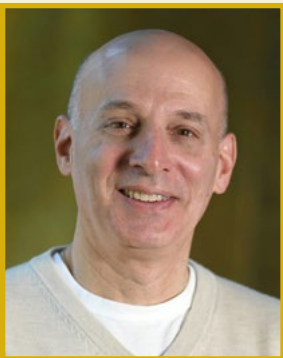
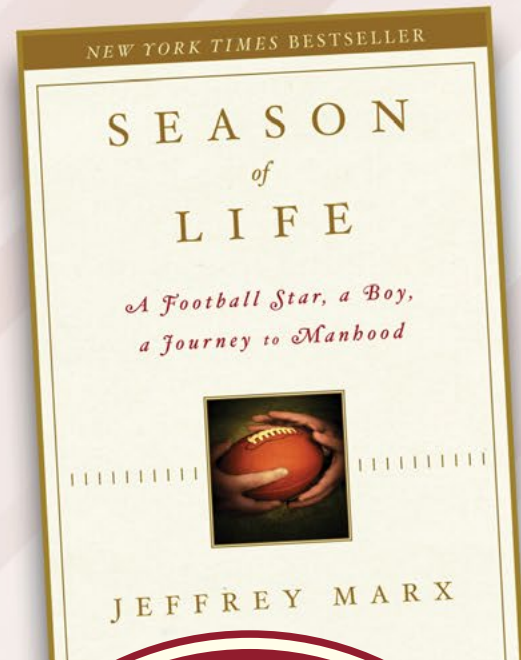


# The Source

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## SEASON OF LIFE BY JEFFREY MARX



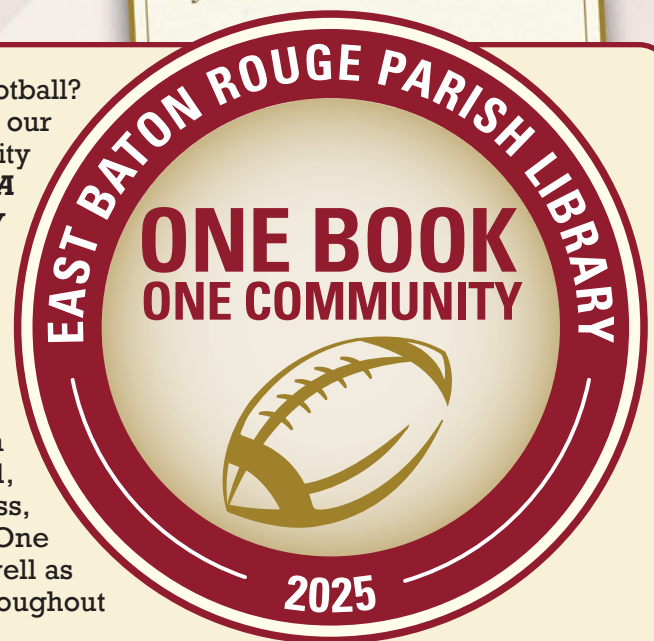
Jeffrey Marx

Are you ready for some football? Join us this spring in reading our 2025 One Book One Community selection, ***Season of Life: A Football Star, a Boy, a Journey to Manhood*** by Jeffrey Marx! Marx's book recounts the unique approach that Joe Ehrmann, former defensive star for the Baltimore Colts, brought to coaching the Gilman High School team where he infused good, old-fashioned football with lessons of love, kindness, and service to others. The 19th annual One Book One Community initiative will highlight Marx's book as well as many other sports-related programs for all ages throughout the Library system.

Join us for a special event with **Jeffrey Marx** at the Main Library at Goodwood on **Sunday, April 27 at 3 p.m.** Marx, a Pulitzer Prize winning journalist and *New York Times* bestselling author, will discuss topics such as mentorship, teamwork, and intergenerational communication. Copies of *Season of Life* will be available for purchase, and Jeffrey Marx will hold a book signing to conclude the event.



For more information, please visit [ReadOneBook.org](https://ReadOneBook.org). And look for this image throughout *The Source* for more One Book One Community programs!





## ONE BOOK ONE COMMUNITY

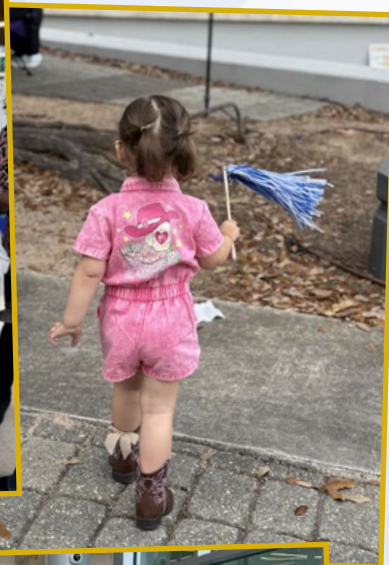
### One Book One Community Kickoff Party

Thanks to everyone who came out and helped us kick off our One Book One Community series on March 14! We had a blast celebrating our 2025 selection, *Season of Life* by Jeffrey Marx, with lively music by Florida Street Blowhards, delicious food by Odom's Kitchen, fun activities for the kids, community organizations and more! A great time

was had by all! If you missed the party, there's still plenty of opportunities to be part of One Book One Community! Check out *Season of Life* at one of our 15 Library locations or digitally through Libby, the Library Reading App, and visit [ReadOneBook.org](https://ReadOneBook.org) for information on upcoming sports-related programs throughout the Library system.



Author Jeffrey Marx and Assistant Library Director Mary Stein





## FEATURED PROGRAMS

### Edible Book Festival

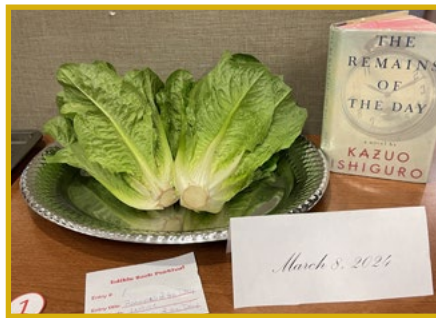
The Edible Book Festival is an international celebration of books, food, and bad puns held on or around April Fools' Day each year. Participants are invited to choose a book and create an edible representation of its title or a wordplay on its title. Join us as we gather at the Main Library at Goodwood on Sunday, April 6 at 3 p.m. to view the bookish fare concocted to amuse, amaze, or, yes, even disgust onlookers and fellow participants. Vote for your favorites in categories such as Best in Show, Wittiest Wordplay, Least Appetizing and more! Winners will be announced at 5:30 p.m. and prizes will be awarded!

**To submit an entry, just bring your punny, edible creation to the Library on Sunday, April 6 between 2 and 2:30 p.m. to be displayed! One submission per person. Please bring pre-assembled and ready to display.**

Here are a few of our 2024 winners. Can you "beet" them? Come on, "cake" a chance! Give us something to "taco" 'bout! "Gouda" luck!



*Moby "Dip"*



*The "Romaines" of the Day*



*20,000 "Legumes" Under the Sea*

### National Library Week: Drawn to the Library

What draws you to the Library? From young families stopping in for play and storytime, to students sketching out their next creative project in a makerspace, to seniors seeking tech help and everyone in between, libraries help us connect the dots from one part of our journey to the next. Chart your next literary adventure by browsing the stacks or joining a book club. Let an author color your imagination at an author talk, outline your next business idea with a small business librarian, or trace your history with our genealogy resources.

Show your appreciation and support for libraries by visiting your East Baton Rouge Parish Library during **National Library Week, April 6-12!** National Library Week is a time to highlight the essential role that libraries, librarians, and library workers play in transforming lives and strengthening communities.

Check out the testimonials from EBRPL patrons included in each section of this month's *Source*! In addition to visiting your local branch, you can shout out your love for libraries on social media by following EBRPL on Facebook and Instagram, using the hashtag #NationalLibraryWeek.

Whatever draws you in, the library has something for everyone!



### Welcome to the New South Branch Library!

The highly anticipated South Branch Library is now open! Located at 2210 Glasgow Ave., it will temporarily operate on a modified 6-day schedule while we continue to hire and train staff and to install furnishings and equipment. An official dedication will take place at a later date, once the new branch is fully complete.

#### Temporary hours of operation:

- 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Monday - Thursday
- 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Friday
- 2-6 p.m. Saturday

Designed around a magnificent heritage live oak tree, this cozy and inviting Library will offer a carefully selected collection of popular browsing materials for all ages and interests, as well as technology services such as robust Wi-Fi, public computers, mobile printing, and much more! Stop by to tour the beautiful courtyard, large meeting and conference rooms, and dedicated spaces for children, teens, and adults.

For more information on the South Branch, please visit [ebrpl.co/southbranch](http://ebrpl.co/southbranch).

**YOUR LIBRARY  
IS HERE  
FOR YOU**



## FEATURED PROGRAMS

### Letters to the Future

Have your New Year's resolutions fizzled? Get back on track! Join us at the Bluebonnet Regional Branch on Monday, April 7 at 6:30 p.m. for Letters to the Future. Write a letter to yourself that will be mailed to you six months from now. In your letter, establish goals to work toward and congratulate yourself in October on a job well done! *Please bring a self-addressed stamped envelope.* Stationery and pens will be provided.



### TOPS and FAFSA Seminar

Teens, tweens, and their families are invited to the Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch on Wednesday, April 9 at 4 p.m. to hear from a LOSFA representative on the Louisiana TOPS program for students entering high school and on the FAFSA for current high school students gearing up for their next step.

### Lawyers in Libraries: Child Custody and Grandparents' Rights

Learn what you need to know about child custody and grandparents' rights from Acadiana Legal Service Corporation during a live-stream presentation at the Fairwood Branch on Wednesday, April 9 at 5:30 p.m. Related books and information on legal databases will also be available.

### LSDAR 80th Birthday Celebration

During National Library Week, The Annie Laurie Moody Chapter of the LSDAR (Louisiana State Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution) will celebrate their 80th Birthday! They will also recognize their partnership with the East Baton Rouge Parish Library Special Collections Department which has housed the chapter's genealogy library for 32 years. Come join the celebration at the Main Library at Goodwood on Saturday April 12, 1-3 p.m..

### Closely and Consciously: Reading and the U.S. Women's Liberation Movement

Please join Professor Yung-Hsing Wu as she discusses her work and recently published book, *Closely and Consciously: Reading and the U.S. Women's Liberation Movement*, at the Main Library at Goodwood on Sunday, April 6 at 3 p.m. The author's goal is to capture the combined feelings of passion and anxiety that fueled the movement as it sought to reach women across the country and how the act of reading became an especially significant connecting force. Copies of the book will be available courtesy of Red Stick Reads. Light refreshments will be served. Seating is limited; please register at [ebrpl.co/events](http://ebrpl.co/events).



### Roots and Branches: Workshop on African American Genealogy



Regina Bergeron

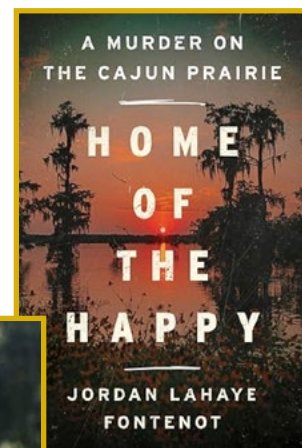
Special Collections welcomes Regina Bergeron to the Main Library at Goodwood on Saturday, April 12 at 1 p.m. as she presents Roots and Branches: Workshop on African American Genealogy. Regina has worked extensively with African American genealogical records and was instrumental in researching the lives of enslaved persons on the former Linwood Plantation (now the BASF Geismer property) which led to a memorial being erected in their honor. She has also worked closely with the River Road African American Museum. Join her as she presents a hands-on workshop into the resources and methods she has used, as well as the stories that she has uncovered. **Registration is required.** To register, please call 231-3751 or visit [ebrpl.co/genclass](http://ebrpl.co/genclass).

