LOOKING BACK TO MOVE FORWARD

Celebrate Black History Month with the Library!
Participate in one of our special in-person programs
or go digital with our DEI-focused online resources.
Take a look back with us as we all move forward!

African American History Series: A Review of Scotlandville

The Baker Branch will host an African American history program on Saturday, February 25, 10 a.m.-Noon. Dr. Charles Vincent will lead a discussion of the book, *Images of America: Scotlandville*, followed by a book signing by one of the authors. For more information, please call 778-5940.

Genealogical Resources for African Americans

Due to the history of slavery, plus prejudice and discrimination against African Americans in our country, African Americans were routinely excluded from many records that could have documented details of their daily lives. Join us at the Scotlandville Branch on Wednesday, February 15 at 11 a.m. to learn about search techniques and special records collections that will help you find your ancestors. **Registration is required**. Seating is limited to 20 attendees, so sign up early! To register, visit www.ebrpl.com/calendar or call 231-3751.

Digital Dive: Black History Month

Learn more about Black History with these resources in the Digital Library!

The Baton Rouge Digital Archive has photograph collections covering local history, including the Louisiana Black History Hall of Fame Collection and the Willie Harris Collection.

Explore family history with African American Heritage, a genealogy resource that specializes in historical records for the Black community.

Black Life in America offers an expansive window into centuries of African American history, culture, and daily life as recorded by the news media. It's arranged by both era and important topics.

Historical Newspapers includes archives of Black newspaper titles such as the Atlanta Daily World, The Baltimore Sun, and Chicago Defender.

Black Studies Center offers an in-depth look at the Black Experience and features journals, essays, videos, and images.

Stream a powerful documentary through Kanopy such as:

- And Still I Rise: Black America Since MLK
- Black Boys
- The Black Press: Soldiers Without Swords
- The Inheritance
- Jazz: A Film by Ken Burns

Check out an eBook on Overdrive/Libby like:

- *The ABCs of Black History Book* by Rio Cortez
- Four Hundred Souls by Ibram X. Kendi
- Illustrated Black History by George McCalman
- Say Their Names by Michael Cottman
- This is Your Time by Ruby Bridges

Find DEI resources at ebrpl.co/diversity.



Farewell, Spencer!

Join us in bidding a fond farewell to Library Director, Spencer Watts, who is enjoying a well-deserved retirement after working in libraries for 40 years and serving the East Baton Rouge Parish Library for nearly a decade. Coming to Baton Rouge from Mobile, Alabama in 2013 during the final stages of construction of the Main Library at Goodwood, there were many aspects of EBRPL that drew him here, but in particular, he was intrigued by the ongoing growth and building projects within the system. Once he arrived, he was delighted to be leading a library that patrons love to

Spencer's greatest challenges and accomplishments were wrapped up in two major events: the flood of 2016 and the Covid-19 pandemic. Due to the flood, the Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch was closed for several months, and across the system, 140 library staff members experienced temporary loss of their homes or cars. Even so, the Library bounced back quickly, shining as a beacon for those in the community who also lost so much and were in need of a computer and Wi-Fi to fill out important forms or just a quiet, cool place to collect their thoughts.

Spencer had this to say about the Covid-19 pandemic: "The Covid-19 lockdown closed the doors of all 14 Library locations for a time, but I was proud of the way Library staff handled the situation. We were able to provide many resources digitally and by phone to our patrons, and as soon as the stay-at-home order was lifted, everyone worked together to follow safety protocols and gradually bring back important in-person services and programs."

Upon his departure from EBRPL, Spencer would like to communicate his gratitude to everyone who has made his tenure in Baton Rouge such an enjoyable one. "The Library's administration, staff, and patrons all contribute to the success of the Library." What advice would he give to an incoming Director? "So much has already been accomplished, but it will require substantial effort to maintain. Also, the Library staff possess a wealth of knowledge and creativity; give them all of the support you can."

FEATURED PROGRAMS

Write Time! with Boo Milton

Join us on Tuesday, February 7 at 6 p.m. at the River Center Branch for Write Time!, a FREE poetry and general creative writing session for adults ages 18-33. Beginners and seasoned writers will enjoy creating poems and spoken word pieces while connecting with other creatives. This event is hosted by media personality Boo Milton with a live DJ and refreshments. And mark your calendar for next month's Write Time! session on Tuesday, March 7 at 6 p.m.! Register for any or all of these monthly sessions at



ebrpl.com/calendar or by emailing programs@ebrpl.com.



Join the East Baton Rouge Parish Library in collaboration with the LSU School of Music, the LSU Department of Astronomy and Physics, and the LSU Manship School of Mass Communication for the Sounds of Science series. February's presentation, "A Journey to the Big Bang and Beyond" by LSU's Dr. Parampreet Singh, will be held at the Main Library at Goodwood on Sunday, February 26 at 3 p.m. He will be joined by fellow presenter Dr. Mara Gibson for a talk on music applications in science. For more information on the series that will culminate in March with a day full of activities, a panel discussion, and a musical performance, visit ebrpl.co/soundsofscience.

Plus, Saturday Science goes to the Indian Mounds! See page 17 for details.

All programs are free and open to the public. Registration for all programs is encouraged. To register, call the Library branch directly. For more information, visit www.ebrpl.com.

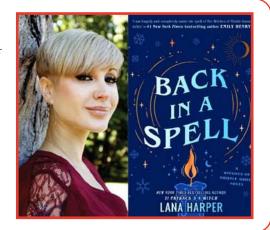
FEATURED PROGRAMS

Virtual Author Talk Series

The Library continues its Author Talk Series with three new authors in February! Each live, virtual event features a different bestselling author, along with an interactive Q&A session where participants can ask questions directly to

the author. See February selections and dates/times below. Visit libraryc.org/ebrpl to register for these virtual events, learn about other upcoming conversations with bestselling authors, and view previous author talk recordings. For more information about these and other virtual events, visit ebrpl.co/virtual.

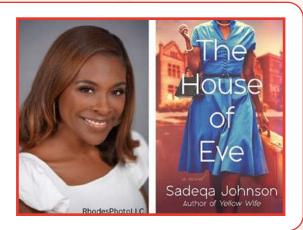
Thursday, February 9 at 6 p.m. – Join us for a magical evening with *New York Times* bestselling author Lana Harper as she discusses the enchanting third installment of her immensely popular *The Witches of Thistle Grove* series. *Back in a Spell* follows Nineve Blackmoore, and even though she won't deny her love for pretty (and pricey) things, Nineve (known as Nina by most) is almost painfully down-to-earth and sensible by Blackmoore standards. But after a year of nursing a broken heart inflicted by the fiancée who all but ditched her at the altar, the powerful witch is sick of feeling low and is ready to try something drastically different: a dating app.



Thursday, February 16 at Noon – You're invited to an insightful chat with award-winning author Grace M. Cho as she discusses her memoir, *Tastes Like War*: Part food memoir, part sociological investigation, *Tastes Like War* is a hybrid text about a daughter's search through intimate and global history for the roots of her mother's schizophrenia. In her mother's final years, Grace learned to cook dishes from her mother's childhood in order to invite the past into the present, and to hold space for her mother's multiple voices at the table. And through careful listening over these shared meals, Grace discovered not only the things that broke the brilliant, complicated woman who raised her—but also the things that kept her alive.



Tuesday, February 28 at 3 p.m. - We look forward to seeing you for an invigorating conversation with highly acclaimed author Sadeqa Johnson as she talks about her brand new novel, *The House of Eve!* In *The House of Eve,* Fifteen-year-old Ruby Pearsall is on track to becoming the first in her family to attend college, in spite of having a mother more interested in keeping a man than raising her daughter. But a taboo love affair threatens to pull her back down into the poverty and desperation that has been passed onto her like a birthright. *The House of Eve* is a fast-paced, harrowing story that hinges on what it means to be a woman and a mother, and how much one is willing to sacrifice to achieve her greatest goal.



FEATURED PROGRAMS



The Artist's Way Workshop

Are you stuck in your career, overwhelmed by life's many choices, or searching for a creative outlet? If you need to find focus, rediscover your creativity, and become your authentic self, join us for this 13-week program, The Artist's Way, at the Main Library at Goodwood, beginning Tuesday, February 7 at 6 p.m. Artistic and unartistic types alike will benefit from this hands-on program. The workshop will closely follow the book, *The Artist's Way* by Julia Cameron. It will also incorporate creating a work of art to accompany the curriculum. No artistic experience is required to finish the project. **Registration is required**. Please register at www.careercenterbr.com/events/. For information, please call 231-3733.



