Barnes & Noble Book Fair

The Library and Barnes & Noble Citiplace are teaming up for a fabulous week of books and jazzy events! Join us at Barnes and Noble Citiplace, 2590 CitiPlace Court, on Friday, April 16 at 6:00 p.m.!

These events include a drive-in movie viewing of *The Great Gatsby* at 7:00 p.m., photo opportunities with “Jay Gatsby,” a visit with the Cinderella Project, a prom dress promenade, a raffle for a $500 gift certificate, and more!

In celebration of National Library Week, from April 11-17 mention the East Baton Rouge Parish Library or the Big Read at the checkout counter of Barnes & Noble Citiplace, and Barnes & Noble will donate a portion of the proceeds to benefit future programs at the Library. Educators and students from area schools may show their ID at the checkout counter on April 16 to receive 25% off their purchase!

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

The Library in 2009 by the Numbers!

- Visits Made to Library Branches: 2,188,924
- Reference Questions Answered: 812,347
- Cardholding Patrons: 393,812
- Items Checked Out: 2,284,918
- Programs Held: 4,545
- Attendance at Programs: 143,630
- Times Meeting Rooms Used: 2,372
- Times In-house Computers Used: 772,117
- Items in Collection: 1,888,325

**Barnes & Noble + the Library!**

Hand this coupon or mention the Library to the cashier when you check out with your purchase at Barnes & Noble Citiplace, 2590 CitiPlace Court, from April 11-17, and a percentage of the proceeds will go to benefit future Library programs.

*East Baton Rouge Parish Library ~ www.ebr.lib.la.us*
New Outreach Van & Cox Donations

In order to be ready for school by age 5, it is critical that young children be exposed on a regular basis to reading. Read to your child 15 minutes a day!

To support this need, the Library is planning a new pre-school outreach service initiative, using its beautiful new outreach van, with two more vehicles in production! The service is expected to be in place by the fall.

Services will include regular visits with storytimes to participating pre-schools and day care centers and setting up deposit collections at each location.

Cox Communications shares the East Baton Rouge Parish Library’s belief in the importance of reading and literacy in the Baton Rouge area, and to that end, the corporation has recently donated hundreds of copies of various children’s books to the Library.

Included in the list of books donated are: To Be a Kid, by Maya Ajmera and John D. Ivanko; Xanadu, The Imaginary Place, by Dr. John Hope Franklin; and Animal Friends, by Maya Ajmera and John D. Ivanko.

Multiple copies of these colorful books are especially appreciated, as the Library will use them in the new pre-school outreach program. The Library will place the books in a number of local pre-schools and day-care centers.

Cox has worked hand in hand with the Library for several years, partnering together for programs such as The Big Read: One Book/One Community and Live at Chelsea’s.

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

Baton Rouge Photos: 1863-1910

Learn more about the life of, Andrew Lytle, a Baton Rouge photographer whose photos are featured in a book edited by author, historian, and LSU Library System photo archivist Mark E. Martin.

Martin, who edited the book, Andrew D. Lytle’s Baton Rouge: Photographs, 1863-1910, will discuss Lytle’s life as a commercial photographer in Baton Rouge at the Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch. Come and hear about this interesting person and his work on Saturday, April 24, at 2:00 p.m.

Martin’s book features more than 100 of Lytle’s images, offering a unique look at life in Baton Rouge during the late 19th and early 20th century. The photos cover a variety of subjects, from family and politics to LSU sports and the riverfront.

For more information about this program call (225) 274-4440.

For information about the Library’s Digital Archive of Baton Rouge photos and other historical items, visit www.ebr.lib.la.us and click “Digital Archive.”

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.
The Roaring 20’s with The Advocate

Tommy Simmons, food editor for The Advocate in Baton Rouge, along with Cheramie Sonnier, assistant food editor, Pam Bordelon, social columnist, and Charlene Robert, marketing manager, will present a lighthearted tribute to the gala atmosphere of the 1920s as portrayed in The Great Gatsby by F. Scott Fitzgerald at the Jones Creek Regional Branch.

Learn about some 20s-esque entertaining tips, recipes, and beverage recommendations during “Glam” On a Budget: Giving a Gatsby-Style House Party in 2010, on Thursday, April 15, at 6:30 p.m.

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

Dance through the Pages

Come and experience many decades of dance in just one afternoon!

