



EAST BATON ROUGE PARISH

**LIBRARY**

**Around the Parish**

*APRIL 2025*





~ 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Community History Festival ~

**COUNTRY CRAFTS & HOBBIES**

Saturday, March 29, 2025 10 am-1:30 pm

**Pride-Chaneyville Branch Library**

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# National Library Week

 **Happy National Library Week!**  
Each day this week we will share a few comments from our patrons about what draws them to the East Baton Rouge Parish Library.

**What do you love about EBRPL?**  
**Drop a comment below!**  
[#NationalLibraryWeek](#)  
[#DrawnToTheLibrary](#) [#EBRPL](#)  
[#BatonRouge](#)



★ **Day 2 of National Library Week!**  
Today, we're celebrating how EBRPL sparks creativity and lifelong learning. How has the library inspired you?  
[#DrawnToTheLibrary](#) [#EBRPL](#)  
[#LibraryLove](#)

## Why we our library!

"I used the Greenwell Springs Library makerspace to make Christmas gifts for friends and family which everyone loved. The library in Baton Rouge is probably the best thing in Baton Rouge."

"I've been a library card holder since I was in grammar school. I'm proud to say that I'm a senior citizen and enjoy taking advantage of all the resources that come with being a cardholder."

"The library has many programs and classes that help me expand my knowledge and skills, along with the opportunity to use different equipment, from 3D printing to audio recording equipment. I also like the selection of books and the opportunity to use Interlibrary Loan to acquire specialist books that my doctor recommended from around the country."

"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."


## Why we our library!

"Our child's love for learning has grown tremendously thanks to the library. We're so grateful for the EBRPL system!"  
- Randall H.

"I love the library because I can stay and bring my family."  
- Angela L.

"The EBR library system is excellent for older adults as well as young. They provide a valuable service to the community. It's the one thing in our parish that just keeps getting better."  
- Catalina W.

"They always have the books I like."  
- Phoenix (age 6)

 **Midweek shoutout for National Library Week!**  
The library is more than books — it's a place to connect, grow, and learn. How has the library helped you?  
[#NationalLibraryWeek](#) [#EBRPL](#)  
[#DrawnToTheLibrary](#)

## Why we our library!

"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"

"I enjoy the library, it has helped me become a better student and created a space to study."

I absolutely love the acrylic art workshop by Ms. Martha Whittington! She keeps me inspired to keep on painting. I also love the Playaway books on tape. I can listen while cooking, cleaning, and mowing the yard."

"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 a month and just want to express my gratitude for this program."

 **National Library Week continues!**  
The library is a place for everyone — and that's what makes it so special.  
[#NationalLibraryWeek](#) [#EBRPL](#)  
[#LibraryLove](#)

## Why we our library!

"I've had nothing but great, wholesome experiences. When I moved here the library programs helped me out of depression. I'm forever grateful!"

"We love the library because of all of the programs they offer for families!"

"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."

"My son who is 26 has autism. He loves to look at the movies and CDs in the children's section. He loves the library (Jones Creek). He is nonverbal. It is a safe place for him to be himself. Thanks ❤️"



# Edible Books



Director's Choice: Lord of the "Onion" Rings



Director's Choice Runner-up: Goodnight Moon "pies"

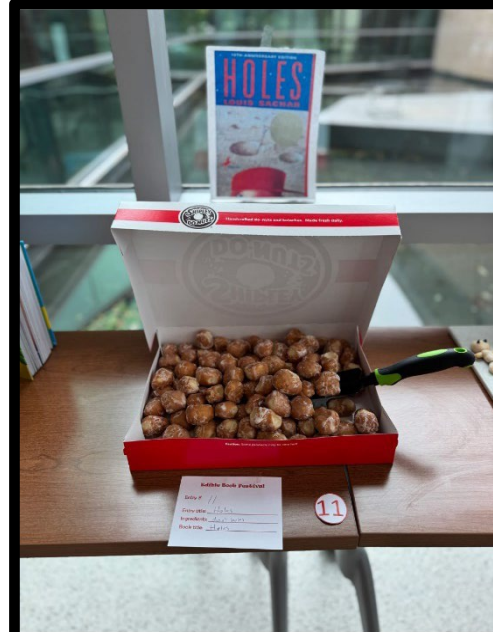


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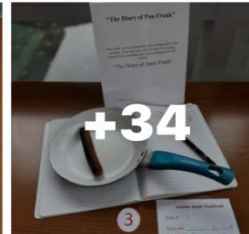
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**We held our Edible Book Festival today!... See more**



