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BATON ROUGE - Baton Rouge's Red Stick Ready organization held a resource fair Saturday at the Main East Baton Rouge Library on Goodwood Boulevard to offer



New Arrival!





East Baton Rouge Parish Library



Our new bookmobile, King Cake, arrived today! Staff spent the morning training on the bookmobile which will be used for visits to preschools, daycare centers, and community events.





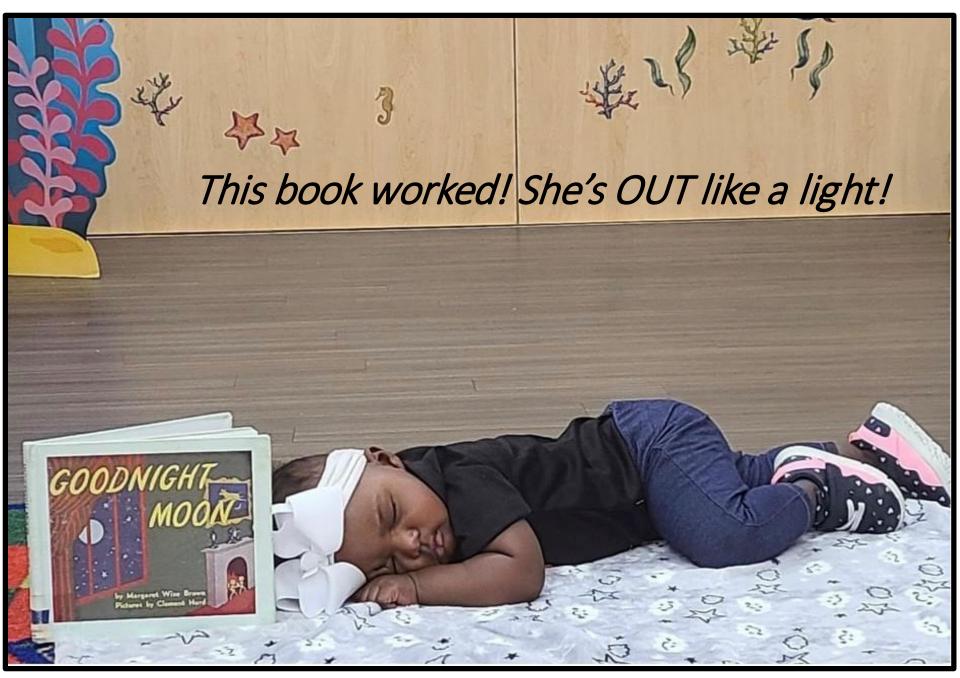








Children's Book Week ... SHHH!





For All Ages! Use the Beanstack APP!





Baton Rouge Youth Ballet presents:

Adventures in Neverland







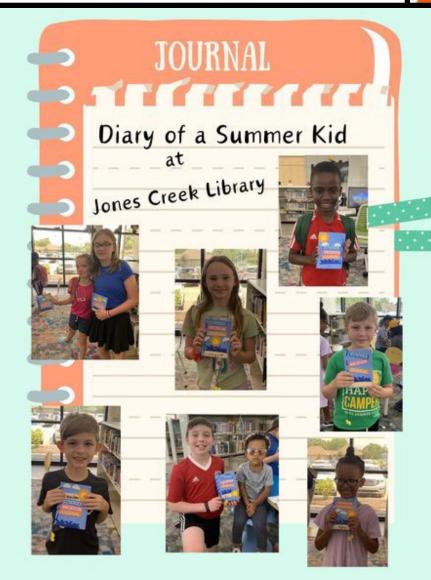


Adventure!





Summer Reading













Harvey Rabbit and Friends

at the River Center Branch















Memorial Day









Keri Hart, the widow of First Sergeant Casey Hart, spoke about her husband and what Memorial Day means to her family.







Music for Every Taste



This year's Maker Faire has got a BEAT!

Rock On!



Libraries Change Lives Features: Senior Programmer Analyst John Tooraen



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Libraries Change Lives

John Tooraen can recall a simpler time in his life, when he wasn't busy parenting six kids or training new employees as the Senior Programmer Analyst at the Louisiana Board of Regents. On balmy summer days, accompanied by his older sister, he'd ride his bike a whopping five blocks to his local Iberville Parish Library to watch puppet shows and

plays. As he entered adulthood and outgrew the wide-eved curious cloak of adolescence, the library became a "safe, quiet space" for researching and writing papers in the nooks of the Middleton Library at LSU. Indeed, John has seen the library's life cycle through his own children, marveling in their journeys from summer reading programs to academic research and beyond. He continues to utilize the EBRPL Digital Library's innumerable databases of free information and resources, from eBooks to Freegal to even a digital subscription to the New York Times. Yet, of all these



resources, LinkedIn Learning has played the biggest role in John's professional life.

While prevously working as the Information Technology Manager at Louisiana Public Broadcasting (LPB), John oversaw a massive project to digitize its analog media. "We had a vault at LPB of over 45 years of tapes!" John exclaimed. It may be shocking to believe that before the internet and streaming services and the ever-elusive "digital cloud," there was actual physical media, the likes of which consisted of plastic vinyl or plastic film strips with a chemical emulsion that reacted to light. Such media may have a nostalgic allure - the crackly spinning record or the grainy aesthetic of a Humphrey Bogart movie - but the drawback is in its shelf life. John explained that physical media eventually disintegrates, especially if not stored properly; some of the older tapes at LPB "were in really bad



shape." John had never handled a project of this magnitude, and so he turned to his local Library for help.