Couples from the Ric Seeling Dance Studio will dance the Charleston, Quick Step, Lindy Swing, the Waltz, and more at the Jones Creek Regional Branch!

This performance is in conjunction with The Big Read: One Book/One Community.

The couples will be dressed in authentic attire for the era of their dances. They will perform on Saturday, April 10, at 2:00 p.m.

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

Conference Call International Jazz Quartet

Join us for an evening of jazz at the Jones Creek Regional Branch!

In celebration of the 2010 Big Read: One Book/One Community selection of The Great Gatsby, the Conference Call International Jazz Quartet will perform a free concert on Monday, April 19, at 7:00 p.m.

The quartet has performed many concerts both in Europe and the United States.

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

Blues Week Lecture Series

The Baton Rouge Room is hosting a Blues Week Lecture Series in conjunction with the Baton Rouge Blues Foundation’s Blues Week.

Edward Markham, a local blues historian, will speak on Monday, April 19, about Blues Music and prison songs from south Louisiana.

In addition, the Baton Rouge Blues Foundation is hosting two speakers this year.

On Wednesday, April 21, Maxine Crump will talk about growing up around the Blues Music and its history as it relates to Baton Rouge.

On Thursday, April 22, music producer Jay Senter will tell stories of recording blues legends Son House, Bukka White & Mississippi Fred McDowell.

All talks will take place at the River Center Branch from noon to 1:00 p.m.

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

Old Fashioned Mountain Music

Do you feel the need for a toe-tapping, old fashioned, knee-slapping, family-oriented good time? Then come to this unique musical program! Families are invited to listen to old time traditional mountain music.

The Lagniappe and Dulcimer Society will perform an hour-long program for all ages at the Bluebonnet Regional Branch on Saturday, April 17, at 3:00 p.m.

The Lagniappe Dulcimer Society is a local non-profit organization designed for the preservation of old time musical instruments and the music they produce.

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

Big Band Live @ Chelsea’s

This round of Live @ Chelsea’s ends with a bang – big band style!

We’re closing our series with the crowd-pleasing Southern University Big Band, which plays every year at the New Orleans Jazz & Heritage Festival.

Don’t miss our final show on Wednesday, April 21, at 6:30 p.m. at Chelsea’s Café, 2857 Perkins Road – it will be great jazz, great food and a great time! Once the curtain closes, be sure and check out the great collection of jazz CDs, books, and other great materials available at the Library!

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 Patrons of the Public Library, and Chelsea’s Café.

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

East Baton Rouge Parish Library
Readings in Literature and Culture

Charles J. Shindo, associate professor of history at LSU, will present book discussions on “Becoming American: The Literature of Immigration and Acculturation” over a period of six sessions at the Main Library.

The program will be held from 7:00-9:00 p.m. on Thursdays, April 15, 22, and 29, as well as Thursdays, May 6, 13, and 20.

The sessions are free and open to the public. This Readings in Literature and Culture (RELIC) program is jointly sponsored by the Louisiana Endowment for the Humanities and the National Endowment for the Humanities.

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

Britonya J Jewelry Workshop

Want to learn to make beautiful, unique jewelry for yourself or as gifts for others?

Come and explore your creative side in jewelry making at the Jones Creek Regional Branch on Wednesday, April 14, at 7:00 p.m.

Jewelry designer Britonya Weams will guide participants through the jewelry-making process. All materials will be furnished for this workshop.

Weams has owned her own jewelry-making business, Britonya J Designs, for five years.

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

One Stroke Painting Workshop

Baton Rouge artist and instructor, Nancy Fillastre, will present a demonstration on the basics of “One Stroke Painting” at the Jones Creek Regional Branch on Wednesday, April 28, at 7:00 p.m.

Fillastre is a teacher for the LSU Leisure Arts Program with 15 years of experience teaching classes and planning programs for arts and crafts stores.

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

Knitting Basics

Join us at the Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch to learn the basics of knitting. You’ll learn from presenter Mary Bounds how to cast on, knit and purl stitches, increasing and decreasing, and binding off during classes held at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesdays in April.

Participants will make dishcloths using each of these basic knitting skills. To participate, bring a pair of size 8 or 9 knitting needles and one ball of cotton yarn for the first class.

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

Gatsby Gab!