### Home of the Happy: Murder on the Cajun Prairie

Special Collections welcomes Country Roads Magazine editor Jordan LaHaye Fontenot to the Main Library at Goodwood on Wednesday, April 16 at 6 p.m. to discuss her book, *Home of the Happy: Murder on the Cajun Prairie*. Learn about the death of her great-grandfather, a businessman and community leader in Mamou, who was murdered over forty years ago and how it turned their small community upside down. Jordan will discuss the many layers of this crime and the way this tragedy affects her family even today. Books will be available for purchase.



Jordan LaHaye Fontenot

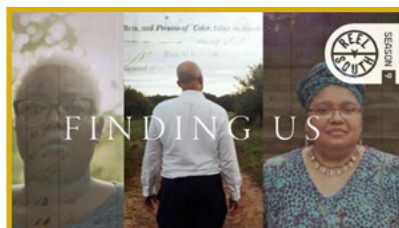




## FEATURED PROGRAMS

### Finding Us Screening and Discussion

Join the filmmakers of *Finding Us* at the Main Library at Goodwood on Tuesday, April 8 at 7 p.m. for a screening and discussion of this award-winning documentary which was recently featured on PBS's *Reel South*. Georgetown University sold hundreds of enslaved people who worked on their plantations to stave off bankruptcy, scattering families across the South, never to see each other again. With the help of DNA databases, their descendants are reconnecting six generations later. *Finding Us* is a portrait of four descendants who are using their unique talents to regrow the family trees felled nearly two centuries ago.



### Make Some Music!

As part of our "Library of Things," patrons can now use their library card to check out a ukulele or an electronic piano mat! Then, take a lesson or two from master musicians with ArtistWorks in our Digital Library.



### Business Librarian Office Hours

Come meet our Business Librarians to discuss "all things business" at the Main Library at Goodwood every Thursday (excluding April 17), 4-6 p.m. Whether your business is still a dream, just starting out, or well-established, let us help you optimize its potential. No appointment required! We're also happy to help anytime by appointment at the Library or your place of business. Please call 231-3750 to make an appointment or for more information.

### ♥ I Love My Library Because...

"I very much appreciate the kind assistance in finding books for my book club. Everyone is pleasant and helpful, and the library is a comforting place to visit."

"We really appreciate the staff. They are very knowledgeable, helpful, and have great attitudes. We use the meeting and conference rooms at least once a month. They are always clean and the perfect place for meetings."

"The EBRPL system is the best part of Baton Rouge. It's a safe, communal space with amazing programming and resources. I've lived in a lot of big cities and this library is so much more modern and accessible for everyone."

"We have a toddler and all the libraries help him learn and play. They make learning and storytelling special for the kids. And for over a decade, I have used their access to the repair manuals from the auto manufacturers to repair cars. It's way better than the books for sale online. Our libraries are invaluable."



### Adopt a Feline Friend with Cat Haven

Cat Haven volunteers will host a special adoption event at the Main Library at Goodwood on Saturday, April 5, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Please register at [ebrpl.co/events](http://ebrpl.co/events). You may also fill out an adoption application ahead of time at [cathaven.org/adopt](http://cathaven.org/adopt). Adoption fees will apply. For more information, visit [cathaven.org](http://cathaven.org) or call 636-2680. Join us to find your purr-fect furry friend!





## ♥ I Love My Library Because...

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*"We moved here about a year ago and I just had my first EBR library experience. It was so unbelievably outstanding that I wanted to give a shout out to every employee I encountered at the River Center Branch. Well done!"*

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*"We had a great experience today at the children's room at the Bluebonnet location. The two librarians working were so NICE and enthusiastic. It really got my son excited to read, and it made for such a fun experience."*

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*"It has been very helpful having a monitor to check my blood pressure at the Scotlandville Branch Library. I will be turning 90 in less than 2 months and just want to express my gratitude for this program."*

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*"I love the atmosphere and the wonderful librarians and staff at the Carver Library, some of whom I now consider as friends. Their programs for kids are great – the children are always excited to be there."*

## WRITING WORKSHOPS



Carolina Murriel

### Writer's Lounge

Join journalist and artist Carolina Murriel at the Main Library at Goodwood on Tuesday, April 22 at 6 p.m. for a free writing workshop! This monthly program is for writers of all skill levels, genres, and styles to create and revise together. Craft, write, and share your work with supportive peers looking to learn from each other. Register at [ebrpl.co/events](http://ebrpl.co/events) or just show up!

### Break a Nib!

Get ready to *Break a Nib!* with Pratima at EBRPL's latest monthly workshop for creatives! Make things, get feedback, or get started on your crazy comic journey at the Main Library at Goodwood on Wednesday, April 23 at 6 p.m. Register or just drop in on any session! Pratima Pinnepalli is a local comic artist and avid self-publisher. She hosts monthly workshops to help people get started self-publishing or work through their current projects. To find out more about Pratima and her art, visit [www.pratima.art](http://www.pratima.art). To find out more about yourself and your art, sign up for a session at [ebrpl.co/events](http://ebrpl.co/events)!



### Form Factor: A Workshop for Writers Who Wish to Advance Their Art

Do you have something to share but are not sure how to say it? Join us for EBRPL's monthly writing workshop, led by LSU MFA candidate Halley McArn, at the Main Library at Goodwood on Monday, April 28 at 6:30 p.m. Connect with a group of seasoned writers as they hone their craft across genres. Each month we'll dive into a new form, write into it, and share our work with a supportive community. **Registration is required.** To register, visit [ebrpl.co/events](http://ebrpl.co/events).



Halley McArn



## FEATURED PROGRAMS

### Virtual Author Talk Series

The Library continues its Author Talk Series with three new authors in April! 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 April selections and dates/times below.

Visit [library.org/ebprl](https://library.org/ebprl) 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 [ebprl.co/virtual](https://ebprl.co/virtual).

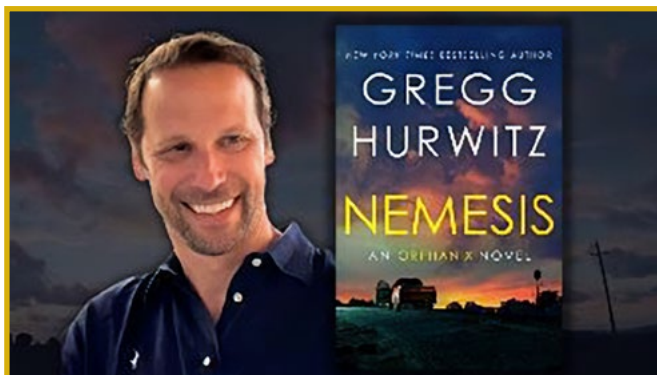
**Wednesday, April 2 at 6 p.m.** – Step into spring as we chat with the highly acclaimed *New York Times* bestselling author Jodi Picoult about her newest novel, *By Any Other Name*. In 1581, Emilia Bassano—like most young women of her day—is allowed no voice of her own. But as the Lord Chamberlain’s mistress, she has access to all theaters in England and finds a way to secretly bring her work to the stage. In the present, playwright Melina Green has just written a new work inspired by the life of her Elizabethan ancestor Emilia Bassano. Although the challenges are different four hundred years later, the playing field is still not level for women in theater. Told in intertwining narratives, *By Any Other Name* is a sweeping tale of ambition, courage, and desire that asks what price each woman is willing to pay to see their work live on.



**Tuesday, April 8 at 1 p.m.** – Join us as Smithsonian horticulturalist Matthew Fleming guides us through the secret world of trees as revealed in the beautiful and absorbing guide to the giants of the plant world—*The Tree Book: The Stories, Science, and History of Trees*. Trees occur naturally throughout the world and have been a part of human history for almost as long as humans have existed. Used for shelter, tools, fuel, and food, they also help supply the atmosphere with oxygen and form astonishingly diverse ecosystems, as well as some of the world’s most beautiful landscapes. Combining natural history and a scientific overview with a wider look at the history, uses, symbolism, and mythology of trees, this book is a new kind of guide to these fascinating organisms.



**Thursday, April 24 at 6 p.m.** – Do you love action-packed adventure? You’re invited to a riveting conversation with *New York Times* bestselling author Gregg Hurwitz as he chats with us about his *Orphan X* series and his life as a writer of suspenseful storytelling. *Orphan X*, the series opener, introduces the world to the Nowhere Man. He is a legendary figure spoken about only in whispers. It’s said that when he’s reached by the truly desperate and deserving, the Nowhere Man can and will do anything to protect and save them. But he’s not merely a legend. Evan Smoak is a man with skills, resources, and a personal mission to help those with nowhere else to turn. He’s also a man with a dangerous past. Now ten books in, fans cannot get enough of the *Orphan X* world, and Hurwitz can’t wait to tell us all about it.





# Libraries *Change Lives*

**H**ave you visited all 14 Library locations? How about all of them in one day? The Linders have!

Last July, with only a few days left of summer vacation, Iris, age 11, and Miles, age 7, along with their mom, Ruth, were up for a big adventure! Having been regular attendees of Library programs almost every day during the summer, the idea of visiting every EBR Library just made sense! But was it possible to see them all in one day? Were they up to the challenge?

The night before, they mapped out their journey, checking distances between each stop. That morning, with a stash of snacks on hand, the three explorers set off for their first destination, the Bluebonnet Regional Branch. Arriving at the opening hour of 9 a.m., they greeted the staff, informing them of the day they had planned, then perused the shelves in search of roadtrip reading material. Before leaving, the kids received a library stamp in their notebooks and checked out a few books each.

Next, they proceeded to each Library in turn, as Miles, keeper of the map, served as navigator, and Iris carefully documented their checkouts at each branch. "I actually checked out a 400-page novel at Bluebonnet, read it while in the car, and returned it to the Greenwell Springs Branch later that afternoon," explained Iris.

After making a late morning stop at the Delmont Gardens Branch, Branch Manager Darilyn Butler contacted the Library's Public Relations Department about the Linders, and all of the



*Iris, Ruth, and Miles Linder on their Library Adventure*

branches were alerted to be on the lookout for the travelling trio. Ruth shared, "The staff at the Delmont Gardens Branch was very friendly and very interested in what we were doing. Starting with the Zachary Branch that afternoon, we were greeted with, 'We've been expecting you!' at each Library. It was so fun!"

Although unable to linger at any location too long, some highlights of their day were making a duct tape lanyard at the Pride-Chaneyville Branch

and picking up a cool grab and geaux craft at the Baker Branch. And Miles expressed his appreciation for the Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch, "I liked the rainbow windows and the good chairs." What Ruth loved most was the family bonding time while driving all around the parish.

The Linders last stop of the day was the Jones Creek Regional Branch around 5 p.m. After a little over 8 hours and 101 miles, their quest was complete! Would they recommend it to other families? "Yes!" exclaimed Miles. "It was very fun!" Ruth added, "It was worth it; it was a great experience. Each Library has its own unique vibe." Ruth, Iris, and Miles are planning another all-in-one-day libraries tour this summer to include the newly opened South Branch Library.

Is your family up for an adventure? Stay tuned for a new passport program this summer that rewards patrons for visiting and receiving a stamp from each Library location. And if you participate in the Linder Challenge of visiting them all in one day, a special prize awaits!





## Garden Discoveries

The Baton Rouge Botanic Garden Foundation will host a FREE Garden Discoveries event, "Louisiana Super Plant Winners" led by Allen Owings, professor emeritus at the LSU Ag Center and horticulturist at Clegg's and Bracy's Nurseries. at the Main Library at Goodwood on Saturday, April 12 at 10 a.m. This month's program will include an overview of Louisiana Super Plant winners from recent years. These plants offer easy care, disease resistance, and overall great landscape performance statewide. Weather permitting, a tour will follow of the Baton Rouge Botanic Gardens adjacent to the Library. Registration is available at [ebrpl.co/events](http://ebrpl.co/events) or call 231-3750 for registration assistance. Learn more at [ebrpl.co/garden](http://ebrpl.co/garden).