Be Inspired! BRCC Presents: The Plight of Young Entrepreneurs

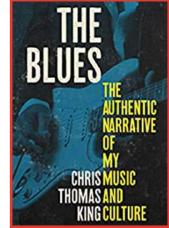
Join us on Wednesday, February 8 at 6 p.m. at the Main Library at Goodwood to learn how new entrepreneurs can discover, focus, and expand their business's target market. Leading the presentation is Dr. Selwyn Ghoram, a business professor at Baton Rouge Community College (BRCC), whose mission is to teach young entrepreneurs that success is never an accident; it's always intentional if you know how and where to find it. This series is presented by BRCC faculty and will explore a variety of topics to inspire you from business to performing arts to history. Join us at the Main Library at Goodwood this month and Be Inspired!

2023 One Book One Community Pick – *The Blues* by Chris Thomas King

Come experience *The Blues* with us as we explore the roots of Louisiana blues music from which all other American music grows. Join us this spring in reading our 2023 One Book One Community selection, Chris Thomas King's compelling book, *The Blues: The Authentic Narrative of My Music and Culture.* The 17th annual One Book One Community initiative will highlight King's book as

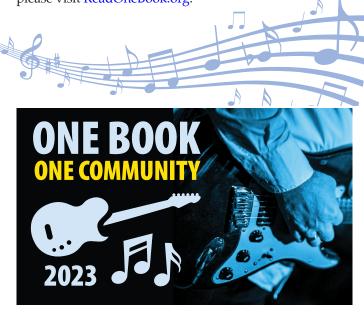
well as many other bluesinspired programs for all ages throughout the Library system.

It all begins with a FREE Kickoff Party for the whole family on Sunday, March 19, 4-6 p.m., at the Main Library at Goodwood, featuring live music by The Michael Foster Project, free food, children's crafts, and various community organizations represented.



The six-week celebration of the blues will culminate in a special music-infused presentation by Chris Thomas King at the Main Library at Goodwood on Saturday, April 29 at 4 p.m.

For more information about One Book One Community, please visit ReadOneBook.org.



All programs are free and open to the public. Registration for all programs is encouraged. To register, call the Library branch directly. For more information, visit www.ebrpl.com.

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FEATURED PROGRAMS

Garden Discoveries: Color in the Garden

The Baton Rouge Botanic Garden Foundation will host a FREE Garden Discoveries series event, "Color in the Garden," on Saturday, February 11 at 10 a.m. at the Main Library at Goodwood, led by Cynthia C. Cash, landscape architect.

While every garden should have its own uniqueness and flow, it is often 'color' that catches the eye, making the garden 'pop' or sing. In Louisiana, we generally use warm season color, alternating with cool season color. Each year new varieties and colors are developed,

and the precise arrangement of color plants can be geometric or flow in a naturalistic way. During her presentation, Ms. Cash will share many ways to achieve color in your garden through placement, design, and use of annuals, perennials, bulbs, and even foliage.

To register, visit ebrpl.com/calendar or call 231-3750 for registration assistance. Learn more at ebrpl.co/garden.

EBR Master Gardeners

The East Baton Rouge Master Gardener Association (EBRMGA) will present talks on "The Therapeutic Benefits of Gardening" and "Backyard Vegetable Gardening" on Thursday, February 9 at 6:30 p.m. at the Bluebonnet

Regional Branch. Louisiana Master Gardener (LMG) Lyn Hakeem will set the evening in motion with a presentation on "The Therapeutic Benefits of Gardening." She will share the research that shows being intentional and consistent about spending time in the garden has tons of positive health and wellness benefits. LMG newly elected president, David Breaux, will finalize the evening with "Backyard Vegetable Gardening." Fresh, homegrown vegetables taste great, and a gardener is knowledgeable of what chemicals, such as pesticides and fertilizers, are used. Vegetables can be grown throughout the year in our area, so there can always be something growing.



Another set of presentations will take place on Thursday, February 23 at 6:30 p.m. at the Main Library at Goodwood. LMG Kathy Conerly will lead the evening with a presentation on Orchids. Have you ever bought an orchid and did not know what to do with it? Did you manage to keep it alive, but could not get it to bloom again? Kathy will help you keep your orchids blooming and beautiful. LMG Dr. Terry Rehn will follow with the topic of Ferns. Learn about these disease-resistant plants that, if properly selected and positioned, are very easy and rewarding to grow and maintain. This talk will help with the selection and maintenance of your ferns in both the landscape and patio.

For more information on EBRMGA, visit ebrmg.wildapricot.org.

Seed and Plant Swap

Share and trade your heirloom seeds and trimmings at the Seed and Plant Swap on Saturday, February 25, 10 a.m.-Noon, at the Bluebonnet Regional Branch. Label your seeds and plant cutting before arrival, and please leave any invasive or noxious seeds at home.



Get Organized: Conquering Paper Clutter

Is paperwork cluttering up your life? Are you drowning in old bills, unopened mail, and unread magazines? Join Louisiana's only Certified Professional Organizer, Alyssa Trosclair, at the Main Library at Goodwood to learn how to use the EMEND organizing method to organize paperwork. This month's two-part presentation will teach you ways to reduce and maintain paper to prevent paper clutter from taking over the surfaces in your home.

- Sunday, February 5 at 3 p.m. Part 1: Organizing Reference Papers, Vital Records, & Current **Paperwork**
- Sunday, February 12 at 3 p.m. Part 2: Organizing Action Items & Memories

Registration is required. To register, visit ebrpl.com/calendar or call 231-3750 for assistance.





OVERDRIVE/LIBBY APP NEWS

EBRPL Surpasses One Million Digital Lends in 2022

The East Baton Rouge Parish Library reached a milestone of over one million digital checkouts in 2022! Our patrons took advantage of the easy and convenient Overdrive/Libby app to check out e-books,



audiobooks, digital magazines, comics, and more! EBRPL joins only nine other U.S. library systems in hitting the million mark for the first time last year. OverDrive reports that 129 library systems within seven countries reached the goal overall. Join so many others by downloading the Libby app today and enjoying all that it has to offer!

OverDrive & Libby Apps Update

Attention, OverDrive app users! OverDrive is discontinuing the legacy OverDrive app in early 2023 and transitioning users to the Libby app. Libby is OverDrive's newer app for browsing and enjoying digital content from our library.

It's time to give Libby a try! All your loans, holds, and wish list items will be waiting for you in Libby when you add your library card. Libby also comes





with new features we know you'll love, like:

- Tags to categorize books however you'd like—you can even sync your OverDrive wish list into a tag!
- A central bookshelf for all loans and holds
- Customizable notifications for ready holds, new magazine issues, and more
- Compatibility with Apple CarPlay, Android Auto, and Sonos speakers
- Extra learning and streaming entertainment resources, like *Qello*, *IndieFlix*, *Kanopy*, *ArtistWorks*, *Classica*, and *Kovels*
- Easy access to OverDrive support staff

Learn more at ebrpl.co/switchtolibby
Kindle Fire users can find help at ebrpl.co/libbykindlefire

Note: Our library's digital collection will continue to be available for browsing and reading at ebr.overdrive.com on desktop and mobile devices.

DIGITAL DIVE: MARDI GRAS

See some of the finest Mardi Gras costumes in the wonderful Krewe of Apollo Collection in the **Baton Rouge Digital Archive**.

Use **Overdrive/Libby** to check out a Mardi Gras read:

- Carnival in Louisiana by Brian Costello
- Glitter Bomb by Laura Childs
- Mardi Gras Beads by Doug MacCash
- Mardi Gras Murder by Ellen Byron
- New Orleans Carnival Krewes by Rosary O'Neill

While you're reading, put on one of the many Mardi Gras albums available to stream through **Freegal**.

Browse through pictures and articles of Mardi Gras past with *The Advocate* and *Times-Picayune* **Historical Archives**.

Celebrate carnival with a sweet treat from the Louisiana page of **AtoZ Food America**, with recipes including king cake, doberge cake, and pralines.

Baton Rouge Mardi Gras Parades

Laissez Les Bon Temps Rouler! Celebrate Mardi Gras by catching these parades (and some beads, too) as they roll through the capital city!

- Saturday, February 4 Krewe of Oshun
- Sunday, February 5 Krewe of Mutts
- Friday, February 10 Krewe of Artemis
- Saturday, February 11 Krewe of Mystique
- Saturday, February 11 Krewe of Orion
- Sunday, February 12 Mid City Gras
- Friday, February 17 Southdowns
- Saturday, February 18 Spanish Town

Holiday Closure

The Library
will close
on Monday,
February
20 for staff
training and on



Tuesday, February 21 in observance of Mardi Gras.

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- \cdot Keep a garbage bag in your vehicle and dispose of your trash properly once home.
- · Check the bed of your truck to ensure it's free of trash and debris that could fly out.
- · Secure your load with tarps and tie-downs when transporting large items.
- · Above all don't litter





For more information on litter statistics, local anti-litter resources, and tips on how you can do your part for a litter-free Baton Rouge, visit ebrpl.co/litter.