Most Appetizing: Holes



+34

**Edible Book Festival**

**A Celebration of Books, Food, and Bad Puns**

**Sunday, April 6 at 3 p.m.**  
Main Library at Goodwood

To submit an entry, choose a book and create an edible representation of its title or wordplay on its title and bring your concoction to the Main Library at 2 p.m.

Prizes will be awarded!

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Director's Choice: Of "Spice" and Men



# Growing Things



**WBRZ Channel 2** ✓

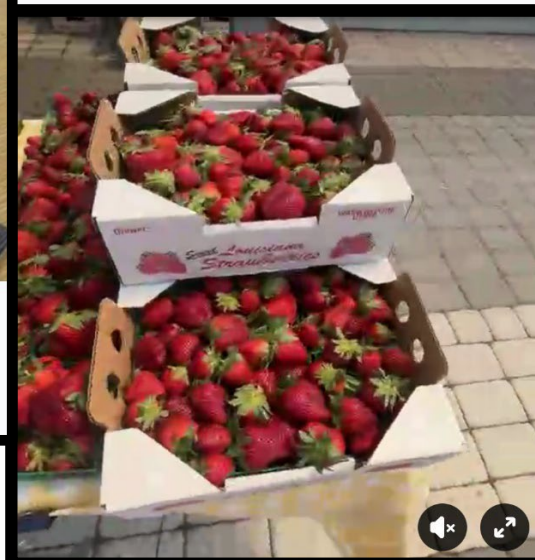
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In this week's 2 Make a Difference, Sylvia Weatherspoon covers a nationwide program trying to inspire gardeners by allowing them to check out seeds from their local library.



wbrz.com

**2 Make a Difference: National program works to bring 'see...**



**East Baton Rouge Parish Library** ...

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We rose to the occasion for this [#bookface!](#) 🌹 [#bookfacefriday](#) [#ebrpl](#) [#byanyothername](#) [#jodipicoult](#)

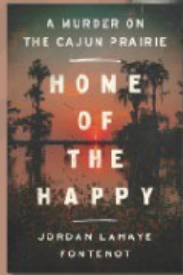




# Special Collections:

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS PRESENTS

## HOME OF THE HAPPY A MURDER ON THE CAJUN PRAIRIE WITH JORDAN LAHAYE FONTENOT



WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16  
6 P.M.

MAIN LIBRARY AT GOODWOOD

Special Collections welcomes Country Roads Magazine editor Jordan LaHaye Fontenot to discuss her book. 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.



