S.C.O.R.E.) volunteers will hold a workshop to address myths and realities that entrepreneurs face, as well as discuss what factors go into being a success.

This free workshop will help you discover if you are ready to start your own business!

Come and learn from experienced businesspeople at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 7, at the Main Library.

The local chapter of S.C.O.R.E. is a volunteer organization of approximately 60 experienced businesspeople. Its mission is to help small businesses start, grow and prosper.

For more information or to register, call (225) 381-7130.

Remembering the Southern University Sit-Ins

In March of 1960, we saw one of the most significant moments of the Civil Rights movement in Baton Rouge. Seven Southern University students challenged the “separate but equal” laws by performing a “sit-in” at the Kress Lunch Counter in Downtown Baton Rouge, the first of its kind in Louisiana.

For their efforts to bring equal justice to the citizens of Baton Rouge, Marvin E. Robinson, Felton Valdry, John W. Johnson, Donald T. Moss, Jo Ann Morris, Jeannette Hoston and Kenneth Jonson were arrested. Each was fined $1,500 and sentenced to 30 days in jail.

All were eventually expelled from Southern University.

“They made no speeches, carried no placards, and did nothing else to attract attention to themselves except to sit at the lunch counters. They were not asked to leave by the proprietors or their agents, but they were asked to leave by police officers. Upon failing to do so, they were arrested and charged with “disturbing the peace.” These seven students were convicted in a state court under Article 103 Section 7 of the Louisiana Revised Statues which defines “disturbing the peace” as the “Commission of an act in such a manner as to unreasonably disturb or alarm the public.” [Baton Rouge Morning Advocate: March 29, 1969]

Upon filing appeals the seven, along with other students who participated in protests at other sites around Baton Rouge were denied initial relief by the local Attorney General and the State Supreme Court “although records contained no evidence to support a finding that petitioners had disturbed the peace, either by outwardly boisterous conduct or by passive conduct likely to cause a public disturbance”. [Garner vs. Louisiana Syllabus]. On December 11, 1961, the U.S. Supreme Court over-ruled the Louisiana Courts in a case known as Garner vs. Louisiana. By 1963 most of the major stores in Baton Rouge, working with Mayor Jack Christian's Bi-Racial Council, had desegregated their lunch counters.

The Scotlandville Branch houses the Black Heritage Collection that contains special books and journals on and by African Americans. Here patrons can research the Civil Rights Movement in Baton Rouge and beyond.

The Old South Oral History Collection at the Carver Branch and the Local History Collection at River Center Branch also contain additional resources.

To learn more about the Civil Rights Movement in Baton Rouge, visit our African American Legacy web site at www.ebr.lib.la.us.

Take a sneak peek at the Baton Rouge Digital Archive, an exciting collection of historic images of Baton Rouge dated from the 1890’s to present day. These images are from the Baton Rouge Room Archive at the River Center Branch Library and are now available online for the first time.

To access the Digital Archive, visit www.ebr.lib.la.us.
In addition to the regularly scheduled daily classes at the Main Library, the following computer classes will be held for adults in March. Registration is required for some classes. For more information or to register, call the individual branch.

**Bluebonnet Regional Branch**

**Beginning PowerPoint**
Saturday, March 6, 10:00 a.m.
Learn how to prepare slides including animation, clip art, text, and graphs.

**Computers without Fear**
Thursday, March 11, 10:00 a.m.
Learn how to use a mouse, create files, and more.

**Introduction the Internet**
Saturday, March 20, 10:00 a.m.
Learn basic Internet terms, how to get to a Web site, and more.

**Introduction to Microsoft Excel 2003**
Thursday, March 25, 10:00 a.m.
Learn how to create a basic spreadsheet.

**Carver Branch**

**Setting up an E-mail Account**
Thursday, March 11, 9:30 a.m.
Learn how to set up an e-mail account.

**Ancestry.com: Introduction to Search the Library Database**
Tuesday, March 16, 9:30 a.m.
Patrons will learn the basics of searching the library edition of Ancestry.com.

**Résumé Writing**
Tuesday, March 23, 9:30 a.m.
Patrons will be shown various types of résumé set-ups.

**Eden Park Branch**

**Intro to Microsoft Word**
Tuesday, March 2, 4:30-6:00 p.m.

**Intro to Publisher**
Thursday, March 11, 5:00-6:30 p.m.

**Computers without Fear**
Thursday, March 4, 5:00-6:30 p.m.
Saturday, March 27, 10:30–11:30 a.m.

Visit a library branch near you for free WiFi!