2022 Library Stats



- •The overall Library visitor gate count was 1,553,128 up 32%!
- •The Library issued 26,958 new library cards!
- Circulation was up 6.64% with 2,563,812 checkouts!
- Library meeting rooms were used 3, 527 times with an estimated 110,965 in attendance!
- •The Bookmobile made 2,115 stops to preschools, day care centers, retirement centers, schools, and events up 24%!

SAVE THE DATE



2022 Edible Book Festival entries



2nd Annual Edible Book Festival

The Edible Book Festival is an international celebration of books, food, and bad puns, held on or around April Fool's Day each year. Participants are invited to choose a book and create an edible representation of its title or a wordplay on its title. Bring your bookish concoctions to the Main Library at Goodwood on Saturday, April 1 at 1 p.m. to participate. Patrons will vote and prizes will be awarded in a variety of categories!

EBR Master Gardners

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Garden Discoveries

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Sounds of Science Series

Join the East Baton Rouge Parish Library in collaboration with the LSU School of Music, the LSU Department of Astronomy and Physics, and the LSU Manship School of Mass Communications for the culmination of the Sounds of Science series on Saturday, March 25 at the Main Library at Goodwood. Starting at 1 p.m., there will be activities for children and adults including the LaSPACE/MARS Truck, Storytimes, and Interactive Music Making. At 7 p.m., a Sounds of Science panel discussion and musical performance will be held in the large meeting room.



LPB Documentary: A Behind-the-Scenes Conversation

Join Jay Dardenne, the host and creator of *Why Louisiana Ain't Mississippi or Any Place Else*, and LPB Executive Producer Linda Midgett at the Main Library at Goodwood on Monday, February 27 at 7 p.m. to view scenes from the documentary and hear the stories behind the stories!



Free Saturday Tutoring

The Baton Rouge Magnet High School Beta Club will be offering tutoring services on Saturdays, February 4, 11 & 25, 9:30-10:30 a.m., at the Main Library at Goodwood! Beta members will offer help for elementary, middle, and high school students. See subjects offered below. Only 60 spots are available each Saturday. Registration is required. Register online at ebrpl.co/tutor or call 231-3770.

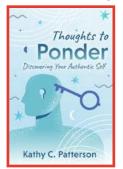
- Elementary students: English, Math, Science, and Reading
- Middle schoolers (6th grade -8th grade): English, Math, and Science
- High schoolers: English, Math (9th – Calculus), and Science
- Upon advanced request, they will provide tutoring in French, Spanish, and Latin.

BOOK PREMIERES

Thoughts to Ponder

Join author, playwright, and essayist, Kathy Patterson, for the premiere of her new book, *Thoughts to Ponder: Discovering Your Authentic Self* at the

Main Library at Goodwood on Sunday, February 5 at 6 p.m. *Thoughts to Ponder* is a narrative of the author's video chats which explore life, love, pain, and hope with faith-based messages of empowerment, inspiration, and motivation.





My Friend Jack Has Celiac

You're invited to join author Paula Jones for the launch of her new book, *My Friend Jack Has Celiac*, at the Main Library at Goodwood on Saturday,





February 18 at 1:30 p.m. Her children's book about celiac disease follows best friends, Chris and Jack, who share many interests like riding bicycles and climbing trees, but they can't always eat the same foods.

New Interactive Mural at Main

Gloria Ruiz, the executive director of Palacios House of Arts, and Jamie Heidelberg, the artistic coordinator, stand in front of the newly unveiled mural on the first floor at the Main Library at Goodwood.

This mural was designed and created by the PHOA team and the students in their programs. It was donated and dedicated to the Library on December 3. Come by to view the 20-foot mural, entitled "Ida: Be a Resilient Artist," that combines art and music to express the students' response to challenges like Hurricane Ida. A QR



code is next to the mural that, when scanned, will allow viewers to hear a recording of the music represented on the panels.

Creative Aging Writers Workshop Series

The Arts Council of Greater Baton Rouge is holding a special Spring Creative Aging Writers Workshop focusing on Writing for Social Change. The sixweek series for those age 55 and older kicks off on Saturday, February 4 at the Main Library at Goodwood. Sessions are from 10 a.m.-1:15 p.m., with a 15-minute break at 11:30.

Facilitated by author Rannah Gray, the free workshop series focuses on writing about social issues, in whatever way participants choose - nonfiction, fiction, poetry, blogging, feature stories, etc., with the goal of exploring the issues to get a better understanding of their causes and possible solutions. Guest speakers span from the FBI to street cops from New York, Chicago, and Los Angeles, as well as local experts in the field.

The Writers Workshop Series is facilitated by the Arts Council of Greater Baton Rouge with additional support from the National Endowment for the Arts, and Louisiana Division of the Arts, Office of Cultural Development/Department of Culture Recreation & Tourism. The workshop is free and open to previous participants; first-time participants will be accepted as space allows. To register, go to artsbr.org.



AARP Downsizing and Decluttering Workshop



Having too much stuff can impede people from relocating or getting health care into their homes. AARP invites you to the Main Library at Goodwood on Wednesday, February 22 at 10 a.m. for an engaging presentation that explores why stuff is so important for some people and teaches practical, easy-to-follow tips on downsizing and decluttering. Learn how to get started!

City-Parish Open Data Policy Report

In 2017, the East Baton Rouge Parish Metro Council unanimously approved Mayor Broome's Open Data Policy. Since then, City-Parish government has prioritized publishing City-Parish data and leveraging our data to drive decision-making and increase efficiencies. The Department of Information Services gave its annual Open Data Policy Report during January's Metro Council meeting. To view the interactive report about how City-Parish is using data, visit brla.gov/opendatareport.

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2022 OPEN DATA POLICY REPORT	301K #TechTuesday Impressions	Participants for Open Data and GIS Presentations	234 Total Datasets	80.3M Lifetime Views
	24. Citizen Data Academy: On Demand Videos	26.7K Citizen Data Academy Video Views	9.2M Rows of Data	Public Dashboards and Web Apps



Ask-a-Lawyer

Adults can come to the Library to take advantage of FREE and individual counseling sessions offered by the Pro Bono Project of the Baton Rouge Bar Association. Area attorneys will be available for one-on-one, 15-minute sessions for legal advice on a first-come, first-served basis for advice on non-criminal matters involving Family, Consumer, Housing, Social Security, Employment, Education, and Succession law on the following Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.:

- February 4 River Center Branch Library
- March 11 Scotlandville Branch Library
- April 15 Carver Branch Library
- May 20 Pride-Chaneyville Branch
- June 10 Fairwood Branch
- August 12 Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch
- September 16 Zachary Branch
- October 14 Central Branch
- November 4 Baker Branch
- December 9 Jones Creek Regional Branch

Can't make it in-person? The Baton Rouge Bar Association also provides assistance anytime through their Online Intake Application. Just visit ebrpl.co/brbaonlineapp, complete the application, and a dedicated attorney will contact you shortly afterwards. For more information about this program, email lynn@brba.org or call 225-214-5564.



ADULT PROGRAMS



Coloring and Word Search Puzzles

De-stress with coloring and word search puzzles at the Scotlandville Branch on Thursday, February 9, 4-5 p.m. Color in and outside of the lines with calming yet brain-stimulating activities. Colored pencils, color sheets, and word puzzles will be provided.



French Language Classes

Learn to speak French at the Bluebonnet Regional Branch! We will offer two different classes, depending on your language level:

- French 101: Tuesdays, February 14 & 28 at 6:30 p.m.
 Learn the basics of speaking French in a group setting with an in-person instructor.
- Conversational French: Saturday, February 18 at 2 p.m.
 Join an in-person and instructorled group for intermediate to advanced French speakers to practice your French-language skills through conversation.

CALLING ALL WRITERS

Fiction Writers Workshop

Are you an aspiring author? Join the Fiction Writers Workshop to get feedback on your fiction stories. Email Jordan Courtney at jcourtney@ebrpl.com to get started. We email new stories out once a month. Once you have given feedback on at least 2 other members' stories, you are



qualified to sign up for a critique of your own writing. Join us at the in-person meeting on Monday, February 13 at 6:30 p.m. at Bluebonnet Regional Branch to meet other local authors and discuss the stories.

Writers Rendevous

Writers are invited to join Writers Rendevous at the Fairwood Branch for their monthly writers group on Tuesday, February 14. There are sessions at 4 p.m. and 6 p.m. Writers Rendezvous is an informal writers group where people can meet, share ideas, and get feedback on current projects.