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

Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch . . . Saturday, April 29, 6:30 p.m.
Eden Park Branch . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . Saturday, April 17, 10:00 a.m.
Jones Creek Regional Branch . . . . . . . . Tuesday, April 6, 7:00 p.m.
Main Library . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . Saturday, April 10, 3:00 p.m.
Delmont Gardens Branch . . . . . . . . . . . . . Saturday, April 22, 4:00 p.m.
Container Gardening

If you don’t have space for a vegetable garden or fruit trees, or if your outdoor space doesn’t provide the sun, soil, or drainage necessary to produce the flower garden you’ve always wanted, consider the possibility of container gardening. A patio, deck, balcony, or doorstep can provide enough space for a productive, attractive display.

Claire Fontenot, a master gardener with the LSU AgCenter, will discuss the creative container gardening ideas at the Pride-Chaneyville Branch on Saturday, April 24, at 1:00 p.m.

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

Spring Gardening Series

This month, the Carver Branch continues its informative Spring Gardening Series.

On Wednesday, April 21, at 6:00 p.m., Allen D. Owings will present the session Bedding Plants.

For more 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.

Gardening for Beginners

Are you looking to get into gardening for the first time for spring, but don’t know where to start? The Zachary Branch will offer a free advice session for new and aspiring gardeners on Tuesday, April 27, at 1:30 p.m.

Participants will learn how to prepare flower and vegetable beds, and hear tips on growing plants for different seasons, as well as basic knowledge for selecting plants. Bring questions and a friend!

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

Asian Cooking Class

Shakila Yacob, a visiting scholar at LSU, will present a hands-on, interactive Asian cooking demonstration at the Main Library on Saturday, April 17, at 11:00 a.m.

Yacob will teach participants about the various ingredients used in Asian cooking and provide information on where to get the ingredients in Baton Rouge.

After the program, check out the Library’s cookbook collection for more inspiration.

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

Social Security Administration

Representatives of the Social Security Administration will be at the Main Library on Monday, April 5, Tuesday, April 13, and Saturday, April 17, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Visits will also be made to the Bluebonnet Regional Branch on Saturday, April 10, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and Wednesday, April 14, from 2:00-5:00 p.m.; the River Center Branch on Monday, April 12, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.; the Jones Creek Regional Branch on Thursday, April 15, from 2:00-5:00 p.m.; and the Scotlandville Branch on Tuesday, April 20, from 2:00-5:00 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.
Career Seminar – Sales Careers 101

Accomplished sales professional and leading national sales trainer Ryan C. Lowe will present Sales Careers 101.

Participants will learn how to get started in sales and how to succeed through goal setting, referral gathering, developing credibility and trust with clients, appointment setting techniques, presenting to clients’ emotion, how to find clients, how to close a deal, and much more.

The seminar, presented by the Career Center, will take place on Wednesday, April 21, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Bluebonnet Regional Branch.

For more information about Ryan Lowe, visit www.ryanclowe.com. For more information or to register for the seminar, call (225) 381-8434 or e-mail anowalk@careercenterbr.com.

S.C.O.R.E. to Hold Business Workshop

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 see if you are ready to start your own business!

Come and learn from experienced executives 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 whose mission is to help small businesses start, grow and prosper.

For more information or to register, call (225) 381-7710.

Administrative Professionals Week

In celebration of Administrative Professionals Week, the Baton Rouge Chapter of the International Association of Administrative Professionals presents “Power of Commitment” on Friday, April 23 from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Lunch is included.

This ticketed event will be held at the Crown Plaza Hotel on 4728 Constitution Avenue.

For more information or to register, contact Stephanie Fonte at Stephanie.fonte@louisianalottery.com.

After the event, check the online catalog to see the Library’s wide variety of useful print and online tools for the busy administrative professional.

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 Scotlandville Branch on Saturday, April 10, and the Carver Branch on Saturday, April 24. Both programs will be held from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

For more information, call the Scotlandville Branch at (225) 354-7550, or the Carver Branch at (225) 389-7450.

LIBRARY CLOSED

The Library will be closed on Friday, April 2, and Sunday, April 4, due to Easter holidays.
In addition to the regularly scheduled daily classes at the Main Library, the following computer classes will be held for adults in April. Registration is required for some classes. For more information or to register, call the individual branch.

Bluebonnet Regional Branch

Beginning Word
Thursday, April 8, 10:00 a.m.
Adults will learn how to use Microsoft Word to edit documents.