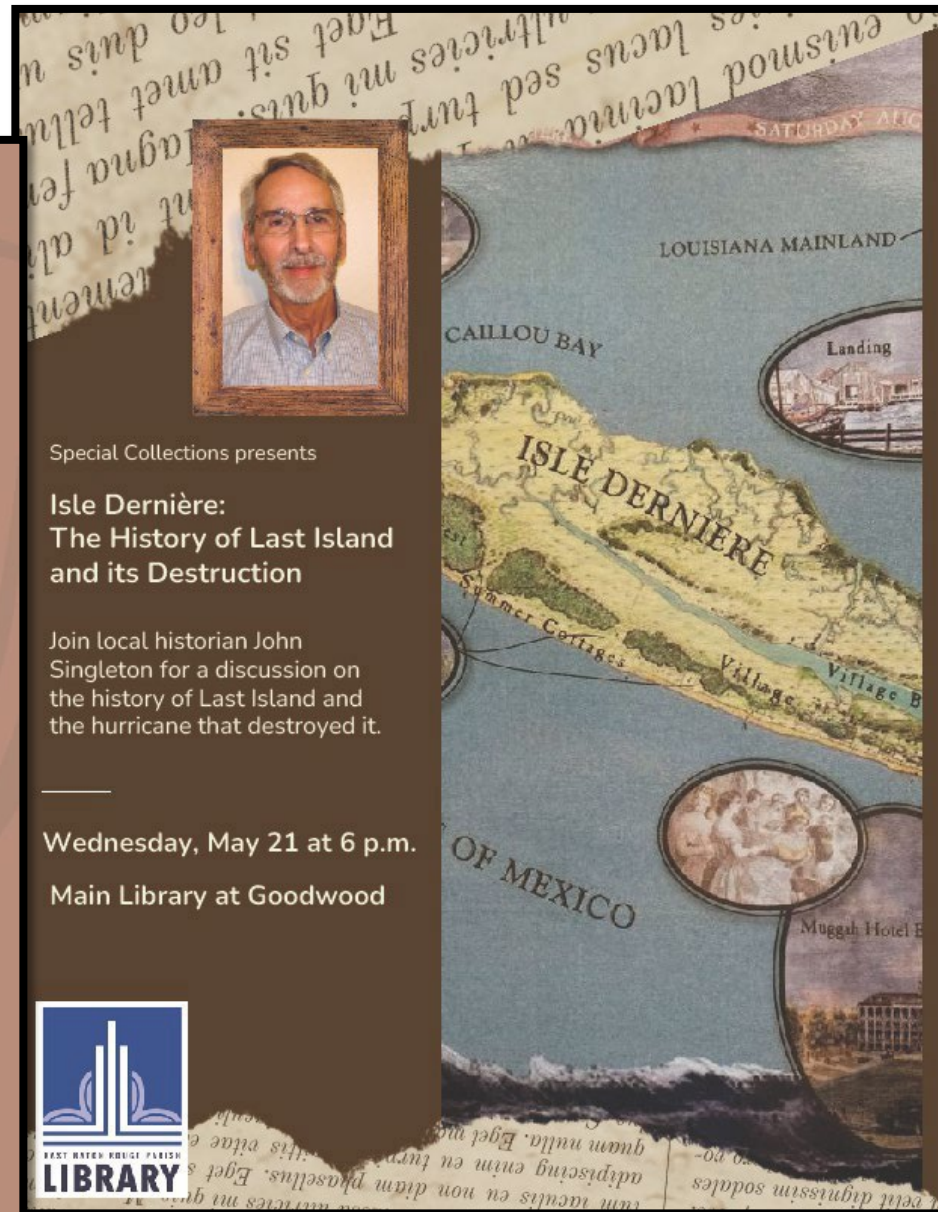
Special Collections presents

### Isle Dernière: The History of Last Island and its Destruction

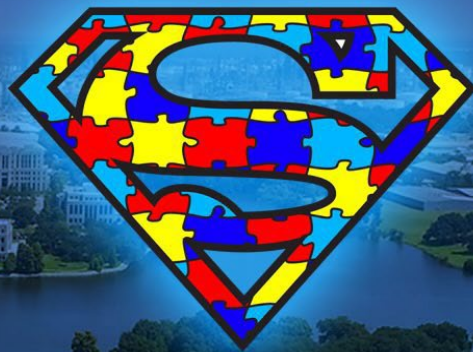
Join local historian John Singleton for a discussion on the history of Last Island and the hurricane that destroyed it.

Wednesday, May 21 at 6 p.m.

Main Library at Goodwood







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**SUNDAY APRIL 27, 2025**  
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**BATON ROUGE SOUL  
FOOD FESTIVAL 2025  
TALENT**

STAGE TIMES



Henry Turner Jr.  
& Flavor

Well known for the syncopated style of music that is called Louisiana blues, soul, reggae and funk, their tongue-in-cheek lyrics and upbeat dance tunes gets their audiences movin' and groovin'.