## EBR Master Gardeners

The East Baton Rouge Master Gardeners invites you to its Library Series on Thursday, April 10 at 5:30 p.m. at the Zachary Branch for a talk on "Orchids" led by Master Gardener Kathy Conerly. There are many different types of orchids and each has its own special needs. Have you had difficulty keeping them alive or getting them to bloom? How about propagating them? Kathy will share all of her tricks with you.

Join them again at the Carver Branch on Thursday, April 24 at 5:30 p.m. for two presentations, "Cutting Gardens" and "Growing Herbs." Learn from Master Gardener Joy Boudreaux how to select and grow plants that will produce wonderful flowers you can use to grace your home. Next, Master Gardener Kathy Mullin will discuss the different types of herbs and how to preserve them or decorate with them.

These programs are free and open to the public. For more information on the 2025 Library Series and other outreach activities visit the EBRMGA website at [ebrmg.wildapricot.org](http://ebrmg.wildapricot.org).

## Seed Talk with the Seed Lady

Join us at the Jones Creek Regional Branch on Saturday, April 5 at 3 p.m. for "Seed Sharing: Growing Your Garden from Seeds" led by Haleema Waddy-Cooper, The Seed Lady and creator of Seed Talk. Haleema will show you how to obtain free seeds from neighbors and friends in your community and from organic/heirloom seed companies. The purpose of seed sharing is to experience the joy of gardening and to help feed yourself and others in your community.



## National Gardening Day Pop Up

Celebrate National Gardening Day with the Flower Lovers Garden Guild at the Eden Park Branch on Sunday, April 13 at 3 p.m. This outdoor event includes gardening stations such as seed starting, propagation, repotting, garden art, and more!



## Get Down and Clean Up Kits

It's time to "Get Down and Clean Up," Baton Rouge! The East Baton Rouge Parish Library is now circulating Get Down and Clean Up Kits at seven of its Library locations. Participating locations are the Baker Branch, Bluebonnet Regional Branch, Carver Branch, Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch, Main Library at Goodwood, Scotlandville Branch, and Zachary Branch.

Sponsored by Keep Louisiana Beautiful, each kit\* includes:

- 24 Litter Grabbers
- 24 High Visibility Safety Vests
- Large Garbage Bags
- Bottles of Hand Sanitizer

\*Smaller kits of five 4-grabber kits (family-sized) and four 1-grabber kits (individual) are available at the Main Library at Goodwood. Multiple kits may be checked out by one patron.

The kits will assist volunteers in their goal of litter removal and beautification in the Baton Rouge area. Groups can register a time and area for litter pickup by calling 311, visit the [brightenupbatonrouge.com](http://brightenupbatonrouge.com) calendar to add their clean up event, then check out a Get Down and Clean Up Kit from the Library. Let's work together to keep our city litter-free! For more information, please visit [keeploouisianabeautiful.org](http://keeploouisianabeautiful.org) or [ebrpl.co/litter](http://ebrpl.co/litter).

**Keeping your neighborhood clean and green secures a brighter future. It can be achieved.**

People in communities with abundant green space generally enjoy better health and happiness. Gathering together promotes social ties and by planting and caring for trees we ensure clean and fresh air for generations beyond our own.

**Benefits of trees:**

- Gives off oxygen, the very thing we need to breathe.
- Traps CO2 gas and scrubs the air of impurities.
- Provides shade which helps reduce and moderate the temperature and climate.
- Prevents soil erosion and absorbs stormwater to minimize flooding.
- Provides wind protection to homes and shelter to birds and animals.
- Increases property values.

For reading resources and upcoming community projects to help save our local environment visit [www.ebrpl.libguides.com/litter](http://www.ebrpl.libguides.com/litter)

**Grow a better world**  
Join the Movement to Brighten Up Baton Rouge

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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](http://ebrpl.co/litter).





## Student Library Card Update

As required by ACT 436, the East Baton Rouge Parish Library is now issuing new library cards for ALL minor children aged 0-17. You may update the card status at your convenience at any Library location.

Parents must choose between several card categories:

- Current, Standard Card
- Computer Use Only Card
- Restricted Card AKA “Bookshelf” Card
- Unrestricted Card AKA “Explore” Card

In order to keep your child’s *current* card active as a Standard Card, a Computer Use Only Card, OR as a STUDENT eCard, parents or guardians may simply contact the Circulation Department at [cardmaintenance@ebrpl.com](mailto:cardmaintenance@ebrpl.com) to indicate this approved status. No new plastic card is required. A form is also available on the website at [ebrpl.com/parentalconsent](http://ebrpl.com/parentalconsent), as well as more information about each type of card.

In order to switch to either the new Restricted or Unrestricted status, parents or guardians must come into the Library of your choice with their minor child and complete a new application; parents should present a photo ID and proof of current address to Circulation staff at that time.



## AARP Tax-Aide

Running through the week of April 7, AARP will offer help with tax preparation at three Library locations. *Service is by appointment only.* Stop by the circulation desk at any participating location to make an appointment and pick up required paperwork. See dates, times, and locations below:

### Main Library at Goodwood

Tuesdays and Wednesdays  
9 a.m.-1 p.m.

### Bluebonnet Regional Branch

Mondays, Wednesdays, and  
Thursdays  
9:15 a.m.-1 p.m.

### Central Branch

Mondays and Wednesdays  
9:15 a.m.-12 p.m.

**AARP Foundation®  
Tax-Aide**

## VITA Tax Assistance

VITA will be onsite to offer tax assistance at the Baker Branch and the Jones Creek Regional Branch during the month of April. See below for dates and times. **Registration is required.** To register, call 2-1-1 or visit [ebrpl.co/vitatax](http://ebrpl.co/vitatax). Please remember to bring your I.D., Social Security Card, W-2’s, 1099’s, and all other related tax documents to your appointment.

- **Baker Branch**  
Saturdays, April 5 & 12, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.
- **Jones Creek Regional Branch**  
Every Tuesday and Thursday through April 24 (excluding April 17),  
9 a.m.-8 p.m.  
Saturdays, April 5 & 19, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

**SAVE THE DATE**



## Garden Discoveries

The Baton Rouge Botanic Garden Foundation will host a FREE Garden Discoveries series event on “Native Plants” at the Main Library at Goodwood on Saturday, May 10 at 10 a.m. Registration is available at [ebrpl.co/events](http://ebrpl.co/events) or call 231-3750 for registration assistance. Learn more at [ebrpl.co/garden](http://ebrpl.co/garden).



## EBR Master Gardeners

East Baton Rouge Master Gardeners will give a talk on “Propagation” at the Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch on Thursday, May 8 at 6:30 p.m., as well as a presentation on “Bees” at the Bluebonnet Regional Branch on Thursday, May 22 at 6:30 p.m. For more information, visit [ebrmg.wildapricot.org](http://ebrmg.wildapricot.org).

## Baton Rouge Soul Food Festival

You’re invited to the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Baton Rouge Soul Food Festival at the Main Library at Goodwood on Saturday, May 17 and Sunday, May 18, 11 a.m.-8 p.m. each day. Enjoy fabulous southern cuisine, live music, a vendor’s village, a soul food cooking competition, and more!



## Farmers Market Returns

The Red Stick Farmers Market will host a group of farmers and food artisans every Tuesday, beginning April 8, 3-6 p.m., at the Main Library at Goodwood, weather permitting. Vendors will set up in the public plaza in front of the Library, which boasts shaded walkways, water features, seating, and a large LED screen. Guests can shop for local fruits and vegetables, honey, gelato, prepared foods, jams, jellies, and more while visiting the Library or BREC's Independence Park and Botanic Gardens. For more information, visit [breada.org](http://breada.org) or follow BREADA at [facebook.com/breada](https://facebook.com/breada).



## Healthy Habits with Humana

Be your best you! Join Humana for these Healthy Habits programs at the Main Library at Goodwood in April. The events are free and open to the public; you do not have to be a Humana member to attend.

- **Monday, April 7 at 10:30 a.m.**

How Nutrition Changes as We Age: Learn about how the body's nutrition needs change as we get older.

- **Monday, April 21 at 10:30 a.m.**

Makin' Groceries BINGO with Prizes: Learn about healthy grocery shopping and win prizes!

## BRAS Presents Birdie Big Year

Join the Baton Rouge Audubon Society at the South Branch (2210 Glasgow Ave.) on Thursday, May 1 at 6 p.m. for their featured program: "Birdie Big Year: Elevating Women Birders" featuring Tiffany Kersten. As a sexual assault survivor, Kersten spent 2021 traveling to all corners of the country, tallying birds and gifting personal safety alarms to women she met along the way. Her goal was to see 700 species of birds and to raise awareness of women's safety in the outdoors. She ended up surpassing her goal and setting a record of 726 species. In her presentation, Kersten will lead us through the fear, empowerment, struggles, and healing that all played vital roles in the personal growth she experienced on this wild adventure. After completing a Lower 48 States Big Year in 2021, she founded her own company, Nature Ninja Birding Tours. Presentation is free, but registration is encouraged due to limited seating. Register at [www.braudubon.org](http://www.braudubon.org).



*Tiffany Kersten*

## HOLIDAY CLOSURES

**All Library locations will be closed on Thursday, April 17 for Staff Training Day and Friday, April 18 and Sunday, April 20 in observance of Good Friday and Easter.**



## St. Joseph Cemetery Soiree

Help restore one of the city's historic treasures by attending the St. Joseph Cemetery's 200<sup>th</sup> Birthday Soiree at the Main Library at Goodwood on Sunday, April 6, 6-9 p.m. The soiree will feature food, drink, and a silent auction to aid in the restoration of the final resting place of over 3,000 of Baton Rouge's earliest settlers. Created in 1825, the cemetery is located at 412 North Street. Tickets and further information can be found at [www.saintjosephcemeterybr.org](http://www.saintjosephcemeterybr.org).

## Ask-a-Lawyer

Adults can come to the Library to take advantage of FREE, 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 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

- April 26 – Bluebonnet Regional Branch
- May 17 – Central Branch
- June 21 – Fairwood Branch
- July 12 – Pride-Chaneyville Branch
- August 30 – Eden Park Branch
- September 27 – Main Library at Goodwood
- October 11 – Baker Branch
- November 15 – South Branch
- December 13 – Greenwell Springs Road 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](http://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](mailto:lynn@brba.org) or call 225-214-5564.





## Free Saturday Tutoring

The Baton Rouge Magnet High School Beta Club will offer FREE tutoring services on Saturdays, April 5, 12 & 19, 9:30-10:30 a.m., at the Main Library at Goodwood. Beta Club members will help 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](http://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.