Earn Your Makerspace Badge

Get creative with Makerspaces at these Library locations! Adults and teens are invited to attend a badging class to learn the basics of safely operating our Makerspace equipment, including professional microphones and soundboards, 3D printers, sewing machines, button makers, Cricuts, and more! Once you have completed a badging class, you may reserve the equipment for personal use! **Registration is required**. To register, call the branch directly or visit ebrpl.com/calendar. See opportunities below:

Bluebonnet Regional Branch

- Saturday, February 11 at 2 p.m. Audio Equipment Class: How to Start a Podcast
- Saturday, February 25 at 2 p.m. 3D Printing Class

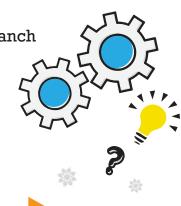
Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch

- Tuesday, February 7 at 4 p.m. 3D Printing Class
- Saturday, February 9 at 6 p.m. Cricut Valentine's Day Cards
- Wednesday, February 15 at 4 p.m. Audio Equipment Class
- Thursday, February 23 at 6 p.m.
 Mug Press and Sublimation Printing Class

Jones Creek Regional Branch

- Tuesday, February 7 at 6:30 p.m. Sewing Class
- Wednesday, February 8 at 6 p.m. Cricut Class
- Tuesday, February 14 at 6:30 p.m. Serger Class
- Thursday, February 16 at 6:30 p.m. 3D Printing Class

For more information on our Makerspaces, please visit ebrpl.co/makerspaces.





CRAFTS AND HOBBIES

Mardi Gras Oyster Shells

Decorate an oyster shell for Mardi Gras at the Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch on Sunday, February 5 at 3:30 p.m. Paint it, decoupage it, Cricut sticker it, or even 3D print a king cake baby to put inside of it.

Let's Knit Together

Adults, if you love knitting or would like to learn, let's knit together at the Zachary Branch each Tuesday in February at 6 p.m. (excluding February 21). Bring your project to work on or bring size 8, 9, or 10 needles and a smooth, worsted weight (#4) yarn to start learning.

Crafting for a Cause

Come learn a new skill and join other adults at the Pride-Chaneyville Branch at 1 p.m. every Thursday in February for a chance to create something beautiful and enjoy the company of fellow crafters. All skill levels are invited. Donations of yarn, supplies or finished items are welcome.

Threadheads – a Contemporary Crochet Club

A crochet class for beginner and experienced crocheters will meet at the Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch on Tuesday, February 7 at 4:30 p.m. Each participant will need a crochet hook H or larger and a skein of yarn. We occasionally have limited supplies.

Knitting Nook & Crochet Corner

Have you been wanting to learn how to knit? Are you having trouble with a new technique or pattern? Just want to meet fellow knitting enthusiasts? Join knitters of all levels, beginners to advanced, at the Bluebonnet Regional Branch on Thursdays, February 9 & 23, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., to learn and share. Are you having trouble with a pattern or stitch? Bring your questions. Crocheters are welcome, too!

'Fraid Knot Crochet Club

Have you ever wanted to learn to crochet? Are you an experienced crocheter? Would you like company, support, and inspiration? Join us on Thursday, February 9 at 6:30 p.m. at the Jones Creek Regional Branch. All experience levels are welcome. Beginners will learn the basics while the more experienced will learn new, more complicated stitches. Supplies will be provided for the first 15 people, but you are welcome to bring your own supplies and/or projects. Registration is strongly encouraged. To register, call 756-1150.

Mardi Gras Bead Monogram Door Hanger

Do you love Mardi Gras parades? If so, you probably bring home lots of Mardi Gras beads along with great memories. Get creative with your leftover beads by making an easy monogram door hanger at the Pride-Chaneyville Branch on Wednesday, February 15 at 4:30 p.m.



Crochet Compassion

Join us at the Jones Creek Regional Branch on Saturday, February 11 at 3:30 p.m. for Crochet Compassion. We will make plarn and crochet it into plastic sleeping mats for the homeless. In addition, we will be participating in Knitted Knockers to make handmade, soft, and adjustable breast prosthesis for people who have undergone mastectomies. There is a crochet pattern also available. More information about Knitted Knockers can be found at www. knittedknockers.org. Crochet experience is not necessary. We will need a lot of help making that plarn! Registration is requested but not required.

Crochet (and Knit) for a Cause

Crocheters and knitters will meet at the Main Library at Goodwood on Saturday, February 18 at 3 p.m. and work on projects to benefit those in need, which will include hats for premature babies, hats for cancer patients, waterproof sleeping mats for the homeless, and "knitted knockers," which are soft comfortable prosthesis alternatives for breast cancer survivors. Patterns and some supplies will be provided, though participants are encouraged to bring their own knitting needles and crochet hooks. (Knitting needles DPN or circular size 4, crochet hook size 4.5 or G7) Want to help but don't know how to knit? No problem! Come stuff the knockers with filler or make "plarn" from shopping bags for sleeping mats. Some instruction can be provided.

Acrylic Art Workshop

Make beautiful art representing a wide variety of countries while learning the basics of acrylic painting. Join Martha Whittington at the Jones Creek Regional Branch on Wednesday, February 22 at 12:30 p.m. **Registration is required.** To register, call 756-1140.

Crochet Basics

Crochet is the popular hobby of interlocking yarn using a small hook. Come join other adults at the Delmont Gardens Branch on Wednesday, February 22 at 4:30 p.m., to learn the basics of crochet. All skill levels are welcome and supplies are provided! Learn how to construct your first chain stich. **Registration is required.** To register, call 354-7050 or visit www.ebrpl.com/calendar.

Magazine Collages

Head over to the Fairwood Branch on Wednesday, February 22 at 5 p.m. for an afternoon of artistic fun! We'll make collages or vision boards out of discarded magazines and posters.

HEALTH AND WELLNESS

Jones Creek Exercise Group

Join the Jones Creek Regional Branch every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday in February (excluding February 20), 9:30–10 a.m., as we exercise with a video guided 30-minute workout session. First come, first served for floor space.

Fitness in the Stacks

Join Bluebonnet Regional Branch for Fitness in the Stacks, a fun fitness group enthusiastic about staying healthy. Every Monday, Wednesday and Friday morning in February (excluding February 20), 10-11 a.m., patrons can come get fit by exercising with a beginner aerobics video. No traffic, no heat, no excuses! All fitness levels are welcome!

Walk and Stretch at Main

Get moving and have a good time! Patrons are invited to walk and stretch at the Main Library at Goodwood, Monday-Friday. Come walk with us in the gardens next to the Main Library. On bad weather days, we'll walk on the second floor. Monday walks begin at 4 p.m. and on Tuesday-Friday, we get started at 2 p.m. If you are interested in joining us, please text your number to 939-3794, and you will receive a text each morning with details. Participants should be able to walk unaided and at a fair pace. For more information, email parnold@ebrpl.

Yoga for Beginners

You're invited to the Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch every Monday in February (excluding February 20) at 5:15 p.m. for a gentle yoga flow. We will provide up to eight yoga mats and guide you through 30 minutes of restorative yoga poses. If you own a mat, please bring it. For more information, call 274-4450 or email gsr.reference@gmail.com.

GAMES

Guessing Game

Come by the Jones Creek Regional Branch during the month of February to guess how many hearts are in the jar. If you guess the correct number, you win a prize!



Puzzle Power: Be Mine, Valentine

Celebrate the season of love! Enjoy some Valentine-themed puzzles during the month of February at the Pride-Chaneyville Branch.

Sci-Fi and Fantasy Wargames

Tabletop war games have come a long way since H. G. Wells knocked toy soldiers around a battlefield of carpet and books. Join us at the Main Library at Goodwood on Wednesdays, February 1 & 15, 6-8 p.m., for the opening meetings of a club dedicated to fast-paced skirmish gaming—from desperate last stands amid city ruins to daring ambushes in deadly wastelands. This month we focus on One Page Rules' *Grimdark Future: Firefight*, a free ruleset available online. Models and terrain provided—just bring a love of fighting little wars! For more information, call 231-3750.



Scrabble for Adults

Scrabble is back! Bring a friend and join us at the Baker Branch for a round of good, old-fashioned Scrabble Crossword – the fun, classic word game that never goes out of style! There are two chances to play: Wednesday, February 8 at 10 a.m. and Tuesday, February 14 at 11:15 a.m.

GUGL! The Grown-Up Gaming League

Calling all adult gamers in the Greater Baton Rouge area! Join us for GUGL! The Grown-Up Gaming League at the Bluebonnet Regional Branch. GUGL is a monthly games program open to adult players of all skill levels, ages 18 and older. Sessions may feature games such as Dungeons & Dragons, Catan, Ticket to Ride, Arkham Horror, Five Minute Dungeon, Risk, Munchkin, Magic the Gathering (TCG), and over 200 more to choose from! BYOG – Bring your own games or play using GUGL's sets. **Registration is required for Dungeons and Dragons**. To register, call 763-2240.