Introduction to Microsoft Publisher 2003
Saturday, April 17, 10:00 a.m.
Learn how to use Microsoft Publisher to make a flyer, pamphlet, newsletter, and more.

Intermediate Microsoft Word 2003
Thursday, April 22, 10:00 a.m.
Learn how to separate text into columns, create and modify a table, sort items in a table, and insert headers and footers.

Introduction to Gmail
Thursday, April 29, 10:00 a.m.
Learn how to create a Gmail account.

Carver Branch

Computers without Fear
Tuesday, April 6, 9:30 a.m.
Patrons will learn the basic parts of a computer, as well as computer terminology.

Résumé Writing
Thursday, April 15, 9:30 a.m.
Patrons will learn the various types of résumé formats.

Setting up an E-mail Account
Tuesday, April 27, 9:30 a.m.
Patrons will learn how to set up an e-mail account, how to send and check e-mails, and how to open and add attachments.

Eden Park Branch Library

Intro to Microsoft Word
Saturday, April 3, 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Computers without Fear
Saturday, April 10, 3:00-4:30 p.m.

Intro to Publisher
Thursday, April 29, 5:00-6:30 p.m.

Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch

Introduction to the Internet
Saturday, April 10, 10:00 a.m.
Patrons will learn the basic skills of navigating the Internet.

Introduction to Microsoft Word 2003
Saturday, April 17, 10:00 a.m.
Patrons will learn how to edit a Word document and more.

Introduction to New Online Catalog
Wednesdays, April 21 and 28, 10:00 a.m.
Patrons will learn how to search for books and other useful library information on the online catalog.

Jones Creek Regional Branch

Introduction to New Online Catalog
Thursday, April 1, 10:00 a.m.
Patrons will learn the basics of the new integrated library software for patrons.

Introduction to PowerPoint
Saturday, April 3, 10 a.m.
Patrons will learn how to create a basic slideshow.

Introduction to Publisher
Tuesday, April 13, 10:00 a.m.
Saturday, April 17, 10:00 a.m.
Participants will learn how to make professional quality flyers, brochures and newsletters.

Introduction to Gmail
Tuesday, April 27, 10:00 a.m.
Patrons will learn how to use a Gmail e-mail account.

Visit a library branch near you for free WiFi!

Life After 50 Expo

Look for us at the Life After 50 Expo starting at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday, April 24, at the Baton Rouge River Center, 275 South River Road. For more information, call (225) 231-3750.

Census 2010

Be on the lookout for a Census form arriving to your mailbox! Fill out the form and send it back! If you need help filling out your form, Census workers will be on hand at library branches to help.
Manga Club: Anime Night

Teens and tweens are invited to come and watch anime based on popular manga series at the Baker Branch on Monday, April 26, at 4:00 p.m.

After the showing, we’ll enjoy a general discussion on anime and manga.

For more information, call (225) 778-5950.

Wii Sports

Teens are invited to come and play Wii Sports games at the Carver Branch on Wednesday, April 21, at 2:30 p.m.

For more information, call (225) 389-7450.

Teen Stitch 'N Knit Club

Hey, teens! Want to learn how to knit? Or maybe you know how to crochet or cross-stitch, but are tired of doing it solo?

Come sit and stitch with us on the second Tuesday of every month this spring at the Main Library. This month we will meet on Tuesday, April 13, at 7:00 p.m. Guys are welcome!

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

Play-Doh Sculptionary

Do you like the game Pictionary, but can't draw? Come to the Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch and use Play-Doh to sculpt your item instead of draw! Join the fun on Saturday, April 17, at 2:30 p.m.

For more information or to register, call (225) 274-4470.

Cinderella Project 2010 Dress Giveaway

Come to the A.C. Lewis Branch of the YMCA and walk out with a dress you love!

The Cinderella Project welcomes junior and senior high school students and brides from all over Louisiana who are in financial need of a dress or who are on the federal free or reduced-price lunch program to participate in the dress giveaway. No proof of financial need is required. Students must bring a valid high school ID. Simply attend the event at 350 South Foster Drive and find the perfect dress for you!

The giveaway will be open from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 10, and from noon to 5:00 p.m. on Sunday, April 11.