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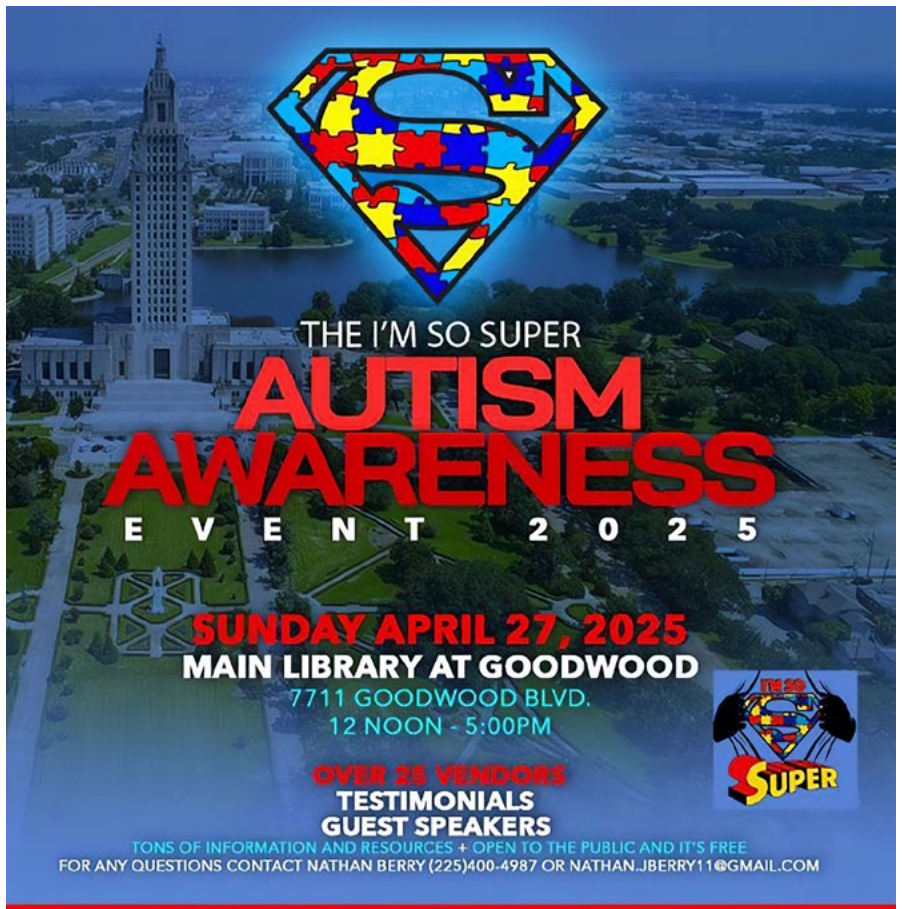
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## ADULT PROGRAMS

### Zen Coloring

Touted as a therapeutic source of creativity and relaxation, people everywhere are rediscovering coloring! Come to the River Center Branch on Wednesday, April 2, 3-5 p.m., and de-stress with other adults as we color inside and outside of the lines. Coloring sheets and colored pencils will be provided.



### La Table Française à Zachary

Interested in speaking French? Adults are invited to the Zachary Branch Library for Zachary's French Table on the second and fourth Monday of each month, 6-7:30 p.m. Take advantage of this opportunity to practice listening and speaking in French. Adults at any level of French are invited.

### Lagniappe Historic Dance & Pastime Society



Come dance with us! The Lagniappe Historic Dance & Pastime Society invites you to join them to learn 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> century dances on Thursday evenings in April (excluding April 17), 6-7:30 p.m., at the Pride-Chaneyville Branch. Join our dancers for a spin around the floor as they teach and demonstrate authentic period dances straight from the pages of Jane Austen novels. Wear comfortable shoes.

### Virtual Author Talk Livestream

Join us at the Carver Branch on Tuesday, April 8 at 1 p.m. to view a virtual author talk with Smithsonian Horticulturalist Matthew Fleming as he discusses his book, *The Tree Book: The Stories, Science, and History of Trees*. For more information, see page 7 of *The Source*.

### DIY Glass Cleaner

Are you concerned about the chemicals in common household cleaners? Join us at the Central Branch on Wednesday, April 9 at 3 p.m. to make a glass cleaner consisting of more natural ingredients. Please bring your own spray bottle (20 oz. minimum).

### Spanish Reading Club/Club de Lectura en Español

Join us at the Bluebonnet Regional Branch to read and discuss books in Spanish! This month's meeting will take place on Wednesday, April 16 at 6:30 p.m., and we'll be reading *Seven Empty Houses* by Samanta Schweblin. *This club is for readers and speakers who are proficient in Spanish.* For more information about the Spanish Reading Club, call 763-2250.



¡Únase a nosotros en la Bluebonnet Regional Branch para leer y discutir libros en español! La reunión de este mes tendrá lugar el miércoles 16 de abril a las 6:30 p.m., y leeremos *Siete Casas Vacías* de Samanta Schweblin.

### One Book One Community: Coloring and Meditation



One Book, One Community's 2025 selection, *Season of Life*, highlights the importance of being reflective. You're invited to join us at the Fairwood Branch on Saturday, April 12 at 3 p.m. for a time of mindful coloring and consideration of ideas from the book. We'll provide colored pencils, as well as coloring sheets and guided meditation videos from Hiveclass, the library's sports database!

### Season of Life Book Discussion at the New South Branch Library



Have you read *Season of Life*, this year's One Book One Community selection? If so, come talk about it with other readers at 6 p.m. on Monday, April 14 at the beautiful, new South Branch Library! Those who haven't read the book but want to learn more about it or those who just want to visit the new library (2210 Glasgow Dr.) are also welcome to attend. If you can't make it, check out next month's *Source* for information about future book discussions.

### What Works in Photography

Join professional photographer Bernard Gillette at the Jones Creek Regional Branch on Saturday, April 12 at 10 a.m. for What Works in Photography. This month's class will focus on using lighting techniques to make your photos the best they can be. The goal of this program is to improve your camera skills and your photo vision. We want you to go home inspired, better prepared, and a bit thirsty to learn more about the amazing world of photography.





## ADULT PROGRAMS



### Color Jam

Welcome to Color Jam, the newest club at the Jones Creek Regional Branch! Join us on Tuesday, April 15 at 2 p.m. as we work on fun coloring pages while jamming out to music and getting to know each other.

### Tech Tutoring

Have technology questions? We can help! Meet with us for a 45-minute session at the Bluebonnet Regional Branch on Wednesday, April 16 or 23. *To make an appointment, please call 763-2250.*

### Earn Your Makerspace Badge!

Get creative with Makerspaces! 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.co/events](http://ebrpl.co/events). See opportunities below:

**Bluebonnet Regional Branch**  
**Wednesday, April 9 at 10 a.m.**  
Cricut & Heat Press Badging Class  
**Wednesday, April 16, by appointment**  
Cricut & Heat Press Practical

**Jones Creek Regional Branch**  
**Saturday, April 5 at 2 p.m.**  
3D Printing Class

**River Center Branch**  
**Tuesday, April 1 at 4 p.m.**  
Beginner Sewing Badging Class  
**Wednesday, April 23 at 3:30 p.m.**  
Beginner Cricut Badging Class  
**Tuesday, April 29 at 4 p.m.**  
Beginner Recording Studio Badging Class

### Discovering Dulcimers for Adults

Learn to play the mountain dulcimer in four easy lessons! Adults are invited to participate in a series of classes at the Fairwood Branch. Daytime and evening classes are offered.

No musical background needed; we will teach you how to strum and play simple tunes.

Loaner dulcimers are available with advanced registration. Dates for Monday evening classes are April 21 & 28 and May 5 & 12, 6:30-7:30 p.m. Thursday daytime classes are April 24 and May 1, 8 & 15, 12:15-1:15 p.m. **Registration is required.** To register, text 225-205-7407 or email [mayleesam@aol.com](mailto:mayleesam@aol.com).



### Creative Journaling: Nature

Are you looking to make more time for nature in your life? Come to the Main Library at Goodwood on Saturday, April 26 at 2:30 p.m. to explore nature journaling techniques with us! Learn how leaves, flowers, plants, and nature can all help to boost your mood and relieve stress. All journaling supplies are provided, but we welcome additional nature items or items to repurpose. There's no wrong way to journal!

## NATIONAL POETRY MONTH

### Interactive Poetry

As National Poetry Month draws to a close, join us at the South Branch on Monday, April 28 at 6 p.m. for a fun and creative evening of interactive poetry. Participants will create blackout poetry (aka redacted poetry), found poetry (a type of collage), and book spine poetry.



### Poetry Slam

Join us at the Eden Park Branch for a celebration of poetry and the spoken word in honor of National Poetry Month. Come experience some of the emerging young speakers and wordsmiths in Baton Rouge on Tuesday, April 29 at 6 p.m.

### JCR Poets' Group

Do you have a hidden or reluctant poet inside you? Join local poet Caroline Derbes at the Jones Creek Regional Branch on Wednesday, April 30 at 6 p.m. to try catching poems with bait-buckets of 4-word prompts. You can also bring previously written pieces that you would like to share with the group.

## CALLING ALL WRITERS

### Writers Rendezvous

Writers are invited to join Writers Rendezvous at the Fairwood Branch for their monthly writers' group on Tuesday, April 8 at 2 p.m. Writers Rendezvous is an informal writers' group where people can meet, share ideas, and get feedback on current projects.

### Fiction Writers Workshop

Are you an aspiring author? Join the Fiction Writers Workshop to get feedback on your fiction stories. Email Desmond Stevens at [dstevens@ebrpl.com](mailto:dstevens@ebrpl.com) to get started! We email new stories out once a month. Once you have given feedback on at least two other members' stories, you are qualified to sign up for a critique of your own writing. Join us at the in-person meeting at the Bluebonnet Regional Branch on Monday, April 21 at 6:30 p.m. to meet other local authors and discuss the stories.



## HEALTH AND WELLNESS

### Group Tai Chi Classes

Join us for free, hour-long Tai Chi sessions and meet friends through group practice. Together with the Tai Chi Club, we will explore the yin and yang of mind-body and find the way of nature in Tai Chi. By the end of the series, you will have learned a full Tai Chi routine to practice on your own and share with people around you. This month's sessions will take place at the Main Library at Goodwood on Sundays, April 13 & 27 at 6 p.m. Wear flat shoes and comfortable clothes!



### Jones Creek Exercise Group

Join the Jones Creek Regional Branch every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday in April (excluding Good Friday), 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

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

### Footnotes:

### Take a Hike in Your Library



Walk and talk about your latest read with a friend at the Pride-Chaneyville Branch! Walking just 30 minutes every day can increase cardiovascular fitness, strengthen bones, reduce excess body fat, and boost muscle power and endurance. There are three measured areas: the "inside loop" is 145 steps or 1/16 of a mile, "against the wall" is 280 steps or 1/8 of a mile, and the "serpentine" is 565 steps or 1/4 mile. There are also exercise stations scattered throughout the library.

### Walk & Stretch at Main

Get moving and enjoy our beautiful library grounds! Unless it is raining, patrons are invited to walk and stretch outside at the Main Library at Goodwood at 2 p.m. on Tuesdays & Thursdays (excluding April 17). Come walk with us in the botanical gardens adjacent to the Library. Meet by the tables near the fountain at the main entrance. Participants should be able to walk unaided and at a fair pace. *Registration is recommended.* To register or for more information, email Alison at [anikitopoulos@ebrpl.com](mailto:anikitopoulos@ebrpl.com).

### DNA and Genealogy

There are many genealogy DNA tests on the market today, each with a different set of information, results, and terminology. These tests have their own unique strengths and weaknesses, and each one will help to answer some questions about where you came from. Join us at the Main Library at Goodwood on Wednesday, April 16 at 3 p.m. to uncover the differences in the available tests, the basics of how to read your results, and how to decide which one is right for you. **Registration is required.** To register, please call 231-3751 or visit [ebrpl.co/genclass](http://ebrpl.co/genclass).

## MOVIES

### Baton Rouge Film Club: David Lynch Retrospective

Baton Rouge Film Club presents a look back at the unique career of filmmaker and artist David Lynch, who passed away earlier this year. Adults can join us at the Main Library at Goodwood on Wednesday, April 2 at 6:30 p.m. to watch and discuss *Wild at Heart* (1990, R).

### James Bond Film Series

Come to the Carver Branch on Monday, April 7 at 3:30 p.m. for the next installment in our James Bond Film Series featuring *Die Another Day* (2002, PG-13).