Upcoming dates:

- Wednesday, February 8 at 6 p.m.: Introduction to Carcassone/Open Board Game Night (Beginners-Intermediate)
- Saturday, February 11 at Noon: Tabletop Saturdays: Dungeons & Dragons (Registration required)
- Wednesday, February 15 at 6 p.m.: Introduction to Magic the Gathering (Beginners-Intermediate)
- Wednesday, February 22 at 6 p.m.:

 Board Game Night (Choose from the Group's 200+ games, or bring your own)
- Saturday, February 25 at Noon: Tabletop Saturdays: Dungeons & Dragons (Registration required)

B-I-N-G-O

Adults are invited to a fun-filled time of playing bingo and winning prizes at the Library locations below:

- Scotlandville Bingo: Scotlandville Branch Wednesday, February 8 at 4 p.m.
- Bingo in the Gardens: Delmont Gardens Branch Thursday, February 16 at 4 p.m.
- Fourth Monday Bingo: Carver Branch Monday, February 27 at 11 a.m.
- Tuesday Morning Bingo: Main Library at Goodwood Tuesday, February 28 at 10 a.m.

MOVIES

Classic Movie Series

Come to the Carver Branch on Monday, February 6 at 3 p.m. for the latest installment our classic movie series featuring 1968's *Night of the Living Dead*.

Black History Month Film

Celebrate Black History Month by joining us at the Carver Branch on Tuesday, February 14 at 3: 30 p.m. to watch the latest from acclaimed director Gina Prince-Blythewood, *The Woman King*, starring Viola Davis.

Valentine's Day Movie

Adults are invited to the Valentine's Day movie showing of *Crazy, Stupid, Love* at the Jones Creek Regional Branch on Tuesday, February 14 at 6 p.m. The movie will be shown on the large projector screen.

Saturday Movie Matinee

Looking for a movie that packs a punch? Then join us at the Baker Branch on Saturday, February 18 at 3 p.m. to watch *The Woman King*. Viola Davis stars in this action-pactory of an elite all-fem can their nation.



Afternoon Movie

Join the Scotlandville Branch on Saturday, February 18 at 3 p.m. for a showing of *Just Mercy*, starring Michael B. Jordan and Oscar winners Jamie Foxx and Brie Larson. A powerful and thought-provoking true story, *Just Mercy* follows young lawyer Bryan Stevenson and his history-making battle for justice.



Baton Rouge Film Club

Join The Baton Rouge Film Club for a series celebrating filmmaker Rob Reiner. Adults can come to the Bluebonnet Regional Branch at 6:15 p.m. on Monday, February 27 to watch the 1992 legal drama *A Few Good Men*. Military lawyer Lieutenant Daniel Kaffee defends Marines accused of murder as they contend they were acting under orders.

ADULT GRAB AND GEAUXS

- Wednesday, February 1 Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch
 3D Paper Balls
- Friday, February 10 Jones Creek Regional Branch Red Heart Month Drink Coasters
- Thursday, February 16 Main Library at Goodwood Mardi Gras Bead Coasters



GENEALOGY



Tracing Your Sicilian Ancestry

Many Louisianans today are descendants of immigrants who arrived in the United States from Sicily. What occurred to make these families want to leave their homeland for a new start in a brand new country? In this class, we will discuss events occurring in Sicily at the time, plus how to locate birth, marriage, and death records of your Sicilian ancestors. Space is limited to 15 in-person and 15 virtual attendees. Registration is required. Please go to www.ebrpl. com/calendar to register or call 231-3751.

Newsbank Historical Newspaper Archive



The East Baton Rouge Parish Library's Advocate Historical Newspaper database is home to millions of full scans of Baton Rouge and New Orleans newspapers dating from 1832 to 1996. You're invited to the Main Library at Goodwood on Saturday, February 18 at 10:30 a.m. to learn how to search and sort this large amount of information and uncover stories about the people, places, and things in your ancestors' community. Space is limited to 15 in-person and 15 virtual attendees. Registration is required. Please go to www. ebrpl.com/calendar to register or call 231-3751.

CAREER CENTER



How to Master the Job Interview

Are you searching for a new job? Your performance during an interview can land you - or cost you - your dream job. Learn to perfect your job interview skills at the Main Library at Goodwood on Saturday, February 18 at 10 a.m. The Career Center will present tips for a great interview, common traps and pitfalls to avoid, and interactive demonstrations for answering the most common interview questions. Registration is required. To register, please call 231-3733 or visit www.careercenterbr. com/events.

12 Things You Need to Know About Background Checks

Running a background check on potential employees has become a standard part of the hiring process. Could there be something in your background that is hurting your chances of being hired? Alexis Anderson, former Human Resources Director and founder of the nonprofit PREACH, will discuss what types of information can be found in these background checks and what a job-seeker can do to improve their situation on Wednesday, February 22 at 10 a.m. at the Main Library on Goodwood. Registration is required. To register, please call 231-3733 or visit www.careercenterbr.com/events.

YouTube Roundup

Get FREE, certified professional career & job search help virtually! If you need help with your job search or career but can't make it to the Career Center in-person, we can come to you through the power of online video. Our videos provide guidance on how to write resumes and



cover letters, answer interview questions, complete online job applications, negotiate your salary, find work-from-home jobs, and much more. We have even dedicated playlists for teens, Spanish-speaking citizens, and the formerly incarcerated. Whatever type of help you need with your job search or career progression, we've got a video for that. Check out the following videos (and more!) at www.careercenterbr.com/YouTube.

How to Apply for a Job at Walgreen's

Walgreens has a variety of positions in retail and pharmacy. In this video, we walk you step-by-step through the online application process for these positions.

Resumes Quick Tips: How to Cover an Unstable Work History

This video is part of our Resumes Before and After series, which showcases common resume mistakes and our recommended solutions. In this video, we discuss how an unstable work history may look like a red flag to employers, then demonstrate strategies for disguising the instabilities.



This Month's Spotlight: The Resources for Ex-Offenders Playlist

These videos are aimed specifically at helping the formerly incarcerated with the extra challenges they face on the job search. Topics include special resume rules for the formerly incarcerated, as well as the best ways for those with a criminal record to answer common interview questions.



All programs are free and open to the public. Registration for all programs is encouraged. To register, call the Library branch directly. For more information, visit www.ebrpl.com.

20-SOMETHINGS



Summer of Soul

We've all heard of Woodstock, but what about the Harlem Cultural Festival? Come to the Eden Park Branch on Tuesday, February 7 at 5:30 p.m. for a viewing of the movie *Summer of Soul* to learn about this festival. Woodstock may have had the Grateful Dead and Jimmy Hendrix, but this festival had artists such as Nina Simone and Stevie Wonder!

Pom Pom Heart Décor

20-somethings are invited to the Pride-Chaneyville Branch on Wednesday, February 8 at 4:30 p.m. to create a cute Valentine's Day craft – pom pom heart décor. Pom poms are as easy as they are fun to make!

Game Night at Main

It's time to bust out the board games again! Join us at the Main Library at Goodwood on Wednesday, February 8 at 6 p.m. for an evening of fun and relaxation as we play board games. We'll have plenty of games to play, but feel free to bring one of your own, too!

Throwback Movie Night

Come to the Carver Branch on Monday, February 13 at 4 p.m. to watch the 2002 Disney classic, *Treasure Planet*.

Dungeons and Dragons Workshop

Join the Fairwood Branch on Monday, February 13 at 5 p.m. for a Dungeons and Dragons Workshop where we will host a round-table discussion about balancing encounters, world-building, and more.



20-SOMETHINGS GRAB AND GEAUXS

- Friday, February 3 Zachary Branch Tiny Book Magnets
- Monday, February 6 Main Library at Goodwood Moon Mirrors
- Wednesday, February 8 Bluebonnet Regional Branch Macramé Fishtail Keychain
- Wednesday, February 22 Main Library at Goodwood Stellar Wall Hanging









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AROUND THE TOWN



LPB's Louisiana Young Heroes

Louisiana Public Broadcasting is proud to announce the 28th annual Louisiana Young Heroes program and the statewide call for nominations of students to be recognized as Louisiana Young Heroes in 2023. A Young Hero is defined as an exceptional young person who has excelled in academics, given significantly of themselves through public service, overcome adversity, exhibited extraordinary heroism, or inspired others through their deeds and strength of character. Parents, principals, teachers, guidance counselors, family members, and friends who know of high school students deserving of recognition for their tenacity, good work and commendable deeds, are encouraged to nominate them! Visit lpb.org/ heroes to read more about the Louisiana Young Heroes program or to submit a nomination. The deadline for entries is Wednesday, March 1.

