





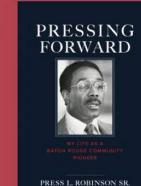
Libraries with Heart! New Blood Pressure Station & Kits



## Live at the Library ... Dr. Press Robinson, Sr.

Premiere of Press L. Robinson, Sr.'s Pressing Forward

> Sunday, September 15 6 p.m. Main Library at Goodwood







### YOU'RE INVITED

### MAYOR-PRESIDENT SHARON WESTON BROOME

invites you to attend

# CONNECTING EAST BATON ROUGE Neighborhood Convention 2024

#### SEPTEMBER 14 | RAISING CANE'S RIVER CENTER

Our vision is for neighbors to know and help neighbors in safe, vibrant neighborhoods where all feel welcomed and loved, with a strong sense of pride and community. Join us for "Connecting East Baton Rouge," the 2024 Neighborhood Convention where we will convene to educate and inspire neighborhood leaders to network and collaborate to improve the quality of life for all.

Complimentary registration opens Friday, July 26th. Space is limited.

For more information, visit brla.gov/neighbors.







# REGISTER TO VOTE

BECAUSE YOUR VOTE MATTERS

In order to provide citizens with an opportunity to register to vote near their home or workplace, the East Baton Rouge Parish Registrar's Office will visit Library locations during the week of September 16 - 20 between 1 and 6 p.m.

Please bring a valid ID that establishes identity, age, and residency.

- Thursday, September 19 Eden Park Branch Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch Pride-Chaneyville Branch
- Friday, September 20 Baker Branch Jones Creek Regional Branch







Other Opportunities to Register to Vote planned for October

**Voter Registration** Week begins in East Baton Rouge; click here for the schedule

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 Monday, September 16 **Bluebonnet Regional Branch River Center Branch** Scotlandville Branch

- Tuesday, September 17 Carver Branch **Delmont Gardens Branch** Main Library at Goodwood
- Wednesday, September 18 Central Branch Fairwood Branch Zachary Branch

# Louisiana History - Revealed Through Art

**Special Collections Lecture Series** 

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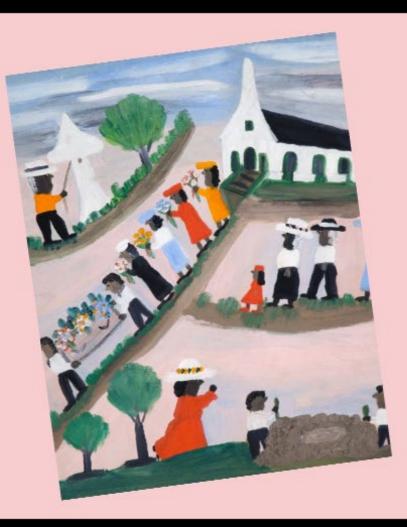
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The Art of Clementine Hunter led by LSU MOA Educator Callie Smith

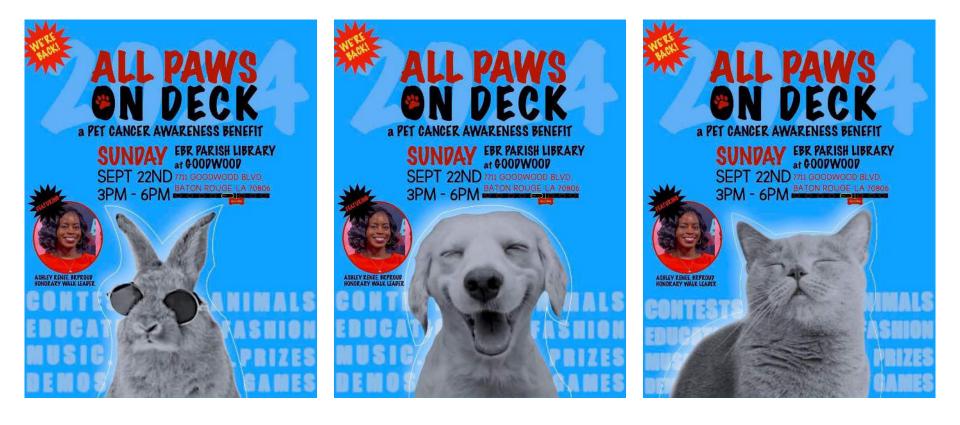
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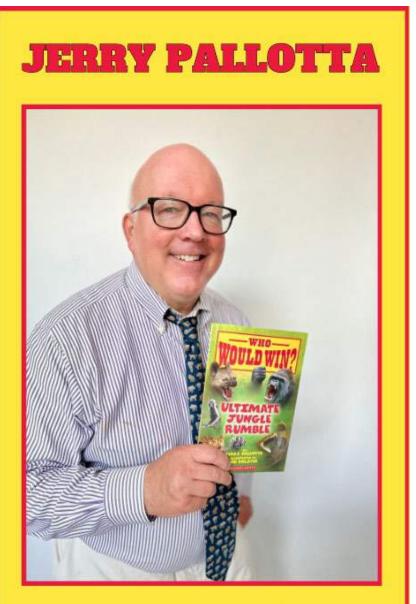
Main Library at Goodwood