### Under the Stadium Lights

As part of the One Book One Community series, join us at the Baker Branch on Wednesday, April 9 at 10:30 a.m. to watch *Under the Stadium Lights* (2021, PG-13), a movie full of faith, family, and football. Milo Gibson (*Hacksaw Ridge*) and Laurence Fishburne (*The Matrix*) star in this inspirational true story of a small-town high school football team who beat all the odds to win their state championship. Facing doubts and personal challenges both on and off the field, it takes the guidance of their team chaplain (Gibson) and a surrogate father figure (Fishburne) for them to realize what they can achieve when they stand united as a team.

### Horror Film Screening



Enjoy a horror film screening of *Invasion of the Body Snatchers* (1982, R) on Tuesday, April 22 at 7 p.m. at the Main Library at Goodwood. *Viewer discretion is advised.*

### No Country for Old Men: Book or Movie?

Is the book really better than the movie? Find out at the Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch on Saturday, April 26 at 2 p.m. Read the book *No Country for Old Men* by Cormac McCarthy, then come watch the movie (2007, R) with us and let us know what you think!

## ADULT GRAB AND GEAUX

Tuesday, April 1 – Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch



Pro Sports Team Colors Paper Craft

Wednesday, April 23 – Jones Creek Regional Branch  
Felt Butterflies





## Fairwood Stitch Society

Pass some time with fellow fiber enthusiasts at the Fairwood Stitch Society! All skill levels and all types of fiber arts are welcome at the Fairwood Branch on Tuesdays, April 1, 15, 22 & 29 at 4 p.m. Feel free to bring your own projects! Yarn and needles will be available during meetings for beginning knitters to learn.

## Let's Knit Together

Adults, are you an enthusiastic knitter? Are you yearning to create something cozy? Let's knit together at the Zachary Branch every Tuesday in April at 6 p.m. Bring your project to work on or bring size 7 or 8 needles and a smooth, worsted weight (#4) yarn to start learning a new skill.



## Crafting for a Cause

Join us at the Pride-Chaneyville Branch each Thursday in April (excluding April 17) at 1 p.m. to create football-shaped stress balls, perfect for those tough moments when you need to squeeze away the tension. Let's stitch away stress together and score some relaxation points! All skill levels are invited. Donations of yarn, supplies, or finished items are welcome.



## Threadheads – A Contemporary Crochet Club

Come be a Threadhead! Join us at the Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch each Monday in April at 6 p.m. for a crochet class for beginner and experienced crocheters. Please bring a crochet hook H or larger and a skein of yarn. We occasionally have limited supplies.

## Resin Pendant

Create a dried flower resin pendant at the Jones Creek Regional Branch on Wednesday, April 9 at 2 p.m. After the drying process, pick it up the following week from the library.

## Personalized Cutting Boards

Join us in the Makerspace at the River Center Branch on Wednesday, April 9 at 3:30 p.m. and use our laser cutter to personalize your own cutting board for all of your spring baking and cooking needs! **Registration is required.** To register, visit [ebrpl.co/events](http://ebrpl.co/events).



## 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 at the Bluebonnet Regional Branch on Thursdays, April 10 & 24, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., to learn and share.

## Fantasy Creature Mascot Head

Dragons! And Unicorns! And Easter Bunnies! Oh my! Make a paper fantasy creature mascot head at the Jones Creek Regional Branch on Thursday, April 10 at 2 p.m. **Registration is required.** To register, call 756-1150 or visit [ebrpl.co/events](http://ebrpl.co/events).

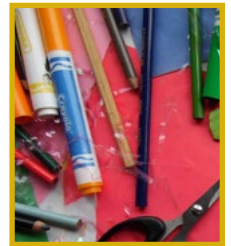


## Terracotta Pot Painting and Planting

Join us at the Eden Park Branch on Thursday, April 10 at 5 p.m. to celebrate National Gardening Day with a hands-on gardening and craft activity! Paint your very own terracotta pot and plant a beautiful flower to take home and nurture. Supplies are limited. To register, please call 231-3250.

## Arts & Crafts for Adults

Nourish or rediscover your creative spark in a relaxing, free-form atmosphere at Arts & Crafts for Adults at the Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch on Saturdays, April 12 & 26 at 2 p.m. You're invited to color, explore watercolor paints, and free draw; learn to macramé and tie fancy knots; make jewelry and keychains; repaint your shoes; and much more! All supplies provided.



## Crochet (and Knit) for a Cause

Crocheters and knitters will meet at the Main Library at Goodwood on Saturday, April 12 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, though please note, this is not an instructional class for beginners. Some experience with knitting or crochet is preferred.

## '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 each Wednesday in April at 6:30 p.m. at the Jones Creek Regional Branch. On the first Wednesday of the month, we will introduce the new pattern of the month. The second Wednesday will focus on lessons for beginners. The remaining weeks are just for getting together and working on ongoing projects. All experience levels are welcome. Registration is strongly encouraged. To register, call 756-1150.

## CRAFTS AND HOBBIES


### Crochet Basics

Crochet is the skill and hobby of interlocking yarn using a small hook. Come join other adults at the Delmont Gardens Branch on Monday, April 14 at 4 p.m. All skill levels are welcome, and supplies are provided! Learn how to construct your first chain stitch, ask questions about a project you're working on, or come for crochet company. To register, call 354-7050.

### DIY Mini Football Cornhole Game

If you have a football fanatic in your family, come to the Pride-Chaneyville Branch on Wednesday, April 23 at 4 p.m. to make your own mini football cornhole game in celebration of our One Book One Community initiative. Decorate with your favorite team's colors and bring home to play indoors or out!

### Mini Book Magnets

Come to the River Center Branch on Thursday, April 24 at 3 p.m. to make a fun project you can take home and display on your fridge – mini book magnets! Featured covers will be our One Book One Community book, *Season of Life*, as well as several other choices! 



### 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, April 30 at 12:30 p.m. **Registration is required.** To register, please visit [ebrpl.com/calendar](http://ebrpl.com/calendar) or call 756-1140.

## GAMES

### NFC Scavenger Hunt

In conjunction with One Book One Community, stop by the Eden Park Branch this month to search for the NFL's NFC team logos. Find them all and win a prize!

### Vote for Your Favorite Pro Athlete

To celebrate the One Book One Community selection during the month of April, stop by the Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch to vote for your favorite professional athlete! Results will be tallied and posted at the end of the month.

### Puzzle Power

During the month of April, come to the Pride-Chaneyville Branch to puzzle your way through football game tailgating with an old-fashioned jigsaw.

### GUGL! The Grown-Up Gaming League at the NEW South Branch

Calling all adult gamers in the Greater Baton Rouge area! Join us for GUGL! GUGL events are now held at the new South Branch Library, 2210 Glasgow Ave. GUGL is a monthly games program open to adult players of all skill levels, ages 18 and older. Sessions may feature games such as Pathfinder, Dungeons & Dragons, Catan, Ticket to Ride, Arkham Horror, Five Minute Dungeon, Risk, Munchkin, and Magic the Gathering (TCG). Our collection includes almost 350 games! BYOG – Bring your own games or play using GUGL's sets. Questions? Call 763-2250 for more information.



Upcoming dates:

- Wednesday, April 2 at 6 p.m.: Online Game Night in Discord (see QR code)
- \*Saturday, April 5 at Noon: Tabletop RPG Saturdays - Pathfinder, Dungeons & Dragons, Broken Compass, and Mothership.
- Wednesday, April 9 at 6 p.m.: Board Game Night - New style board, dice, and card games (Beginners-Intermediate)
- Wednesday, April 16 at 6 p.m.: Board Game Night - New style board, dice, and card games (Beginners-Intermediate)
- \*Saturday, April 19 at Noon: Tabletop RPG Saturdays - Pathfinder, Dungeons & Dragons, Compass, and Mothership.
- Wednesday, April 23 at 6 p.m.: BIG Board Game Night: Choose from the group's 250+ games or bring your own to share.
- Wednesday, April 30 at 6 p.m.: XTRA Board Game Night

\*To join our Tabletop RPG Saturdays, please reach out to a Game Master in-person or via our Discord Server (see QR code).

### Scrabble for Adults

Bring a friend and join us at the Baker Branch on Thursday, April 10 at 10 a.m. for a round of good, old-fashioned Scrabble Crossword – the fun, classic word game that never goes out of style.



### B-I-N-G-O

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

- Bingo at Baker: Baker Branch – Wednesday, April 2 at 10 a.m.
- Bingo in the Gardens: Delmont Gardens Branch – Monday, April 28 at 4 p.m.



## YouTube Roundup

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 our online videos.



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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 even have 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](http://www.careercenterbr.com/YouTube):

### How Teens Can Answer, "What Are Your Best & Worst Habits?"

A multi-part question that asks you to both brag about yourself and speak negatively about yourself - this one is trickier than it seems at first. In this video, we demonstrate the best ways to address both the good and the bad.

### How to Apply for a Job at Aldi's

In this video, we walk you step-by-step through the online job application for grocery chain Aldi's.

*From the Vaults: This Month's Golden Oldie Spotlight*

### The Seven Deadly Sins of the Job Search, Part 2: Looking for "Any Job"

Many jobseekers think that by saying they're looking for "any job," they're opening themselves up to more opportunities. But the opposite is usually true. In this video, we'll discuss why an open-ended, unfocused job search could seriously impair your chances of success. The Seven Deadly Sins Series takes an in-depth look at the seven most common mistakes that hold jobseekers back in their search.

## Productivity Hour

Bring your laptop, literature, or project and join us at the Main Library at Goodwood for an hour-long session of productivity! The EBRPL Career Center's Productivity Hour will take place each Monday in April at 6 p.m. and is for workers of all stripes, even students and hobbyists, ages 16 and up. Participants are expected to work quietly but will be asked to share their progress at the end of the session. Free Wi-Fi access will be available, along with pen and paper and light refreshments. Laptops are also available upon request.



## ExxonMobil Operations & Mechanical Career Informational Session

Are you interested in working for one of the largest employers in town with great pay and good benefits? Join us at the Main Library at Goodwood on Wednesday, April 9 at 6 p.m. to learn about ExxonMobil in Baton Rouge! Recruiters from ExxonMobil will discuss career paths, desired qualifications, and the testing process, as well as how to best prepare for the test. **Registration is required.** To register, visit [ebrpl.com/career-center/events](http://ebrpl.com/career-center/events) or call 231-3733. *This is an informational session, not a job fair.*



## Job Search Scams – How to Recognize and Avoid Them

Sometimes free isn't free and when it sounds too good to be true, it usually is. Anne Nowak, Certified Career Coach and head of the Library's Career Center, will discuss common job search scams and how to recognize and avoid them at the Main Library at Goodwood on Thursday, April 10 at 11:30 a.m. Learn which clues to look out for, how to safeguard your own information, and how to job search safely and securely. **Registration is required.** Call 231-3733 or register online at [www.ebrpl.com/career-center/events](http://www.ebrpl.com/career-center/events).

## Job Fair Success

Attention, active jobseekers! April is Job Fair Month. To make the most of your chances for success, we recommend that you join us at the Main Library at Goodwood on Saturday, April 26 at 10:30 a.m. for our Job Fair Success seminar! Career Center staff will discuss what to expect at job fairs, how to prepare, how to make a good first impression, and how to avoid common mistakes. Use this workshop to prepare for EmployBR's large job fair on April 30! **Registration is required.** Call 231-3733 or register online at [www.ebrpl.com/career-center/events](http://www.ebrpl.com/career-center/events).

## FREE Bloodborne Pathogens Certification Class

Baton Rouge Community College Workforce Development will offer a free training opportunity at the Main Library at Goodwood on Saturday, April 26 at 2 p.m. for participants to earn the Bloodborne Pathogens certification from the American Red Cross. This industry-based certification is perfect for anyone who wants to up-skill their professional profile. This course will teach you how blood borne pathogens are spread, how to avoid exposure, and what to do if you are exposed to infectious material. **Registration is required.** Call 231-3733 or register online at [www.ebrpl.com/career-center/events](http://www.ebrpl.com/career-center/events).