Spring Pruning Day

Join the Baton Rouge Rose Society for Spring Pruning Day at the Independence Park Rose Garden on Saturday, February 25, 9-11 a.m. Bring your pruners, hat, and gloves, and be ready for some fun work. You can ask for help if you are not sure how to prune a certain rose. There are mostly old garden roses and shrub roses that will require very little pruning, but there is still a lot to be done. This is a good time to hone your pruning skills, get advice from the experts, and do some networking.



Museum of Art

AT THE SHAW CENTER FOR THE ARTS

Toddler Thursday: I Heart Art

Join LSU MOA for Toddler Thursday on Thursday, February 2 at 10 a.m. on the fifth floor of the Shaw Center for the Arts. Create an abstract valentine based on work from our contemporary gallery! This program is designed for kids five and under accompanied by a caregiver; members, free; nonmembers, \$5 per child, caregivers free.



Art at Lunch: Angola Plantation

Join LSU MOA for a special Wednesday Art at Lunch as Dr. John Bardes, Assistant Professor of History at LSU, provides a historic overview of Angola Plantation on the third floor of the Shaw Center on Wednesday, February 15 at Noon. Bring a lunch—water and sodas will be provided.

H. Parrott Bacot **Lecture Series**

Dr. Blaise Ducos, the Curator of 17th- and 18th-Century Dutch and Flemish Paintings at the Musée du Louvre, will discuss European decorative arts as part of the H. Parrott Bacot Lecture Series on the third floor of the Shaw Center for the Arts on Tuesday, February 28 at 6 p.m. Dr. Ducos will give a lecture at LSU MOA titled, Metal into Paint: The Many Lives of the Van Vianen Vase. The lecture will investigate this decorative object and its recurring appearance in Dutch paintings throughout history. This lecture Dr. Blaise Ducos



is free to attend and will be followed by a brief reception at the museum.

Saturday Science









Teens and adults are invited to the Main Library at Goodwood on Saturday, February 18 at 1 p.m. for Saturday Science, LSU's free public talk series connecting the community to science and technology. This month, Dr. Brooks Ellwood will speak on the LSU Campus Mounds. Radiocarbon dating of the two LSU Campus Mounds indicates that they are probably the oldest known and intact man-made structure in the Americas. The older (deeper) parts of both of the Mounds contain many thin, burned ash lenses, suggesting that they may have been used for ceremonial or cremation purposes. In this talk, a detailed analysis of the Mounds and estimates of their age will be discussed.

Life-Sized Board Games

Come to the Bluebonnet Regional Branch for a fun afternoon of board games on Wednesday, February 1 at 3 p.m. Challenge other teens to a game of Connect Four, Jenga, or Kerplunk. Refreshments will be served.

Stranger Things Escape Room

Tonight is the annual Hawkins Middle School Snow Ball Dance, but before the gang can attend, you must solve a series of puzzles to help close the gate to the Upside Down and save Hawkins before time runs out! Teens ages 12-18 are invited to this escape room adventure on Saturday, February 4 at 2:30 p.m. at the Main Library at Goodwood. Registration is required. To register, please call 231-3770.

Robotics: Sphero Racing

Compete against other teens as you code and race your Sphero robot around barriers, curves, and other obstacles to win the grand prize! Join us at the Bluebonnet Regional Branch on Wednesday, February 8 at 3 p.m. for this exciting event!

Last Minute Valentines

Teens, learn how to work the Cricut at the River Center Branch Makerspace! Join us on Thursday, February 9 at 3:30 p.m. to earn your makerspace badge and create your own Valentine's Day cards. Registration is required. To register, visit ebprl.com/ calendar or call 389-4960.

Be Your Valentine Celebrate yourself this Valentine's Day! Give yourself flowers by making a flower bouquet from paper, felt, and lollipops, then sit back and enjoy popcorn while watching a classic teen movie. Join us at the River Center Branch on Monday, February 13 at 3 p.m. for A Cinderella Story and on Tuesday, February 14 at 3 p.m. for Clueless.

Build a Remote-Controlled Machine

If you like STEM and mechanical endeavors, don't miss this program! Teens, grades 6 and up, are invited to the Zachary Branch on Thursday, February 23 at 4:30 p.m. to build a motorized vehicle or machine and have fun putting it through different challenges. For more information, call 658-1870.

MAKE IT AND TAKE IT

Teens, get crafty at your local Library! Express your creativity at these in-person programs!

Saturday, February 4 at 2:30 p.m. - Jones Creek Regional Branch Learn how to make heart-shaped pom poms to adorn a keychain, backpack or garland.

Tuesday, February 7 at 4 p.m. – Zachary Branch Teens are invited to make some water color artwork.

Wednesday, February 8 at 3:30 p.m. – Delmont **Gardens Branch** Use various fonts on stencil to create a beautiful piece of Valentine art.

Thursday, February 9 at 4 p.m. – Greenwell **Springs Road Regional**

Upcycle varn scraps into a colorful pom pom heart to hang on your wall.

Saturday, February 11 at 2:30 p.m. – Jones Creek **Regional Branch** Wire and build a small machine that spins canvases for spin art.

Saturday, February 11 at 2:30 p.m. – Main Library at Goodwood Make you own sweetsmelling hand scrub then decorate a stylish jar to hold it.

Tuesday, February 14 at 3 p.m. - Eden Park Branch Learn how to make origami heart bookmarks for Valentine's Day. Snacks and drinks will be provided.

Tuesday, February 14 at 4 p.m. - Bluebonnet **Regional Branch** Use various tasty ingredients to make Valentine's Day chocolate candy treats and design a gift box in which to take them

Wednesday, February 15 at 3:30 p.m.

Carver Branch

home.

Make sugar scrubs, bath bombs, and paint your nails for some self-love after Valentine's Day.

Wednesday, February 15 at 4 p.m. - Greenwell **Springs Road Regional** Branch

Explore a new art medium with us by using water color paints and washi tape to create a colorful piece of art.

Saturday, February 18 at 2:30 p.m. – Main Library at Goodwood Transform old cigar boxes into art and have a place to store your stuff.

Wednesday, February 22 at 3:30 p.m. – River **Center Branch**

Create your own bookmarks using scenes from your favorite comic books and manga.

Saturday, February 25 at 2:30 p.m. – Jones Creek **Regional Branch** Visit our makerspace and learn to sew a lip balm holder keychain with our sewing machine.

> More teens on next page 👄

TEENS



MOVIE MANIA

Saturday Movie Matinee

Spend the day with your friends eating popcorn and watching Man: Into the Spider-Vero Celled Branch on Satur Cancely 11 at 3 p.m.

Twilight Movie Day

Teens can join us at the Fairwood Branch on Wednesday, February 22 at 4 p.m. for a screening of the movie, *Twilight*.



ANIME

Calling all anime fans! Teens, join us for an afternoon of anime at the following Library locations!

- Thursday, February 2 at 4 p.m. Carver Branch
 Join us for Japanese snacks and culture while watching anime.
- Saturday, February 25 at 2:30 p.m.
 Main Library at Goodwood
 Watch ad-free anime on Crunchyroll while you snack on Ramen.
- Tuesday, February 28 at 4 p.m. Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch

Make a cubee craft while you watch some anime.

KIDS

The Dinosaur Experience

The Dinosaur Experience crew will be bringing their baby T. Rex named Rexi and one of his friends to visit our Children's Rooms in February! Come laugh and learn about dinosaurs, discover where they lived, and see some real fossils, too! The dinosaurs may even get a little mischievous and play pranks on their



keepers! Mark your calendars and join us for lots of dinosaur fun!

Tuesday, February 14 at 4 p.m. – Delmont Gardens Branch

Wednesday, February 15 at 4 p.m. – Central Branch

Thursday, February 16 at 6 p.m. – Scotlandville Branch

Saturday, February 18 at 10 a.m. – Pride-Chaneyville Branch

Saturday, February 18 at 12:30 p.m. – Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch

Saturday, February 18 at 3 p.m. – Bluebonnet Regional Branch

Wednesday, February 22 at 10 a.m. - Main Library at Goodwood

Wednesday, February 22 at 12:30 p.m. – River Center Branch

Wednesday, February 22 at 3 p.m. – Baker Branch

Wednesday, February 22 at 6:30 p.m. – Jones Creek Regional Branch

Thursday, February 23 at 4 p.m. – Fairwood Branch

Thursday, February 23 at 6 p.m. – Eden Park Branch

Saturday, February 25 at 12:30 p.m. – Carver Branch

Saturday, February 25 at 3 p.m. - Zachary Branch

Children's Books and Music Series featuring The Kids' Orchestra

Collect new musical skills! Discover new library books! Experiment with new dance steps!

Kids' Orchestra invites children, ages 5-11, to an experiential program that combines library books with music education. Each month, children will explore a theme as they learn about an instrument, sing a song, explore a dance, and play a game – all inspired by a book in the East Baton Rouge Parish Library collection.