**Jones Creek Regional Branch**

**Introduction to Excel**
Tuesday, March 2, 10:00 a.m.
Saturday, March 6, 10:00 a.m.
Patrons will gain basics skills in creating a spreadsheet.

**Introduction to New Online Catalog**
Thursday, March 4, 10:00 a.m.
Learn the basics of using the new integrated library software.

**Intermediate Excel**
Tuesday, March 16, 10:00 a.m.
Saturday, March 20, 10:00 a.m.
Learn how to create formulas for basic mathematical operations and more.

**Introduction to PowerPoint**
Tuesday, March 30, 10:00 a.m.
Patrons will learn how to create a basic slideshow.

**River Center Branch Library**

**Introduction to Yahoo! Mail**
Thursday, March 11, 1:00 p.m.
Patrons will learn how to create Yahoo! Mail accounts.

**Computers without Fear**
Thursday, March 18, 1:00 p.m.
Receive a basic introduction to computers.

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**Social Security Assistance**

Representatives of the Social Security Administration will be at the Main Library on Wednesday, March 3, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and Thursday, March 4, from 1:00-5:00 p.m.

Visits will also be made to the Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch on Monday, March 8, from 2:00-5:00 p.m.; the Bluebonnet Regional Branch on Tuesday, March 9, from 2:00-5:00 p.m.; and the Jones Creek Regional Branch on Thursday, March 11, from 1:00-5:00 p.m. Learn more about how you can file online for needs such as applying for retirement, spouse’s or disability benefits, applying for extra help with Medicare prescription costs, and more. Brochures will be available and questions will be taken regarding all online filing processes.

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**2010 Census**

Watch for the 2010 Census, starting in April! Just answer the 10 short questions on the form delivered to you, and then mail it back in the postage-paid envelope provided.

For more information, visit [www.2010.census.gov](http://www.2010.census.gov).
Teen Game Day

Come and play some fun and exciting board and card games at the Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch! We'll play games like *Apples to Apples*, *Killer Bunnies*, *Werewolves of Millers Hollow*, *Uno*, and *Connect 4*.

Bring a friend and have some fun on Saturday, March 20, at 2:30 p.m.
For more information, call (225) 274-4470.

Super Smash Brothers Brawl

Join us at the Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch and play *Super Smash Brothers Brawl* on the Wii! We'll start up the brawl at 2:30 p.m. on Saturday, March 27.
For more information, call (225) 274-4470.

Teen Tech Week

Teen Tech Week is a national program designed to encourage teens to use the library's non-print resources and technology.

The River Center Branch will offer an instruction session for teens ages 12-17 introducing them to our new online catalog and several of our online databases, including EBSCO, Learning Express, and our online literary and biography resources.

Come and explore our interesting databases and the Library catalog on Thursday, March 11, at 5:30 p.m.
For more information or to register, call (225) 389-4959.

Mario Kart on the Wii

Rev up your engines and race your friends with *Mario Kart* on the Wii at the Baker Branch! Teens and tweens ages 12-18 are invited to come and compete with their friends at 4:30 p.m. on Monday, March 1. Refreshments will be served.
For more information, call (225) 778-5960.

Pretty Paper Jewelry

Hey girls, are you looking for a cool new accessory for your wardrobe? How about paper jewelry? Come and learn how to make a fabulous necklace out of paper royle beads and a rolled magazine paper pendant at the Baker Branch!
Guys are welcome too - the necklace would make a great gift for your girlfriend or mom! Come and create on Thursday, March 18 at 4:30 p.m.
For more information, call (225) 778-5960.

Manga Club

Love manga? Join the Manga Club! Teens and tweens will discuss the manga books they’ve read over the past month at the Baker Branch on Thursday, March 25, at 4:00 p.m. After the discussion, draw your own manga characters using some of the manga drawing books the Library has in its collection!
For more information, call (225) 778-5960.

Anime Afternoon

If you’re an anime fan, the Carver Branch is the place to be! Teens will watch an anime program on Wednesday, March 17, at 2:30 p.m.
For more information, call (225) 389-7450.

Rock Band @ the Library!

Teens and tweens are invited to join us for two hours of fun playing *Rock Band* at the Central Branch! Bring a friend and add to the competition on Wednesday, March 31, at 2:30 p.m.
For more information, call (225) 262-2660.