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## ♥ I Love My Library Because...

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*"Anne was extremely helpful with improving my resume. She took her time and focused on guiding me through this process. I now have a professional, up-to-date, quality resume. Her service was life-changing for me!"*

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*"Thank you for your commitment to the community and the consideration shown to all of us attendees at the Resume Writing Seminar. You were well prepared, answered our questions in ways we could understand, and you had foresight to provide info some of us may not have known we needed. Keep up the great work."*

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*"I had a virtual interview for a job today, and with the weather and traffic, I was afraid I wouldn't make it home in time. They set me up with a room, a laptop, and a camera, and the interview went really well! These ladies were a lifesaver today!"*

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*"I have been watching Career Center YouTube videos for almost an hour; I have an interview for an office at my school later today! These videos have taught me a bunch!"*

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*"I love my library system and resources. I recommend the professional development courses to all my employees."*

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*"The seminar on interviewing was offered in an interactive and fun presentation that helped me retain the well-presented information."*

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*"The Resume Seminar class with Lynette was incredibly informative, energized, and up to date on hiring practices of employers. I have also taken her Interview seminar, which I highly enjoyed and recommend."*





## ♥ I Love My Library Because...

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*"The Delmont Gardens Library has been a most helpful place in our community to get good resources on whatever your needs may be. The staff here are so eager to assist you and will stay with you to make sure that your goals are met to your satisfaction."*

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*"I'd just like to share that the Main Library location has some amazing business services. They also have job seeker services, including resume assistance. The online access to movies and music is the icing on the cake!"*

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*"Love the Jones Creek Library! Great selection of contemporary literature, reference material, and films. Staff are very helpful in finding or getting desired books. Nice place to relax and check emails, too. Also appreciate the ability to renew books and movies online."*

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*"I love, love, love downloading audiobooks to listen to on long drives and never have to look beyond the library to find them."*



## 20-SOMETHINGS

### Football Heishi Bracelet Sets

Celebrate our One Book One Community read in style at the Pride-Chaneyville Branch on Saturday, April 5 at 4 p.m. by making a heishi bracelet set that represents your favorite team!

### Nostalgia Movie and Craft Night

20-somethings are invited to the Delmont Gardens Branch on Thursday, April 10 at 5 p.m. to watch an old favorite, *Jurassic Park* (1993, PG-13). While enjoying the show, create your very own origami dinosaurs!

### DIY Garden Signs

Join us in the Makerspace at the River Center Branch on Monday, April 14 at 4 p.m. to design your own garden sign with our laser cutter! **Registration is required.** To register, visit [ebrpl.co/events](http://ebrpl.co/events).

### Round Robin Writing Circle

Join us at the Main Library at Goodwood for a round robin writing circle on Tuesday, April 15 at 6 p.m. Take turns writing short stories, then pass them around to create something totally unique!

### Button Making

20-somethings, join us at the Bluebonnet Regional Branch on Tuesday, April 15 at 6:30 p.m. to make personalized button pins with a button maker. Choose a picture from our templates, bring your own to print, or design one from scratch to make a button to pin onto your clothes or backpack.

### Recycled Jewelry

Have you ever looked at items in your junk drawer and thought, "Wow, this would make great jewelry!" If so, join us at the Main Library at Goodwood on Tuesday, April 22 at 6 p.m. to recycle your junk into awesome accessories.



### Beaded Frog Rings

Hey 20-somethings! Create some fun frog rings at the Delmont Gardens Branch on Thursday, April 24 at 6 p.m.

## 20-SOMETHINGS GRAB AND GEAX

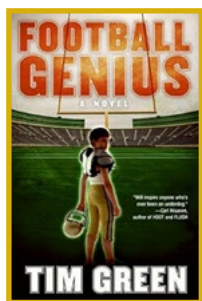
**Tuesday, April 1 – Baker Branch**  
Yarn Cup Weaving Kit

**Tuesday, April 1 – Fairwood Branch**  
Washi Tape Bookmarks

**Tuesday, April 8 – Main Library at Goodwood**  
Blackout Poetry

**Wednesday, April 9 – Central Branch**  
Geometric Paper Boxes

**Tuesday, April 22 – Main Library at Goodwood**  
Mermaid Notebook



## One Book One Community – Teen Style!

Hey Teens! There's something for you in our One Book One Community celebration! Join in by reading our 2025 teen pick, *Football Genius* by Tim Green and participate in one of the fun teen programs this month!

### Saturday Science

Teens and their families are invited to Saturday Science at the Main Library at Goodwood on April 5 at 1 p.m. This month we'll hear from Dr. Karsten E. Thompson, LSU Department of Petroleum Engineering, on "Carbon Dioxide: In the Air, in the Ground, in Your Soda...What Are the Differences?" Learn the different phases of CO<sub>2</sub> and why it's an interesting molecule, plus find out how Carbon Capture and Storage (CCS) works, why we want to store tons of CO<sub>2</sub> underground, and how the big experiments happening at LSU's new Research Well #3 will make sure CCS is safe and efficient. Join us on the first Saturday of each month for LSU's free public talk series designed to connect teens to science and technology through engaging presentations on a variety of current topics.



Dr. Karsten E. Thompson



### ACT Math Prep

Join us at the Main Library at Goodwood on Saturday, April 26 at 11:30 a.m. to sharpen your math skills for the ACT! This is an ongoing program that will take place on the fourth Saturday of each month. **Registration is required.** To register, scan the QR code provided or visit [ebrpl.co/actmath](http://ebrpl.co/actmath). For more information, call 231-3770.

### All Things Zen

Come to the Baker Branch on Tuesday, April 8 at 3 p.m. and de-stress with other teens by making a zen garden and/or working on a coloring activity.

### STEAM Challenge: Boat Building

Teens are invited to the Main Library at Goodwood on Saturday, April 12 at 2:30 p.m. for a boat building challenge where they will use common crafting materials to build small boats and see if they float.

### Snap Circuits

Build and explore the basics of electricity with our Snap Circuit kits at the Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch on Wednesday, April 16 at 4:30 p.m.

### Relax and Color

Join other teens at the Eden Park Branch on Thursday, April 24 at 3 p.m. to color or paint in a relaxing environment. Refreshments will be served.

### Make Your Own Bioplastic

Interested in the environment? Want to know more about bioplastic? Join us at the Zachary Branch on Thursday, April 24 at 4:30 p.m. as we talk about the great Pacific Garbage Patch and make our own gelatin-based bioplastic.

## Remote Control Machines

Teens are invited to the Jones Creek Regional Branch on Saturday, April 26 at 2:30 p.m. to build motorized vehicles and machines, then pilot them around the Library with remote controls.

## Cookie Decorating Challenge

Show off your cookie decorating skills by competing in the ultimate cookie showdown throwdown at the Main Library at Goodwood on Saturday, April 26 at 2:30 p.m.

## Granny Square Workshop

Teens are welcome at the Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch on Monday, April 28 at 4 p.m. to learn how to crochet basic granny squares. Once made, they are invited to add the squares to a colorful afghan that will live in the teen room for anyone to use.

## Teen Prepper Series: Food Preservation

Mayday! Mayday! Calling all teen preppers! Learn a little about food preservation by making icebox jam at the River Center Branch on Wednesday, April 30 at 5 p.m.

### ♥ I Love My Library Because...

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*"I like the library because it's silent and there are different types of books!"*  
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*"We meet here every Thursday for our homeschool robotics club and I enjoy coming each time. The librarians are sooo helpful and resourceful. I could go on and on. EBR has the best library hands down."*  
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*"I enjoy the library, it has helped me become a better student and created a space to study."*



## DIY @ the Library

Teens, get crafty at your local Library! Express your creativity at these in-person programs! \*Indicates registration required.

Register online at [ebrpl.co/events](http://ebrpl.co/events).



### ♥ I Love My Library Because...

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*"I LOVE the library so much! I've been coming here for years. I am very happy to be able to come here and hang out with friends, to study with, talk with, and give book recommendations! One of my favorite books I've found here, and I've even met one of my best friends at the events this library hosts! So thank you so much!"*  
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*"This library got me back into reading. So thank you."*  
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*"This is where I feel safe and happy. With people who love books. There are not any bullies here. At school they are mean to me because I am a book nerd, but here everyone is a book nerd! Everybody here is nice and helpful and talks to me. I love it here."*  
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*"I love this library. It helps me feel a little less alone in the world. Books and librarians are our friends."*  
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*"The staff are really nice and helpful. The library has all my favorite graphics and books. Their programs are also always fun to do."*  
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*"I love the teen area! The librarians are super helpful. A cool place to get tutored. Plus snacks!"*  
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*"The library provides resources, like books, DVD's and computers. They focus on helping us read more! Reading helps us learn, and we are so lucky to have a library. Thank you."*

### Spring Origami

Saturday, April 5 at 2:30 p.m.

Jones Creek Regional Branch

Learn how to make spring-themed origami models.

### Duct Tape Wallets

Wednesday, April 9 at 2:30 p.m.

Bluebonnet Regional Branch

Nowhere to put your ID, library card, or that phone number you snagged in P.E.? Make a duct tape wallet.



### Quilling Art Cupcakes

Wednesday, April 9 at 4:30 p.m.

Delmont Gardens Branch

Create this fun cupcake decoration using the unique art of quilling.

### Geometric Paper Boxes

Thursday, April 10 at 4 p.m.

Central Branch

Use colorful scrapbook paper to make a cute geometric paper box.

### Felt Flower Bowls

Thursday, April 10 at 4:30 p.m.

Zachary Branch

Get into the springtime mood by making a felt flower bowl to hold your stuff.

### Origami Pyramid Phone Cradle

Tuesday, April 15 at 4 p.m.

Central Branch

Make a phone cradle using only paper and your origami skills.



### Playing Card Boxes

Wednesday, April 16 at 3 p.m.

Bluebonnet Regional Branch

Use a playing cards box to make a decorative box to store your trinkets in.

### Marshmallow Peeps Air Dry Clay

Saturday, April 19 at 2:30 p.m.

Jones Creek Regional Branch

Create a marshmallow-based air-dry clay.

### Origami Flower Bookmarks

Wednesday, April 23 at 4:30 p.m.

Delmont Gardens Branch

Make fun, floral bookmarks.

### Pom Pom Garlands

Wednesday, April 23 at 6 p.m.

River Center Branch

Decorate your room with these cute pom pom garlands.

### Fairy Lanterns

Wednesday, April 30 at 3 p.m.

Bluebonnet Regional Branch

Light up your imagination by making your very own fairy lantern.



## TEENS

### GET YOUR GAME ON!

#### Football Field Goals

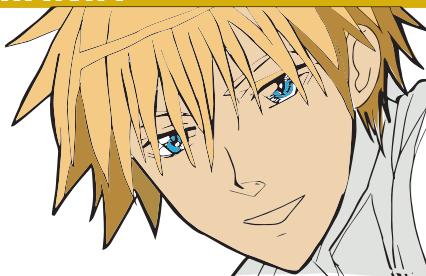
Stop by the Fairwood Branch during the month of April to play a game of Flick the Football. Can you flick the football through the goal post? Can you make it farther than your friends?