In February, learn about Trombone Shorty, a musician who grew up in Louisiana, and the instrument he played (a trombone, of course!). Hear the trombone and find out how it works. Learn some "second line" dance



moves. Play an instrument naming and imitation game. Sing "When the Saints Go Marching In" as we celebrate carnival season in Louisiana. There are two opportunities to attend this fun program! See dates and times below. All children under the age of 9 must be accompanied by an adult. **Registration is required.**

- Saturday, February 11 at 11 a.m. Main Library at Goodwood To register, please call 231-3760.
- Saturday, February 18 at 11 a.m. Bluebonnet Regional Branch To register, please call 763-2260.

African American Read-In

Join the Library for African American Read-In, a nationwide effort to lift up and raise greater awareness of African American writers and artists. See three opportunities below to celebrate their important contributions.

Saturday, February 4 at 3 p.m. – Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch Children ages 8-11 are invited to read aloud poems written by African American authors, then make an African beaded unity bracelet.

Sunday, February 5 at 3 p.m. - Main Library at Goodwood

Kids ages 5-11 are welcome to read aloud kid-friendly selections from African American writers, listen to a short presentation about African American artists, and then create their own art.

Monday, February 27 at 4:30 p.m. - Carver Branch

Join other kids ages 6-11 as we read about George Washington Carver and have a scavenger hunt with famous quotes. After the hunt, share your favorite quotes with the group. Light refreshments will be served.



Stories and STEM

There's no better combination than stories and STEM! Join us for the following programs below to listen to a story and do a fun STEM activity. *Indicates registration required. Please call the Library location directly to register.

- *Saturday, February 4 at 11 a.m. Delmont Gardens Branch Libby Loves Science by Kimberly Derting Chemistry Experiments with Household Ingredients, ages 3-8
- *Saturday, February 4 at 11 a.m. Jones Creek Regional Branch *Marsha is Magnetic* by Beth Ferry Explore Different Types of Magnets, ages 7-11
- *Wednesday, February 15 at 5 p.m. Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch Quackling: A Very Loud Fairy Tale by Aaron Shepard Build a Castle with Blocks, ages 3-5
- *Saturday, February 18 at 11 a.m. Delmont Gardens Branch Brick by Brick by Heidi Woodward Sheffield LEGO Free Play, ages 4-11
- *Saturday, February 25 at 10 a.m. Main Library at Goodwood Rosie Revere, Engineer by Andrea Beaty
 Make Independently Moving Toys, ages 7-11

Other STEM opportunities include:

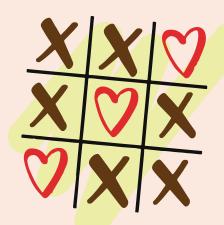
- Wednesday, February 8 at 4 p.m. Central Branch Block out some time to come build with LEGOs and look through some books about LEGOs.
- *Saturday, February 18 at 10 a.m. Main Library at Goodwood

 Be at transportation engineer! Build an automobile, aircraft, or boat using Kids

 First kits.

The Actor's Lunch Break with Jimez Alexander

New Orleans native, actor, and former Walt Disney World entertainer Jimez Alexander will present an energetic and interactive workshop that explores the tools and imagination of an actor at the Main Library at Goodwood on Wednesday, February 8 at 9:30 a.m. **Registration is required.** All children under 9 must be accompanied by an adult. To register, call 231-3760.



Valentine Tic-Tac-Toe

Children ages 6-11 are invited to the Zachary Branch on Saturday, February 11, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., to make a valentine tic-tac-toe game.

Pajama Party Movie Night

Children ages 4-11 and their families are invited to the Jones Creek Regional Branch on Wednesday, February 15 at 6:15 p.m. to watch *The Princess and The Frog.* A determined young woman kisses a frog to make her dreams come true; instead, she makes new friends, stops an evil voodoo man, and finds love! Children may wear their pajamas and bring a stuffie or blanket to snuggle with during the film.

BOOK CLUBS

Artsy Smartsy Saturday

Join us for Valentine's Day fun at this Artsy Smartsy Saturday! Kids ages 6-11 are invited to the Pride-Chaneyville Branch on Saturday, February 11 at 10:30 a.m. for books and art. We will first read a couple of chapters from *The Mystery Valentine* by A. I. Newton, part of the Alien Next Door series. Then, we will be making special Valentine's Day mailboxes. You'll also learn how to make alien inspired "Out of this World" Valentine's Day cards for friends and family. **Registration is required**. To register, please call 658-1560.

High Five Book Club

High Five Book Club members will meet at the Bluebonnet Regional Branch on Thursday, February 16 at 4:30 p.m. to discuss the monthly selection *No Talking* by Andrew Clements, both its plot and ending. Activities will include the challenge



of communicating in three words or less, and creating a decorative door hanger for their room. The March selection is *The Great Gilly Hopkins* by Katherine Paterson. The High Five Book Club is open to kids ages 9 to 11. **You must be a registered member to attend.** To register, call 763-2260.

Press Start!

Stop by the Children's Room of any library location to pick up your Press Start! booklet! The month of February is brought to you by the letters H, I, J & K; the numbers 7, 8, 9 & 10; and the weather concept, "rainy/wet." Each month's



booklet introduces basic concepts with fun activities for ages 2-4 that you can fit into your daily routine and that help prepare your child for kindergarten.

Story Walks

Literacy and exercise go together! Visit one of our Story Walks today! There are numbered stations near each of the locations below. Each station has 1-2 pages of a children's book, plus a suggestion for physical activity as you travel to the next station. At the last station, there will be a story-related worksheet for the children to take home. See below for branches and February's story titles:

- Main Library at Goodwood: *Groundhog's Runaway Shadow* by David Biedrzycki
- Baker Branch: *Grumpy Groundhog* by Amanda Haley
- Carver Branch: *Amelia Bedelia's First Valentine* by Herman Parish







Storytime at the Library



Storytime gives children an excellent introduction to books and the Library. It 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.

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Zachary Branch	10 a.m.	Wednesdays, February 1, 8, 15				
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Baker Branch	11:30 a.m.	Tuesdays, February 7, 14, 28				
Bluebonnet Regional Branch	10:30 a.m.	Wednesdays, February 1, 8, 15, 22				
Carver Branch	10 a.m.	Thursdays, February 9, 16, 23				
Delmont Gardens Branch	10:30 a.m.	Tuesdays, February 1, 28				
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Jones Creek Regional Branch	10 a.m.	Tuesdays, February 7, 14, 28				
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Central Branch 10:30 a.m. Tuesdays, February 7, 14, 28						
Fairwood Branch						
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Story & Craft/Activity Story & Craft/Activity programs provide a literacy-based social setting to get creative! Hear a book read while making or doing something interesting. Check out the schedule below for Story & Craft/Activity opportunities taking place this month. *Indicates registration required. To register, call the Library location directly.