LinkedIn Learning, which has been available at EBRPL since 2014, offers over 22,000 courses, from tutorials on Microsoft Excel, to Adobe Photoshop, to the 3D rendering software Lumion. John took courses specific to project

> management: how to break down larger tasks into smaller, digestible jobs; and how to create reasonable time frames and budgets. But his use of LinkedIn Learning didn't stop there. John continues to be an advocate for the Digital Library by directing his student interns to free training sessions in data management and scripting language for web development like TSQL and PHP. He encourages his programmers to learn more about professional and technical writing, and even soft skills like gender sensitivity training and interpersonal communication.

The Dark Ages of accessibility to information have become a distant memory, like bygone summer days

of riding bikes and finger puppets. "Classes on how to use Excel used to cost \$600!" John bemoaned. But thankfully the digital age, and all the wealth of knowledge in its coffers, is

accessible at the click of a button. Now anyone with a library card can take advantage of not just LinkedIn Learning, but also Gale Presents: Udemy (on-demand video courses with a wider selection of topics); Gale Courses (6-week long instructor led courses): EBRPL



Digital Learn (featuring programs like Navigating a Website, Intro to Email, and Online Fraud and Scams); and Cell-Ed (micro-learning platform for language, job skills,

life skills, and math). The library has something for every interest and skill level - for beginners who are looking for digital literacy basics to professionals like John looking to hone their skills. So, in the words of John Tooraen, if you don't already have one, "Go get a library card!" And start learning!



Virtual Author Talk Series

Remember – Author Talks are archived at library.org/ebrpl



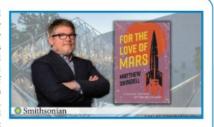


FEATURED PROGRAMS

Virtual Author Talk Series

The Library continues its Author Talk Series with three new authors in June! 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 June 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.

Monday, June 3 at 1 p.m. - Mars and its secrets have fascinated and mystified humans since ancient times. Due to its vivid color and visibility, geologic kinship with Earth, and potential as our best hope for settlement, Mars embodies everything that inspires us about space and exploration. For the Love of Mars surveys the red planet's place in the human imagination, beginning with ancient astrologers and skywatchers and ending in our present moment of exploration and virtual engagement. You're invited to come learn alongside Matt Shindell, National Air and Space Museum curator, as he introduces viewers to historical figures across eras and around the world who have made sense of this mysterious planet. Along



the way, we will encounter writers and artists from each period who take readers and viewers on imagined journeys to Mars. By focusing on the diverse human stories behind the telescopes and behind the robots we know and love, Shindell will show how Mars exploration has evolved in ways that have also expanded knowledge about other facets of the universe.

Thursday, June 13 at 7 p.m. – Get your popcorn and take a seat as we pick the brain of the queen of twists herself, Freida McFadden! McFadden will join us to chat about writing psychological thrillers, her mega-bestselling hit *The Housemaid* series, and, in particular, her forthcoming third installment, *The Housemaid Is Watching*, which is full of unbelievable twists and tension as it continues to follow Millie Calloway. She used to clean other people's houses—now, she can't believe this new home is actually hers. The charming kitchen, the quiet cul-de-sac, the huge yard where her kids can play. She and her husband saved for years to give their children the life they deserve. Even though Millie is wary of their new neighbor



Mrs. Lowell, when she invites them over for dinner, it's their chance to make friends, so they accept the invitation. Mrs. Lowell's maid opens the door wearing a white apron, her hair in a tight bun. Millie knows exactly what it's like to be in her shoes. But the maid's cold stare gives her chills...

Thursday, June 20 at 1 p.m. – Join us as #1 New York Times bestselling author Tiffany Jewell highlights the inequities Black and Brown students face from preschool through college as she presents lessons and knowledge from her new book Everything I Learned About Racism I Learned in School. The overarching nonfiction narrative follows author Tiffany Jewell from early elementary school through her time at college, unpacking the history of systemic racism in the American educational system along the way. Throughout the book, other writers of the global majority share a wide variety of personal narratives and stories based on their own school experiences. Everything I Learned About Racism I Learned in



School provides young folks with the context to think critically about and chart their own course through their current schooling—and any future schooling they may pursue.

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Crisis communications expert Ann Edelman shares strategies for companies on Strictly **Business in May**











Your company is experiencing a crisis. How do you manage public perceptiq reputational damage?





them? What technological challenges and apportunities are on the horzon? And what are the best practices for financial contingency planning?

These are some of the topics Vanessa Graham will tackle in the March opisede of Business

Get insights into the art of being an entrepreneur from Norisha Kirts Glover on Strictly Business in July







You've Unlocked a Special Offer!





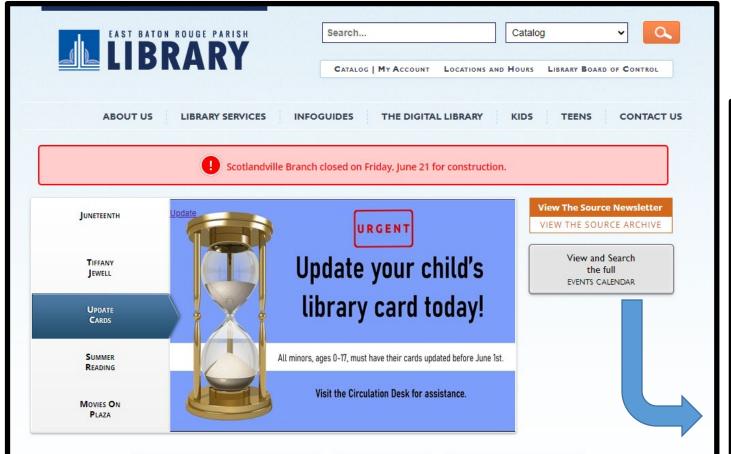




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