**Hey teens! Come hang out and play video games at these Library locations!**

- **Tuesday, April 1 – Thursday, April 3 at 3 p.m.** – South Branch  
Minecraft on the Xbox
- **Thursday, April 3 at 3 p.m.** – Baker Branch  
Teen Game Day: PS4 or Xbox
- **Monday, April 7 at 5 p.m.** – River Center Branch  
Teen Game Night: Xbox 360
- **Saturday, April 19 at 2:30 p.m.** – Main Library at Goodwood  
Mario Kart Game Day

### MOVIE MANIA

**Calling all anime fans!**  
Teens, join us to watch  
ad-free anime at the  
locations below.



- **Saturday, April 5 at 2:30 p.m.**  
Main Library at Goodwood
- **Tuesday, April 8 at 6 p.m.**  
Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch
- **Saturday, April 26 at 3 p.m.** – Fairwood Branch

### TEENS GRAB AND GEAUX

**Tuesday, April 1 – Eden Park Branch**  
Friendship Bracelets

**Tuesday, April 1 – Fairwood Branch**  
Crossbow

**Wednesday, April 2 – Bluebonnet Regional Branch**  
DIY Skee-Ball

**Monday, April 7 – Delmont Gardens Branch**  
Finger Knit Butterflies

**Tuesday, April 15 – Main Library at Goodwood and Carver Branch**  
Beaded Daisy Chain

**Tuesday, April 15 – Pride-Chaneyville Branch**  
Finger Knit Butterflies



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## Mandarin Storytime

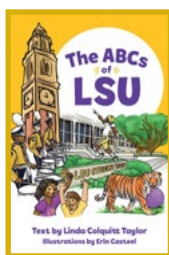
Join us at the Main Library at Goodwood on Mondays, April 7, 14 & 28 at 6:30 p.m. for an immersive cultural experience with Mandarin Storytime. Learn songs, stories, and rhymes in one of the most-spoken languages in the world. The 30-minute-long Mandarin Storytime, offered by the Foreign Language Immersion Magnet (FLAIM) Mandarin program, features a carefully curated selection of authentic Chinese picture books catering to various language proficiency levels. Each storytime session will be thoughtfully paired with a creative craft activity. *All children must be accompanied by an adult.*

## Dress Smart, Save the Planet: The Carbon Footprint of My Clothing

Have you ever wondered where your clothes come from and what happens to them when you outgrow them? Join us at the Main Library at Goodwood this April—Earth Month—for a fun and exciting presentation about the life cycle of clothing! On Saturday, April 12 at 2:30 p.m., take a journey from cotton fields and fabric factories all the way to the clothes in your closet. We'll read *Trash Revolution* by Erica Fyvie and discover how making and throwing away clothes affects our planet and learn cool ways to help, like reusing, recycling, and choosing Earth-friendly fashion. Let's work together to dress smart and save the planet—one outfit at a time!

## Choose Your Own Adventure

Test your survival skills on Saturday, April 19 at 3 p.m. at the Baker Branch! Kids ages 9-13 can join their friends on the third Saturday of each month to discover who has the best survival instincts. We'll read through a *Choose Your Own Adventure* book, and you'll be in charge every step of the way. If the group can't agree, compete in mini games to determine your next action.



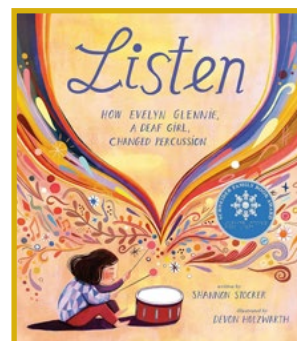
## One Book One Community – Kids' Style!

Hey kids! Don't let the grown-ups have all the fun! Join us for our One Book One Community celebration by reading the 2025 children's pick, *The ABC's of LSU* by Linda Taylor and by participating in other fun programs throughout the Library system!

## Books and Music with Kids' Orchestra

Kids' Orchestra presents high-quality music education centered around books from the East Baton Rouge Parish Library children's collection. Created to spark children's joy, imagination, and love of music, Books & Music offers hour-long programs where children sing, dance, play an instrument, experience a library book, and meet a professional musician. Parents, guardians, and friends are invited to join in all of the activities. Laughter is guaranteed.

Imagine that your favorite activity in the entire world is playing music. Then, imagine that you lose your ability to hear with your ears. Did you know that there are ways of listening through other parts of your body? Come hear the story of Evelyn Glennie, the world-famous first ever full-time percussion player, in the book *Listen* by Shannon Stocker. In addition to the book, children will enjoy both rhythm and listening exercises, meet professional percussion players, and dance a Scottish Circassian circle dance (Evelyn Glennie is from Scotland).



- Saturday, April 5 at 11 a.m. – Zachary Branch
- Saturday, April 5 at 1 p.m. – Central Branch
- Saturday, April 12 at 11 a.m. – Main Library at Goodwood
- Saturday, April 19 at 11 a.m. – Bluebonnet Regional Branch
- Saturday, April 19 at 1 p.m. – Fairwood Branch
- Saturday, April 26 at 11 a.m. – Jones Creek Regional Branch

## Shakespeare in the Library

Children ages 5-11 are invited to Shakespeare in the Library at the Delmont Gardens Branch on Saturday, April 19 at 10 a.m. This interactive program will both entertain and teach children all about Shakespeare's play, *Romeo and Juliet*. Join the bard himself as the Louisiana Shakespeare Company brings one of his most beloved plays to life!

## Kids' Karaoke Night

Are you ready to sing your heart out and show off what songs you know? Come by the River Center Branch from Monday, April 21 – Thursday, April 24, 3-7:30 p.m. to sing karaoke! We will read *Sweet Child O' Mine* by Guns and Roses every hour to get into the singing spirit!



## BOOK CLUB



## Young Bookworms Book Club

Kids ages 9-11 are invited to join the Young Bookworms Book Club! YBWBC members will discuss *A Boy Called Bat* by Elena K. Arnold at the Bluebonnet Regional Branch on Monday, April 28 at 4:30 p.m. The book selection for next month's meeting, Lisa Yee's *Chen's Last Chance*, will also be introduced. After the book discussion, members will participate in a Fact Finder

Challenge, then make a 3D skunk craft using salt dough and other materials. **Registration is required.** To register, please call 763-2260.

## 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 this month's story titles:

- Main Library at Goodwood: *All for a Dime* by Will Hillenbrand
- Baker Branch: *Berry Song* by Michaela Goade
- Carver Branch: *Over There* by Steve Pilcher



## Press Start!

East Baton Rouge Parish Library's **Press Start! Ready, Set, Read!** program equips children ages 2-4 with early literacy skills that will enable them to enter kindergarten with confidence! Parents and caregivers can stop by the Children's Room of any Library location to pick up a booklet full of fun activities that focuses on beginner reading and math concepts. Children start with Booklet One, work their way through the program at their own pace, and earn rewards along the way.

Each monthly Press Start booklet:

- Features a new letter, number, color or concept
- Follows state curriculum guidelines for children ages 2-4
- Includes simple activities to incorporate into your daily routine
- Highlights community events for kids
- Offers helpful parenting tips
- Recommends books for reading to your child

This month's Press Start! booklet is brought to you by the letter D, the numbers 1, 2 & 3, and the color blue!



## ♥ I Love My Library Because...

"I love the library because it has a bunch of coloring sheets and books."

"I love my library because it gives me a quiet place to read and do homework."

"It is fun because there is so much to do. And there are free lunches in the summer."

"Made a Valentine craft made of glitter and construction paper in the shape of a heart."

"I love playing in the kids area & all the cute toys."

"I love this library because reading here makes me smile."

"I love that my library gives a lot of cool books and fun activities. The libraries are very nice too."

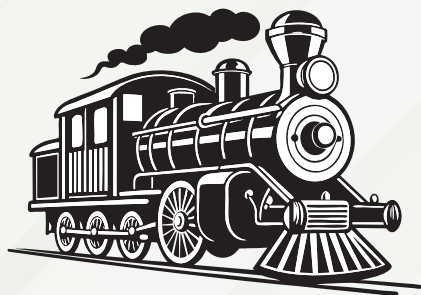
"I like coming to the library because the people are nice."

"I love that they let you read for free."

"I love the library because everyone is nice and because I like to read books and eat snacks."

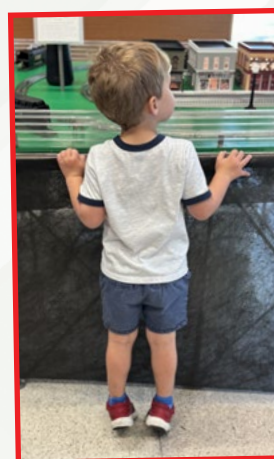






# Train Day at the Library

Thanks to all the little engineers that joined us at the Main Library at Goodwood on March 1 for Train Day! From Thomas and Friends to toy train classics and so much more, everyone enjoyed a day full of fun and learning. Special thanks to the Greater Baton Rouge Model Train Railroaders/Old Hickory Train Museum and Train Collectors Association Louisiana Chapter for hosting this exciting event!



# 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.




## Lapsit

Bluebonnet Regional Branch	10:30 a.m.		Tuesdays, April 1, 8, 15
Jones Creek Regional Branch	11:15 a.m.		Tuesdays, April 1, 8, 15
Main Library at Goodwood	10:30 a.m.		Tuesday, April 1
Zachary Branch	10 a.m.		Tuesdays, April 8, 15, 22, 29

## Toddler

Bluebonnet Regional Branch	10:30 a.m.		Wednesdays, April 2, 9, 16
Delmont Gardens Branch	10 a.m.		Saturday, April 12
Main Library at Goodwood	10 a.m.		Tuesday, April 1

## Preschool

Baker Branch	11:30 a.m.		Tuesdays, April 1, 8, 15, 22
Bluebonnet Regional Branch	10:30 a.m.		Wednesdays, April 2, 9, 16
Carver Branch	10 a.m.		Thursdays, April 3, 10
Main Library at Goodwood	10:30 a.m.		Tuesday, April 1
Pride-Chaneyville Branch	10:30 a.m.		Tuesdays, April 1, 8, 15, 22

## Family

Central Branch	10:30 a.m.		Tuesdays, April 1, 8, 15, 22, 29
Delmont Gardens Branch	6 p.m.		Wednesdays, April 2, 9, 16, 23, 30
Fairwood Branch	10:30 a.m.		Wednesdays, April 2, 9, 16
Greenwell Springs Regional Branch	10:30 a.m.		Tuesdays, April 1, 8, 15, 22, 29
Jones Creek Regional Branch	10:30 a.m.		Tuesdays, April 1, 8, 15
River Center Branch	5 p.m.		Wednesdays, April 2, 9, 16
South Branch	10:30 a.m.		Thursdays, April 3, 10, 24
Zachary Branch	10 a.m.		Wednesdays, April 2, 9, 16, 23, 30



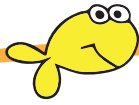
## Story & Craft/Activity

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, April 2 at 10:30 a.m. Zachary Branch	<i>Kite Day</i> by Will Hillenbrand	Dot-to-Dot Kite Picture, ages 2-5
Wednesday, April 2 at 4:30 p.m. Delmont Gardens Branch	<i>Tap Tap Boom Boom</i> by Ellizabeth Bluemle	Rainy Day Picture, ages 3-5
Wednesday, April 2 at 5:30 p.m. River Center Branch 	<i>Curious George at the Baseball Game</i> by Margret & H.A. Rey	#1 Sports Finger, ages 2-11
*Saturday, April 5 at 10:30 a.m. Bluebonnet Regional Branch	<i>There's More...Much More</i> by Sue Alexander	Handmade Spring Basket, ages 4-11
Saturday, April 5 at 2 p.m. Zachary Branch 	<i>Pigskins to Paintbrushes</i> by Don Tate	Play a Football Matching Game, ages 6-11
Monday, April 7 at 4:30 p.m. Carver Branch	<i>The Gravity Tree: The True Story of a Tree That Inspired the World</i> by Anna Redding	Build a Magnet Maze and Gravity Maze, ages 8-11
Monday, April 7 at 5 p.m. Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch 	<i>The ABCs of LSU</i> by Linda Taylor	Football Craft, ages 4-8
Tuesday, April 8 at 4:30 p.m. Delmont Gardens Branch	<i>Tar Beach</i> by Faith Ringgold	Cityscape Craft, ages 6-8
Wednesday, April 9 at 10:30 a.m. Zachary Branch	<i>Zoo Day</i> by Anne Rockwell	Elephant Craft, ages 2-5
Thursday, April 10 at 4 p.m. Fairwood Branch 	<i>Dino-Football</i> by Lisa Wheeler	Football Craft, ages 4-11
Saturday, April 12 at 2:30 p.m. Pride-Chaneyville Branch 	<i>The ABCs of LSU</i> by Linda Taylor	Sports Pennant, ages 3-11
*Saturday, April 12 at 3 p.m. Jones Creek Regional Branch	<i>Sylvia Rose and the Cherry Tree</i> by Sandy Shapiro Hurt	Cherry Blossom Ornament, ages 7-11
Monday, April 14 at 4:30 p.m. Delmont Gardens Branch	<i>Peter Easter Frog</i> by Erin Dealey	Spring Character Ornament, ages 3-5
Wednesday, April 16 at 10:30 a.m. Zachary Branch	<i>Max's Chocolate Chicken</i> by Rosemary Wells	Easter Bunny Craft, ages 2-5
Wednesday, April 16 at 4 p.m. River Center Branch	<i>How to Catch the Easter Bunny</i> by Adam Wallace	Easter Bunny Pouch, ages 5-11
Wednesday, April 16 at 4:30 p.m. South Branch	<i>How to Catch the Easter Bunny</i> by Adam Wallace	Easter Bunny Craft, ages 5-11