Date, Time, Location	Story Title & Author	Craft/Activity Description & Age Group
Wednesday, February 1 at 10:30 a.m. Zachary Branch	Groundhog's Runaway Shadow by David Biedrzycki	Groundhog Masks, ages 2-5
*Wednesday, February 1 at 4:30 p.m. Delmont Gardens Branch	Be a King by Carole Boston Weatherford	Sparkly Crowns, ages 3-5
Thursday, February 2 at 4 p.m. River Center Branch	Groundhog's Day Off by Robb Pearlman	Groundhog and Shadow Craft, ages 3-11
Monday, February 6 Thursday, February 9 at 4 p.m. River Center Branch	Knuffle Bunny: A Cautionary Tale by Mo Willems	Swishing Washing Machine with Knuffle Bunny Inside, ages 6-11
Wednesday, February 8 at 10:30 a.m. Zachary Branch	The Biggest Kiss by Joanna Walsh	Elephant Valentine, ages 2-5
*Wednesday, February 8 at 4:30 p.m. Delmont Gardens Branch	Mr. Goat's Valentine by Eve Bunting	Valentines Mailbox, ages 6-8
*Thursday, February 9 at 4:30 p.m. Carver Branch	Learn about the history of Valentine's Day	Valentines Box, ages 8-11
*Thursday, February 9 at 4:30 p.m. Fairwood Branch	Black Is a Rainbow Color by Angela Joy	Black History Month Charm Bracelet, ages 5-11
*Thursday, February 9 at 5 p.m. Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch	Hugs and Kisses for the Grouchy Ladybug by Eric Carle	Ladybug Valentine Tic-Tac-Toe Game, ages 5-11
*Saturday, February 11 at 10:30 a.m. Bluebonnet Regional Branch	How Spider Saved Valentine's Day by Robert Kraus	Ladybug Valentine Tic-Tac-Toe Game, ages 5-8
*Saturday, February 11 at 11 a.m. Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch	Delphine Denise and the Mardi Gras Prize by Brittany Mazique	Duct Tape Mardi Gras Beads, ages 6-11
*Saturday, February 11 at 2:30 p.m. Jones Creek Regional Branch	Valentine's Day by Rebecca Pettiford	Paper Plate Love Bug, ages 3-6
*Saturday, February 11 at 2:30 p.m. Main Library at Goodwood	Click Clack Moo by Doreen Cronin	Valentine's Day Mailboxes, ages 5-7
*Saturday, February 11 at 4 p.m. Baker Branch	Valentine's Day Is by Gail Gibbons	Pop-up Valentine Card, ages 5-11
Monday, February 13 at 4 p.m. River Center Branch	Ladybug Girl by David Soman and Jacky Davis	Ladybug Valentine Tic-Tac-Toe Game, ages 5-8
*Monday, February 13 at 4:30 p.m. Fairwood Branch	The Yuckiest, Stinkiest, Best Valentine Ever by Brenda Feber	Valentine Rose, ages 4-11
Tuesday, February 14 at 4 p.m. Central Branch	Porcupine Cupid by Jason June	Ladybug Valentine Tic-Tac-Toe Game, ages 5-11
Wednesday, February 15 at 10:30 a.m. Zachary Branch	12 Days of Mardi Gras by Melissa Thibault	Mardi Gras Mask, ages 2-5
*Wednesday, February 15 at 4:30 p.m. Delmont Gardens Branch	The Five O'Clock Band by Troy "Trombone Shorty" Andrews	Jazz Collage, ages 9-11
*Thursday, February 16 at 4:30 p.m. Carver Branch	Delphine Denise and the Mardi Gras Prize by Brittany Mazique	Paper Plate Tambourines, ages 6-8
*Thursday, February 16 at 4:30 p.m. Fairwood Branch	Dinosaur Mardi Gras by Dianne De Las Casas	Party Animal Magnets, ages 5-11
Wednesday, February 22, 9 a.m8 p.m. River Center Branch	Chez Bob by Bob Shea	Milk Carton Bird Feeder, ages 4-11
*Wednesday, February 22 at 3 p.m. Pride-Chaneyville Branch	The Legend of the Beaver's Tale by Stephanie Shaw	Floating Beaver Craft, ages 3-8

FREE Computer Classes at the Library

Adults are invited to the Library this month for FREE computer classes. Registration is required for some locations. For more information and to register, call the Library location directly. Check out the schedule:

Baker Branch

Introduction to Word

11 a.m. Tuesday, February 7

Email

11 a.m. Wednesday, February 15

Introduction to Computers

11 a.m. Tuesday, February 28

Bluebonnet Regional Branch

*Computers Without Fear

10 a.m. Thursday, February 9

*Introduction to Word

10 a.m. Thursday, February 23

Carver Branch

Introduction to Computers

10 a.m. Tuesday, February 7

Introduction to Microsoft Word

10 a.m. Tuesday, February 14

Open Lab

2 p.m. Thursday, February 23 10 a.m. Tuesday, February 28

Delmont Gardens Branch

Read E-books From Your Phone

4 p.m. Monday, February 6

Typing Lessons

4 p.m. Thursday, February 9

Introduction to Computers

4 p.m. Thursday, February 23

Eden Park Branch

Internet Basics

10:30 a.m. Saturday, February 11

Facebook

4 p.m. Monday, February 13

Ebooks

10:30 a.m. Saturday, February 25

Fairwood Branch

Introduction to Computers

4 p.m. Wednesday, February 8

Typing 101

4 p.m. Wednesday, February 15

Bring Your Own Device

4 p.m. Tuesday, February 28



Jones Creek Regional Branch

*One-On-One Tech Tutoring

9:30 a.m. Tuesday, February 7 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, February 7 11:30 a.m. Tuesday, February 7

*Introduction to Computers_

10 a.m. Thursday, February 9

*Introduction to Word

10 a.m. Thursday, February 16

*Introduction to Excel

10 a.m. Wednesday, February 22

*Introduction to PowerPoint

10 a.m. Thursday, February 23

Main Library at Goodwood

Computers without Fear

10 a.m. Wednesday, February 1

Introduction to Microsoft Word 2016

10 a.m. Thursday, February 2

Introduction to the Internet

10 a.m. Tuesday, February 7

Introduction to Microsoft PowerPoint 2016

10 a.m. Wednesday, February 8

Making a Newsletter in Word 2016

10 a.m. Wednesday, February 15

Making Tables in Microsoft Word 2016

10 a.m. Thursday, February 16

Introduction to Microsoft Excel 2016

10 a.m. Wednesday, February 22

<u>Introduction to Microsoft Publisher</u> 2016

10 a.m. Thursday, February 23

Scotlandville Branch

Introduction to Microsoft Publisher

3 p.m. Tuesday, February 7

Introduction to Microsoft Word

4 p.m. Wednesday, February 15

Digital Library: Louisiana Black

<u>Newspapers</u>

4 p.m. Wednesday, February 22

Zachary Branch

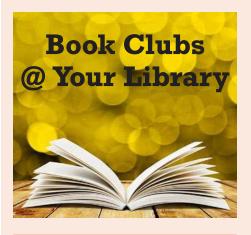
*Introduction to Computers

10 a.m. Tuesday, February 7

*How to Use Pinterest

2 p.m. Thursday, February 23

*Indicates Registration Required



Baker Branch

• Baker Morning Book Club 10:30 a.m. Monday, February 13 The Giver of Stars by Jojo Moyes

Bluebonnet Regional Branch

• The Quirky Ladies' Book Club 6:30 pm Thursday, February 16 The Jane Austen Society by Natalie Jenner

Fairwood Branch

Books and Brew Book Club
 11 a.m. Monday, February 27
 Sisters of Night and Fog
 by Erika Robuck

Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch

• Next Chapter Book Club 6 p.m. Thursday, February 16 Share the book you are reading with the group.

Jones Creek Regional Branch

• Historical Society Book Club

11 a.m. Thursday, February 16

Invisible: The Forgotten Story of the Black Woman Lawyer Who Took Down America's Most Powerful Mobster by Stephen Carter

Main Library at Goodwood

• Mystery Lovers Book Club Noon, Tuesday, February 14

Valentine's Day Mysteries

Fantasy Book Club
 6:30 p.m. Thursday February 16
 Robin McKinley and/or Dianne
 Wynne Jones

Zachary Branch

• A new Mystery Lovers Book Club begins in March!

Main Library at Goodwood

Director, Spencer Watts

7711 Goodwood Boulevard (225) 231-3740 Monday - Thursday, 9 a.m. - 9 p.m. Friday and Saturday, 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. Sunday, 2 – 9 p.m.

Baker Branch Library

3501 Groom Road (225) 778-5940 Monday - Thursday, 9 a.m. - 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. Sunday, 2 – 6 p.m.

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

Carver Branch Library

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

Central Branch Library

11260 Joor Road (225) 262-2640 Monday - Thursday, 9 a.m. - 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, 9 a.m. – 6 p.m. Sunday, 2 – 6 p.m.

Delmont Gardens Branch Library

3351 Lorraine Street (225) 354-7040 Monday - Thursday, 9 a.m. - 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. Sunday, 2 – 6 p.m.

Eden Park Branch Library

5131 Greenwell Springs Road (225) 231-3240 Monday – Thursday, 9 a.m. – 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, 9 a.m. – 6 p.m. Sunday, 2 – 6 p.m.

Fairwood Branch Library

12910 Old Hammond Highway (225) 924-9384 Monday – Thursday, 9 a.m. – 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. Sunday, 2 - 6 p.m.

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Jones Creek Regional Branch Library

6222 Jones Creek Road (225) 756-1140 Monday – Thursday, 9 a.m. – 9 p.m. Friday and Saturday, 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. Sunday, 2 - 6 p.m.

Pride-Chaneyville Branch Library

13600 Pride-Port Hudson Road (225) 658-1540 Monday – Thursday, 9 a.m. – 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. Sunday, 2 - 6 p.m.

River Center Branch Library

250 North Boulevard (225) 389-4967 Monday - Thursday, 9 a.m. - 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. Sunday, 2 – 6 p.m.

Scotlandville Branch Library

7373 Scenic Highway (225) 354-7540 Monday – Thursday, 9 a.m. – 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. Sunday, 2 - 6 p.m.

Zachary Branch Library

1900 Church Street (225) 658-1840 Monday – Thursday, 9 a.m. – 9 p.m. Friday and Saturday, 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. Sunday, 2 – 6 p.m.

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Jones Creek Regional Branch

Forest Heights Academy Art Show

This is an art club show for 2nd through 5th grade kids from Forest Heights Academy



Recycled Reads

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