# Save the Date!





## Author of WHO WOULD WIN?

47<sup>th</sup> Annual Author Illustrator Program September 26 - 27

> Thursday Morning ZOOM to local schools and learning centers

> Thursday Evening Program for Families at the Main Library

Friday Morning Workshop for Teachers, Librarians, Writers, and Others at the Main Library

# Sneak Peak Premiere: LPB's The Marlow Murder Club

### SNEAK PEAK PREMIERE of The Marlow Murder Club

### Sunday, October 6 at 6:30 pm Main Library at Goodwood

- This new mystery series will air locally later on LPB beginning October 27
- Panel discussion will follow the screening (episode is one hour)
- Based on series of books by Robert Thorogood
- Library has lots of copies; we will highlight them on Libby



## **October Series:** Wednesday evenings **Main Library**



Danny Heitman is an award-winning columnist for The Advocate and the editor of Forum, the official magazine of the national collegiate honor society Phi Kappa Phi. During his time as editor of The Advocate's editorial page, Danny contributed to a series of editorials on criminal justice reform that was a finalist for the Pulitzer Prize. He's the author of

A Summer of Birds, a book that explores a pivotal Louisiana season in the life of bird artist John James Audubon.



**Ronnie Harris** graduated with a degree in Business Management from University of Louisiana Lafayette in 1975 and later received a Master's

in Business Administration from **Tulane University In** 2003. He served as Mayor of the City of Gretna from 1985-2013 and moved to Baton Rouge to become the Executive Director of the Louisiana

Municipal Association. He retired in 2018 and pursues personal ambitions in research of local history.



**Faimon Roberts** 

Faimon A. Roberts III has a B.A. in History from Louisiana Tech University, a ThM with an emphasis in the Old Testament from Dallas Theological Seminary,

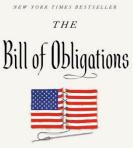
and an MPhil in **Cuneiform Studies from** 

the University of Oxford. At Loyola, he enjoys teaching classes in history, culture and literature of the

Ancient Near East, He is also a newspaper

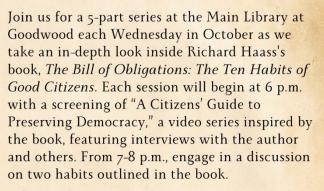
reporter who enjoys writing the first draft of history in and around New Orleans.

## The Bill of Obligations The Ten Habits of Good Citizens



THE TEN HABITS OF GOOD CITIZENS

RICHARD HAASS





October 2	Be Informed; Get Involved
October 9	Being Open to Compromise and Remaining Civil
October 16	Rejecting Violence and Valuing Norms
October 23	Promoting the Common Good and Putting the Country First
October 30	Supporting the Teaching of Civics and Respecting Government Service



*This year's Maker Faire has got a BEAT!* 



*So ... Let's make some NOISE!!* 





Library Card Sign-Up Month

# Libraries Change Lives Features: Power User, Darren Jones

## Libraries Change Lives

Darren Jones was born in Lancaster, CA, but his slight southern accent and unmistakable genial demeanor quickly gives away the place he claims as home: "My mom was a country woman from Georgia. I bounced back and forth, but I was mostly raised in Georgia." After receiving an M.A. in Philosophy from San Francisco State University in 2012, Darren landed a job at Baton Rouge Community College (BRCC). Since 2015, he has taught courses such as Intro to Philosophy, Intro to Logic, Religious Ethics, and Bioethics.

Darren's dream didn't stop at BRCC. His goal is to teach at a university like LSU or Tulane. But that dream was met with some healthy skepticism at first. "My mom said, 'Be a doctor or a lawyer. Philosophy don't make money,'" he laughed. Indeed, mothers can be just as encouraging as they are pragmatic about their children's futures. Nevertheless, Darren excelled in philosophy classes, really enjoyed it, and was able to mold it into a profession. "I just stuck with



it. It's a dream job to be a philosophy teacher. I'm making a living, and [my mom's] so proud!" But to teach at the university level, Darren needed a PhD. During the Covid-19 pandemic, the California Institute of Integral Studies (CIIS) offered, for the first time in its history, a fully online PhD program "that they've never

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done before, and likely will never do again." Darren asserted, "I've got to strike while the iron's hot." Now, he is nearly across the finish line, as he prepares for his thesis defense and is in the final stages of editing his dissertation on Aristotelian Ethics: "A New Meta Ethic: Addressing Global Concerns."