Date, Time, Location	Story Title & Author	Craft Activity Description & Age Group
Wednesday, April 16 at 5 p.m. Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch	<i>Spring Stinks</i> by Ryan T. Higgins	Spring Bouquet Craft, ages 3-5
*Monday, April 21 at 10:30 a.m. Bluebonnet Regional Branch	<i>Butterfly House</i> by Eve Bunting	Butterfly Sun Catcher, ages 5-9
*Monday, April 21 at 11 a.m. Jones Creek Regional Branch	<i>Turkey's Eggcellent Easter</i> by Wendi Silvano	"Eggstra" Special Craft, ages 5-7
*Tuesday, April 22 at 10:30 a.m. Jones Creek Regional Branch	<i>Chicka Chicka Boom Boom</i> by Bill Martin, Jr.	Handprint Craft, ages 2-5
Tuesday, April 22 at 11 a.m. Eden Park Branch	<i>LEGO Amazing Earth</i> by Jennifer Swanson	Weather Wheel, ages 3-11
Tuesday, April 22 at 4 p.m. Central Branch	<i>Are You a Cheeseburger?</i> by Monica Arnaldo	Earth Day "Smush" Painting, ages 5-11
Tuesday, April 22 at 4:30 p.m. Baker Branch	<i>Earth Day</i> by Joanna Ponto	Earth Day Collage, ages 8-11
Tuesday, April 22 at 4:30 p.m. Carver Branch	<i>The Dinosaur Awards</i> by Barbara Taylor	Foam Dinosaur Craft, ages 6-11
Tuesday, April 22 at 4:30 p.m. Delmont Gardens Branch	<i>Run, Sea Turtle, Run: A Hatchling's Journey</i> by Stephen R. Swinburne	Beaded Necklace, ages 5-9
*Wednesday, April 23 at 10:30 a.m. Main Library at Goodwood	<i>From Bulb to Tulip</i> by Lisa Owings	3D Faux Stained Glass Tulip Lantern, ages 6-11
Wednesday, April 23 at 10:30 a.m. Zachary Branch	<i>There's a Superhero in Your Book</i> by Tom Fletcher	Superhero Masks, ages 2-5
Wednesday, April 23 at 4:30 p.m. Fairwood Branch	<i>The Lorax</i> by Dr. Seuss	Truffula Tree Craft, ages 7-11
Saturday, April 26 at 10 a.m. Delmont Gardens Branch	<i>Up! Up! Up! Skyscraper</i> by Anatasia Suen	Build 3D Structures, ages 3-11
*Saturday, April 26 at 10 a.m. Main Library at Goodwood	<i>The Song of Spring</i> by Hendrik Jonas	Spring Bird's Nest Craft, ages 3-6
Tuesday, April 29 at 4:30 p.m. Delmont Gardens Branch	<i>Skywatcher</i> by Jamie Hogan	Galaxy Jars, ages 8-1





# Book Clubs @ Your Library

## Baker Branch

- Morning Book Club  
**10:30 a.m. Monday, April 14**  
*Season of Life*  
by Jeffrey Marx 

## Bluebonnet Regional Branch

- Reading the Classics Book Club  
**12:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 1**  
*The Idiot*  
By Fyodor Dostoyevsky
- Club de Lectura (in Spanish)  
**6:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 16**  
*Seven Empty Houses*  
by Samanta Schweblin
- Quirky Ladies Book Club  
**6:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 16**  
*The 100-Year-Old Man Who Climbed Out the Window and Disappeared*  
by Jonas Johnson


## Carver Branch

- Reading Gumbo Book Club  
**3 p.m. Sunday, April 13**  
All book lovers welcome! Discuss your current reads!

## Central Branch

- Central Branch Library Book Club  
**11 a.m. Thursday, April 24**  
*The Last One*  
by Will Dean

## Eden Park Branch

- Eden Park Adult Book Club  
**5:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 15**  
*Season of Life: A Football Star, a Boy, a Journey to Manhood*  
by Jeffrey Marx 

## Fairwood Branch

- Books and Brew Book Club  
**2 p.m. Monday, April 21**  
*Due or Die*  
by Jenn McKinlay

## Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch

- Next Chapter Book Club  
**6 p.m. Thursday, April 24**  
All book lovers welcome! Discuss your current reads!



## Jones Creek Regional

- Next Door Book Club  
**6 p.m. Thursday, April 10**  
*The Nightingale*  
by Kristin Hannah
- History Book Club  
**2 p.m. Thursday, April 24**  
*The Wide Wide Sea: Imperial Ambition, First Contact and the Final, Fateful Voyage of Captain James Cook*  
by Hampton Sides

## Main Library at Goodwood

- Mystery Lovers Book Club  
**Noon, Tuesday, April 8**  
Author Focus: Chris Nickson
- Fantasy Book Club  
**6:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 15**  
*The Will of the Many*  
by James Islington
- Science Fiction Book Club  
**6 p.m. Thursday, April 24**  
*Mindkiller*  
by Spider Robinson


## Pride-Chaneyville Branch

- There's Treasure Inside Book Club Treasure Hunt  
**5 p.m. Monday, April 14**  
*There's Treasure Inside*  
By Jon Collins-Black
- Like it or Not Book Club  
**10:30 a.m. Saturday, April 19**  
*Season of Life: A Football Star, a Boy, a Journey to Manhood*  
by Jeffrey Marx 
- Crafting for a Cause Book Club  
**1 p.m. Thursday, April 24**  
*Season of Life: A Football Star, a Boy, a Journey to Manhood*  
by Jeffrey Marx 

## River Center Branch

- The You Can't Handle This Book Club  
**12:30 p.m. Thursday, April 3**  
*Listen for the Lie*  
By Amy Tintera

## Zachary Branch

- OBOC (Book Discussion)  
**5 p.m. Tuesday, April 22**  
*Season of Life*  
by Jeffrey Marx 
- Lively Discussion Book Club  
**9 a.m. Thursday, April 24**  
*Doll-baby*  
by Laura Lane McNeal
- Curious Minds  
**6 p.m. Thursday, April 24**  
*Homo Deus*  
by Yuval Noah Harari



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# FREE Computer Classes at the Library

Adults are invited to the Library this month for FREE computer classes. \*Indicates registration required.  
For more information and to register, call the Library location directly. Check out the schedule:

## Baker Branch

### \*Introduction to Email

10 a.m. Monday, April 7

### \*Introduction to MS Word

10 a.m. Tuesday, April 8

## Carver Branch

### Introduction to Microsoft Word

10 a.m. Tuesday, April 8

### Open Lab

Noon Wednesday, April 16

## Delmont Gardens Branch

### Typing Lesson

10 a.m. Tuesday, April 22

## Eden Park Branch

### Google

4 p.m. Monday, April 7

### Ebooks

10:30 a.m. Saturday, April 12

### Library Databases

10:30 a.m. Saturday, April 26

## Fairwood Branch

### Starting with Google Docs

6 p.m. Wednesday, April 16

### Bring Your Own Devices

5 p.m. Wednesday, April 30

## Jones Creek Regional Branch

### \*Open Technical Support

2 p.m. Thursday, April 3

### \*Introduction to Google Docs

2 p.m. Thursday, April 10

### \*Introduction to Google Sheets

2 p.m. Thursday, April 24



## Main Library at Goodwood

### Computers without Fear

10 a.m. Wednesday, April 2

### Introduction to the Internet

10 a.m. Thursday, April 3

### Introduction to Microsoft Word 2016

10 a.m. Wednesday, April 9

### Introduction to Microsoft Excel 2016

10:00 a.m. Thursday, April 10

### Tables: an Intermediate Microsoft Word 2016 Class

10 a.m. Wednesday, April 16

### Introduction to Canva

11 a.m. Saturday, April 19

### Making a Newsletter in Microsoft Word 2016

10 a.m. Wednesday, April 23

## Pride- Chaneyville Branch

### Career Cruising

5 p.m. Wednesday April 9

### Computer Basics

5 p.m. Wednesday, April 16

### Internet Basics

5 p.m. Wednesday, April 30

## Zachary Branch

### \*Introduction to Google Drive

3 p.m. Saturday, April 5

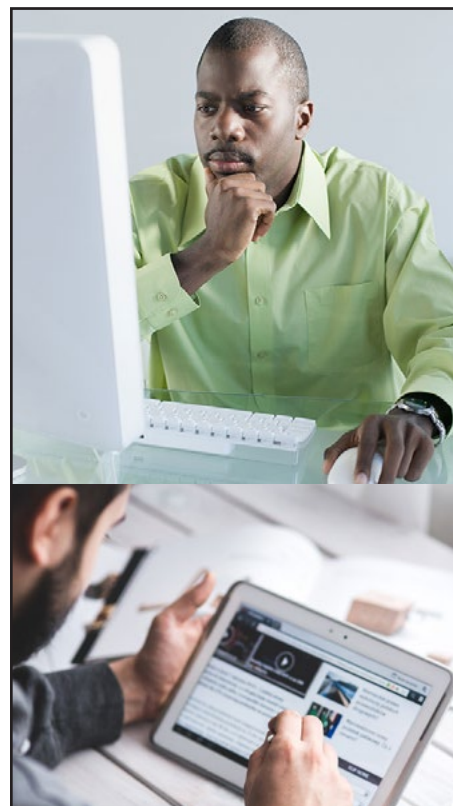
### \*One-on-One Computer Help

12 p.m. Monday, April 7

12 p.m. Monday, April 21

### \*Introduction to Word

3 p.m. Saturday, April 19



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Sunday, 2 – 9 p.m.

### Baker Branch Library

3501 Groom Road (225) 778-5940

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Sunday, 2 – 6 p.m.

### Bluebonnet Regional Branch Library

9200 Bluebonnet Boulevard (225) 763-2240

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Sunday, 2 – 6 p.m.

### Carver Branch Library

720 Terrace Street (225) 389-7440

Monday – Thursday, 9 a.m. – 8 p.m.

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### Central Branch Library

11260 Joor Road (225) 262-2640

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### Delmont Gardens Branch Library

3351 Lorraine Street (225) 354-7040

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Sunday, 2 – 6 p.m.

### Eden Park Branch Library

5131 Greenwell Springs Road (225) 231-3240

Monday – Thursday, 9 a.m. – 8 p.m.

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### 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.

### Greenwell Springs Road

#### Regional Branch Library

11300 Greenwell Springs Road

(225) 274-4440

Monday – Thursday, 9 a.m. – 9 p.m.

Friday and Saturday, 9 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Sunday, 2 – 6 p.m.

### 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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