Fizzy Bath Salts

Come and make some fizzy bath salts at the Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch! These are great for treating yourself or to give as a gift! Learn how to make these relaxing salts on Saturday, March 13, at 2:30 p.m.
For more information, call (225) 274-4470.
Teen Book Club

The Zachary Branch’s Teen Book Club will end its study of award-winning author Joan Bauer with a discussion and celebration of her works, focusing on the book *Best Foot Forward*. Be a part of the book club on Saturday, March 13, at 2:00 p.m.

For more information, call (225) 658-1870.

Knitwits: Learning To Knit

Teens from 6th to 12th grade are invited to come and experience the fun of knitting at the Jones Creek Regional Branch! Bring your own knitting needles, size 8 or 9. Yarn will be provided. Come be a “knitwit” at 4:00 p.m. on Wednesdays, March 17 and 24.

For more information, call (225) 756-1170.

Teen Stitch ‘n Knit Club

Hey teen girls! What to learn how to knit? Or maybe you know how to crochet or cross-stitch but want some company while you do so? Come sit and stitch with us on the second Tuesday of the month during spring at the Main Library. Guys are welcome, too!

This month we’ll be meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 9.

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

Fun and Games

Dinosaur Derby

Come join us for romping, stomping dinosaur fun at the Baker Branch! Kids ages 5-8 will listen to the fun rhyming story, *Dinosaurumpus*, by Tony Mitton, and then make a racing dinosaur out of pipe cleaners, marbles and other materials. All supplies for the craft will be provided by the library during this fun time on Saturday, March 27, at 11:00 a.m.

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

Library Sports Games

Children ages 4-11 are welcome to attend and participate in the library sports games at the Eden Park Branch, including a book-carrying race, book brigade and a backwards race! Prizes will be given to those coming in first, second, and third place. Get ready for fun competition on Thursday, March 18, at 4:00 p.m.

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

Read Across America: Remembering Dr. Seuss

In early March, several branches of the Library will hold programs to celebrate the national *Read Across America Day* in memory of Ted Geisel, creator of the Dr. Seuss books.

For more information or to register, call the individual branch.

The Baker Branch invites children ages 4-8, their parents, and siblings to a Dr. Seuss Family Storytime on Saturday, March 6, at 2:00 p.m. Participants will read *Green Eggs and Ham* and *The Cat in the Hat*, as well as have rhymes, songs, a Cat in the Hat Toss, and a craft!

The Bluebonnet Regional Branch will hold a reading of *Green Eggs and Ham* for children ages 3 and older, and have a plastic egg toss game on Tuesday, March 2, at 3:00 p.m.

The Carver Branch invites children ages 5-9 to read *The Cat in the Hat* with us, followed by Dr. Seuss trivia on Tuesday, March 2, at 4:00 p.m.

Children ages 2-6 are invited to listen to Dr. Seuss stories and participate in Dr. Seuss activities at the Central Branch, including coloring their own *The Cat in the Hat* hat! Join us on Tuesday, March 2, at 10:00 a.m. For more information, call (225) 262-2660.

Children ages 5-11 will create and color a *My Many Colored Days* bookmark after hearing the Dr. Seuss story of the same title at the Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch on Saturday, March 6, at 11:00 a.m.

Celebrate Dr. Seuss’s birthday at the Pride-Chaneyville Branch! Children ages 5-8 will make a goldfish craft and listen to the story, *The Cat in the Hat* Tuesday, March 2, at 4:30 p.m.

We’ll have a Dr. Seuss Family Storytime for everyone ages 3 and up at the Zachary Branch! We’ll read some favorite Dr. Seuss books and make a *The Cat in the Hat* hat to wear on Tuesday, March 2, at 6:30 p.m.
Dog Tales at the Library

Children ages 5 to 8 will have the opportunity to spend time with dogs from the LSU Tiger HATS (Human Animal Therapy Services) on Saturday, March 6, 10:00 a.m.

These special therapy animals will be available for children to read to at the Carver Branch. For more information or to register, call (225) 389-7460.

Tortoise and Hare Story/Craft

Children ages 2-6 are invited to listen to one of Aesop’s fables, The Tortoise and the Hare, at the Central Branch, and then complete a puzzle craft! The fun starts at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, March 10!

For more information, call (225) 262-2660

Disney Dance Dance Revolution

It’s time for spring break! Let’s break out the Disney Dance Dance Revolution and dance at the Carver Branch! Put on your dancing shoes on Monday, March 29, at 2:00 p.m.