The Cinderella Project will also make a special appearance at the Barnes & Noble Book Fair for the Big Read on Friday, April 16, at 6:00 p.m. Walk the runway in your prom dresses, and if you plan on donating them after the event, just bring a change of clothes!

For more information, visit cinderellaprojectbr.org.

Manga Club: Acting Out!

Come and join the Manga Club at the Baker Branch! This month members will meet on Monday, April 5, at 4:00 p.m. and will each select a short scene from one of their favorite manga books and act it out. Dressing in character is encouraged!

After the skits, we’ll discuss manga we've read recently.

For more information, call (225) 778-5950.

Baker Teen Book Club

What's with all the hype about The Great Gatsby? Find out at the Baker Branch's Big Read Teen Book Club program on Thursday, April 22, at 4:30 p.m.

We’ll discuss The Great Gatsby, listen to jazz and enjoy snacks inspired by the 1920s. Participants are welcome to dress in 1920s-type clothing!

For more information or to register, call (225) 778-5950.

Baker High School Band: Live!

Come celebrate the Baker community spirit! Listen to the Baker High School band play spirited marching band music at 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 27, at the Baker Branch!

Teens, tweens and their family members are invited to attend.

For more information or to register, call (225) 778-5950.
Smash Brothers

Ready to choose your favorite Smash Brothers character and show off your battle moves?

Come to the River Center Branch for an afternoon of smashing entertainment with Super Smash Brothers Brawl on the Wii! Prepare for battle as a single player, or bring some friends to enjoy the fun!

We'll start the brawls at 3:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 22.

For more information, call (225) 389-4959.

Teen Book Swap

Want some new books but are short on cash? Have some old books you want to recycle to a new home?

Then we have a solution for you: the Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch Teen Book Swap! Bring in any books you want to trade between now and Friday, April 23, to receive tickets to swap for other cool books on Saturday, April 24, at 2:30 p.m.

For more information or to register, call (225) 274-4470.

Jokes, Riddles and Limericks!

April is National Humor Month! The Baker Branch will kick it off right with a jokes program for kids ages 7-11 on April Fool's Day, Thursday, April 1, at 4:00 p.m.!

We'll tell a variety of jokes and riddles, all taken from humor books in the library's children's collection. Kids are invited to bring their own jokes and share.

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

The Book Buffs

Hey, Book Buffs! The April book club selection of the Baker Branch’s Book Buffs is Binky the Space Cat by Ashley Spires.

Kids ages 8-11 are invited to join us as we read and discuss this hilarious new graphic novel on Wednesday, April 28, at 4:00 p.m.

After the discussion, we’ll make our own toy spaceships.

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

Happy Easter Wall Hanging

Children ages 6 and up will listen to The Story of the Easter Bunny by Katherine Tegen at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, April 3, at the Bluebonnet Regional Branch Library.

Afterwards, they will make a Happy Easter Wall Hanging.

For more information or to register, call (225) 762-2260.

East Baton Rouge Parish Library

Jazz Appreciation

Shake, rattle and roll at the Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch to celebrate Jazz Appreciation Month!

Children ages 5 and up will listen to the story, When Louis Armstrong Taught Me Scat by Muriel Harris Weinstein, then design their own paper clarinets while listening to Nicky’s Jazz For Kids.

It will be a jazzy good time on Saturday, April 24, at 11:00 a.m.

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

Ballet Steps

In celebration of Dance Week, Wendy Bibby from the Odyssey School of Dance will teach beginning ballet steps for young dance lovers ages 3-8 at the Jones Creek Regional Branch.

Bibby will also teach the Charleston to celebrate the Big Read on Saturday, April 10, at 2:00 p.m.

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

Do the Charleston

Dancer Rachel Carlino returns to teach children ages 8-11 how to do the Charleston! It’s an early dismissal day, so come over to the Carver Branch and learn this popular dance from the Jazz Age on Wednesday, April 21, at 3:00 p.m. Please dress comfortably and ready to dance.

For more information or to register, call (225) 389-7460.
Easter Bunny Basket Story/Craft

Hop along to the Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch for a happy Easter!

Children ages 5 and up will enjoy making an Easter Bunny basket and listening to the story *The Easter Bunny* by Winfred Wolf on Saturday, April 3, at 11:00 a.m.

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

Butterflies, Butterflies, My Oh My!