In perhaps small yet meaningful ways, the Zachary Branch Library was able to ease the financial burden of higher education and help Darren achieve his dream. In 2020 he purchased a home not far from the Zachary Branch. "It's quiet out here. I'm a five-minute drive from the Library and Rouses!" It was at this remote branch where Darren was able to save an enormous amount of money by using free resources like printing (20 free pages per day), Wi-Fi, and easily accessible philosophy textbooks and articles, both in print and digital formats. Even when texts weren't physically at the branch. Darren was able to utilize the interlibrary loan system-a process by which a library

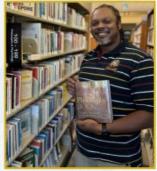
> requests material(s) from another library. "I've saved a lot of money with the library. Hundreds, if not thousands. Academic textbooks are expensive. They come out with new editions every couple of years. One textbook could easily cost \$200!" While writing his thesis, he has used at least 50 textbooks; the Library accounted for nearly 2/3 of the textbooks he cited.

> Someone who has been particularly helpful to Darren in his search for philosophy books is Library Staff Member Tari Oliver; she has been

vorking in libraries for 12 years and counting, 7 years in Ponchatoula and 5 here in East Baton Rouge Parish. "I try to be helpful and friendly with everybody. I see a lot of patrons at the circulation desk. Darren stood out. He was so excited and enthusiastic because he got his books from the Library. Maybe I helped him find some



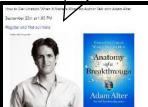
Library Staff Member Tari Oliver with Darren Jones



books, I don't know. I like to think I was just doing my job." Tari may have just been doing her job, but Darren made clear that she went above and beyond in helping him. Tari is part of the reason he felt so welcome at a place that serves not only as a depository of books, media and information, but also a community center for fun activities for his son. "He's a big fan of the Library, especially the live music events and Movies on the Plaza." Darren has integrated the Library's innumerable, free services into his work, his education, and his personal/ family life. If you or someone you know are pursuing educational advancement, please take note of his sage advice: "The Library should be your first stop!"

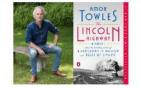
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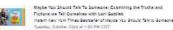
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#### FEATURED PROGRAMS

### Virtual Author Talk Series

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

Tuesday, September 10 at 1 p.m. – Don't forget to register for this incredibly moving virtual chat with *New York Times* bestselling author Garrett Graff! An expert at capturing the human drama, Graff will speak about his body of work with particular focus on his oral histories, *The Only Plane in the Sky: An Oral History of 9*(11 and *When the Sea Came Alive: An Oral History of D-Day.* In *The Only Plane in the Sky,* award-winning journalist Garrett Graff draws on neverbefore-published transcripts, recently declassified documents, and original interviews to paint the most comprehensive, minute-byminute account of the September 11 attacks yet. In his most recent



work, When the Sea Came Alive, Graff explores the full impact of a world changing event: D-Day, one of history's greatest and most unbelievable military and human triumphs. This book dives deep into the complexities—from the secret creation of landing plans by top government and military officials and organization of troops, to the moment the boat doors opened to reveal the beach where men fought for their lives and the future of the free world.

Wednesday, September 18 at 1 p.m. – Join us as New York Times bestselling author and philosopher Nate Klemp helps us explore pathways back to open minded living when he talks to us about the core tenets in his new book Open: Living with an Expansive Mind in a Distracted World. With the avalanche of information we get every day, closing down our minds and hearts seems to be the only way to survive. We close off to ourselves by compulsively checking our devices. We close off to each other by getting caught in echo chambers of outrage. But what if there's another way? In this climate of distraction and division, Nate Klemp's Open offers a path back to



a way of living that is expansive, creative, and filled with wonder. Drawing on personal stories, scientific findings, and traditional wisdom, Klemp explores why we close down when faced with stressors or threats—then reveals why training ourselves to fully engage even with discomfort, pain, and sadness leads to greater well-being in the long run.

Saturday, September 21 at 6 p.m. – If you knew your future, would you try to fight fate? If you were told you only had a certain amount of time left to live, would you do things differently? Would you try to dodge your destiny? Join us as we chat with mega-bestselling author Liane Moriarty about her newest novel *Here One Moment*, a brilliantly constructed tale that looks at free will and destiny, grief and love, and the endless struggle to maintain certainty and control in an uncertain world. In *Here One Moment*, aside from a delay, there will be no problems. The flight will be smooth; it will land safely. Everyone who gets on the plane will get off. But almost all of them



will be forever changed. Because on this ordinary, short, domestic flight, something extraordinary happens. People learn how and when they are going to die from "The Death Lady." For some, their death is far in the future—age 103! But for six passengers, their predicted deaths are not far away at all. A modern-day Jane Austen who humorously skewers social mores while spinning a web of mystery, Moriarty asks profound questions in her newest I-can't-waitto-find-out-what-happens novel.

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