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

Pretty Flower Easter Basket

Children ages 3 and up will listen to a story by Margaret Brown, The Golden Egg Book, at the Bluebonnet Regional Branch, and then make a pretty flowery Easter basket on Saturday, March 13, at 2:30 p.m.

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

Shamrock Mouse Magnet

Celebrate St. Patrick’s Day at the Bluebonnet Regional Branch by making a shamrock mouse magnet. Children ages 3 and older will also listen to Leprechauns Never Lie by Lorna Balian on Saturday, March 6, at 10:30 a.m.

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

Big Jimmy’s Kum Kau Chinese Take-Out

Come out to the Eden Park Branch, where children ages 8-11 will listen to the story, Big Jimmy's Kum Kau Chinese Take Out, by Ted Lewin, which will be read by George Miller, who’s been to the real Kum Kau Chinese Restaurant in Brooklyn, New York!

After reading the story on Saturday, March 27, at 2:30 p.m., Miller will show the children the actual colorful menu and receipt from the restaurant.

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

Dinomania!

Swing on in to the Children’s Room at the Main Library for an adventurous visit to the age of dinosaurs! There will be dinosaur stories and a roaring good time for kids ages 5-9 on Saturday, March 20, at 3:30 p.m. We’ll end by making a fun craft for you to take home and enjoy.

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

Carver Kids Book Club

The Carver Branch Kids Book Club, for children ages 8-11, will read and discuss the book, Make Way for Dyamonde Daniel, by Nikki Grimes on Wednesday, March 24, 4:00 p.m.

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

Butterfly Count

Children ages 6-10 are invited to come and read the story, Butterfly Count, by Snead Collard at the Pride-Chaneyville Branch, and then make a craft butterfly out of a coffee filter! Join us on Saturday, March 20, at 10:30 a.m.

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

Celebrate St. Patrick’s Day

Children will listen to an Irish story, dance a jig, and make Irish oatmeal bread at the Zachary Branch on Saturday, March 6, 2:00 p.m.!

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

Children ages 6-9 will listen to the story, *The Very Clumsy Click Beetle*, at the Pride-Chaneyville Branch, and then create a shuffle bug game to play and compete with their friends! Join us on Saturday, March 6, at 2:30 p.m.

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

Planting a Rainbow

Are you ready for spring planting? Lois Elhert's *Planting a Rainbow* and other gardening stories will be read aloud to children ages 3-6 at the River Center Branch, followed by a gardening activity. Children will plant their own bean sprouts in potting soil and take home a carrot in water to watch it grow roots and a top. Come and enjoy the fun Saturday, March 20, at 2:30 p.m.!

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

Bio Book Club – What Did They Do?

Join the Pride-Chaneyville Branch’s Bio Book Club, and read *The Pot That Juan Built* by Nancy Andrews-Coebel. Children ages 6-11 will decorate a clay pot after reading the story on Saturday, March 13, at 10:30 a.m.

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

Family Game Night

Spend some quality time with family at the Zachary Branch! We’ll provide card games, board games, puzzles, and more on Monday, March 29, at 7:00 p.m.!

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

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**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.

**Lapsit – for babies through crawling**

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**Toddler Time – for walking children through two years old**

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**Spanish Storytime – for ages 3 and up**

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On View at the Library

Bluebonnet Regional Branch

*Porcelain Designs*

The Porcelain Art Guild will present an exhibit of their original porcelain art. The exhibit will feature hand-painted vases, plates, pitchers, cups, saucers, and many other pieces.

*The World of Beatrix Potter*

Figures from the *Peter Rabbit* Tales and memorabilia reflecting the life and work of Beatrix Potter will be displayed.

Eden Park Branch

*What's Bugging at Eden Park*

Various species of insects from around the world will be displayed.

Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch

*Highland Road Artists*

The Highland Road Artists will exhibit their drawings and paintings in charcoal, pencil, oil, and watercolor.

Jones Creek Regional Branch

*Norman LeCoq*

Multi-talented Baton Rouge artist and art instructor, Norman LeCoq, displays samplings of his many works.

*Youth Art Month*

Students from the Episcopal School display their art in celebration of Youth Art Month.

*Vintage 1920s*

The Great Gatsby and the decade of the 1920s will be highlighted in this display.

Pride-Chaneyville

*Belleek Pottery*

Donna Long will display pieces from her collection of Belleek Pottery.

River Center Branch

*Beads*

The Bead Society will present an exhibit.

Scotlandville Branch

*Art*

Two-dimensional pieces of art such as drawings and paintings by Antoine Mitchell will be on display.