Welcome in spring by making a vibrant butterfly! Children ages 6-11 are invited to do so at the Eden Park Branch on Saturday, April 10, at 2:30 p.m., and then listen to the story, *What a Truly Cool World*.

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

Dog Tales at the Library

Children ages 5-8 are invited to come and read to their favorite dog at the Carver Branch! LSU Tiger HATS will start visiting once a month on Sundays with their specially trained dogs. These dogs serve as excellent companions to young children.

This month, come and see us on Sunday, April 18, at 3:00 p.m.

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

Cloud Wind Puppet

Join the Bluebonnet Regional Branch Children’s Room on Earth Day and read *When the Wind Stops* by Charlotte Zolotow! The fun begins on Thursday, April 22, at 3:00 p.m.

Children ages 3 and up will then make a cloud wind puppet from new and recycled materials.

For more information or to register, call (225) 762-2260.

An Earth Day Story

When the going gets tough, go green… at the Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch!

In celebration of Earth Day, children ages 4 and up will honor the environment by making 3-D color-and-fold paper crafts of Earth images on Saturday, April 17, at 11:00 a.m.

Children will also listen to the story, *The Earth and I* by Frank Asch.

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

April Showers

Children ages 5-11 are invited to join in at the Carver Branch and read *One Rainy Day* by Christina Butler on Wednesday, April 28, at 4:00 p.m.

Afterwards, we will make a laced raindrop out of construction paper, ribbon and scissors.

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

Spring Fling

Fling into spring at the Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch! Children ages 4 and up will enjoy the story of Alfie the Bear in *When Will It Be Spring?* by Catherine Walters on Saturday, April 10, at 11:00 a.m.

After hearing the story, children will make and decorate spring hats.

For more information or to register, call (225) 274-4460.
**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 four 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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### Easter Stories

Hop on over to the River Center Branch for an Easter storytime, as *Max’s Chocolate Chicken* and other Easter favorites are read aloud to children ages 3-5.

Easter coloring pages, bunny ears, egg wrappers, and other cut-outs from Crayola will be available for children following the stories on Saturday, April 3, at 2:00 p.m.!

For more information, call (225) 389-4959.

### Fancy Words with Fancy Nancy

Staff will read *Fancy Nancy’s Favorite Fancy Words* by Jane O’Connor, and children ages 7 and up will create a fancy writing pen at the Jones Creek Regional Branch on Saturday, April 24, at 2:30 p.m.

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

### Bio Book Club – What Did They Do?

Children, ages 6-11, are invited to come and read *Farmer George Plants a Nation* by Peggy Thomas at the Pride-Chaneyville Branch. After reading the book, children will pot a plant.

All of the fun starts at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, April 10!

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

### Handprint Poem

Come and make a handprint poem at the Pride-Chaneyville Branch!

Children, ages 6-11, will make a handprint with their favorite poem or a poem from books on display, and then cut and glue the handprint on a paper plate on Saturday, April 17, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

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

### Crazy Croquet

Children ages 6-11 will hear a selection from *Alice’s Adventures in Wonderland*, and then play Crazy Croquet at the Zachary Branch on Saturday, April 17, at 11:00 a.m.

We’ll use bookends for wickets and cardboard mallets, and we’ll invent our own rules!

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

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Bluebonnet Regional Branch

*Ant Ears and Bees’ Knees*

Vicki Bergquist displays photos of Louisiana insects.

*Confederate History Month*

The Sons of Confederate Veterans present Civil War artifacts, including clothing, weaponry, letters, photos, and household items.

*Earth Day*

Posters, flyers, and Earth Day T-shirts from previous years’ celebrations are displayed.

*Reading with Your Spirit*

Eric Brown displays paintings and wall sculptures.

Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch

*E is for Easter is for Egg Cups*

Nels Anderson displays a portion of his egg cup collection, including egg cups of every size and shape.

Pride-Chaneyville Branch

*Belleek Pottery*

Glen Poche displays painted rocks from his collection.

River Center Branch

*Landscape Architecture in Louisiana*

The Louisiana chapter of the American Society of Landscape Architects displays award-winning landscape designs.

Scotlandville Branch

*Photographers and Their Cameras*

Cameras made from 1950 to 1990 will be displayed by 10 community photographers who worked for newspapers, schools, churches, social groups, and weddings.

**LIBRARY BOOK SALE**

Recycled Reads 13505 Hooper Road
Saturday, April 24, 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.