Nspire and the  
Inspiration Band

Kelton "Nspire" Harper is a spoken word artist, producer and motivational speaker. A Listening Room All-star he is also host of the TV show "It's a Blessing with 'Nspire," that is currently in production for its second season.



Ervin "Maestro"  
Foster, Jim  
Masters and  
King Solomon

Henry Turner Jr.'s backing band, My Better Half, steps on center stage with their jazz, pop and original songs. They are Ervin "Maestro" Foster, Jim Masters and King Solomon.



Eddie "Cool"  
Deemer

The resident comic at Henry Turner Jr.'s Listening Room, his ability to string movie titles, candy and household products into stories always make people laugh.



SmokeHouse  
Porter & the Gut  
Bucket Blues  
Band

The King of the Gut Bucket Blues and Slim Harpo 2018 Award winner returns to the festival with his Mississippi Delta and Louisiana Swamp Blues.



Pastor Leon  
Hitchens

Pastor Hitchens performs a gospel, soul singer and activist. He is also known for his upbeat personality and comedy songs.



Princess Teha

Princess Teha is of Nigerian descent. She has been singing Contemporary Christian and Gospel Music since the age of four. Her angelic voice has been described as an awesome gift from God.



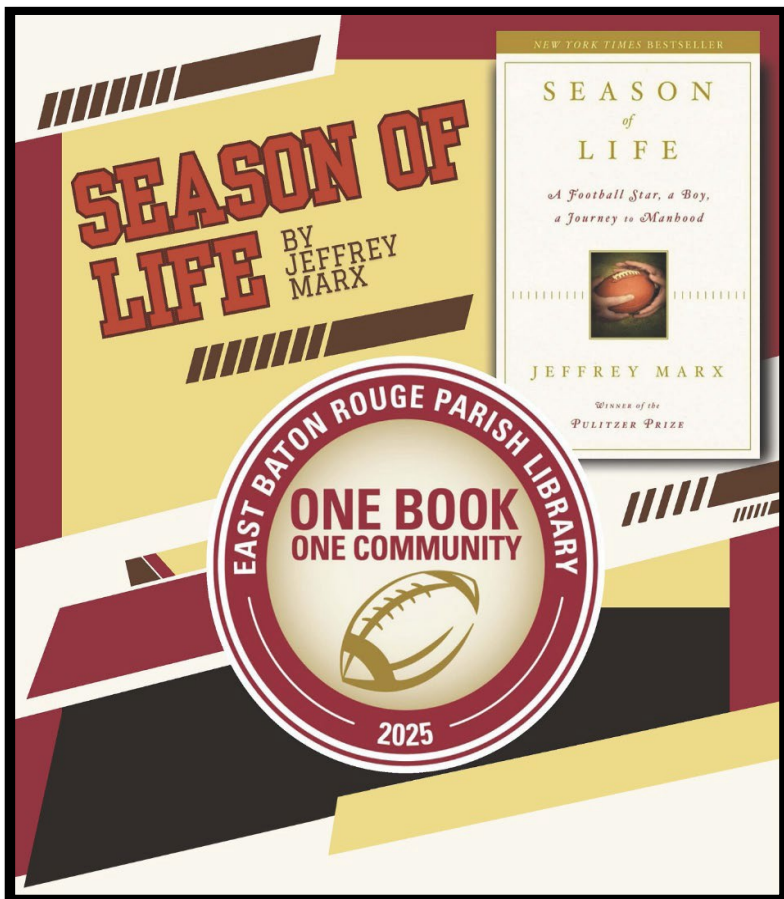
Vince  
Hutchinson &  
The Original  
Heavy Storm  
Band

Vince Hutchinson and the Original Heavy Storm Band join the festival with their explosive Southern Soul and R&B tunes.



Jelly B &  
D'Wolf





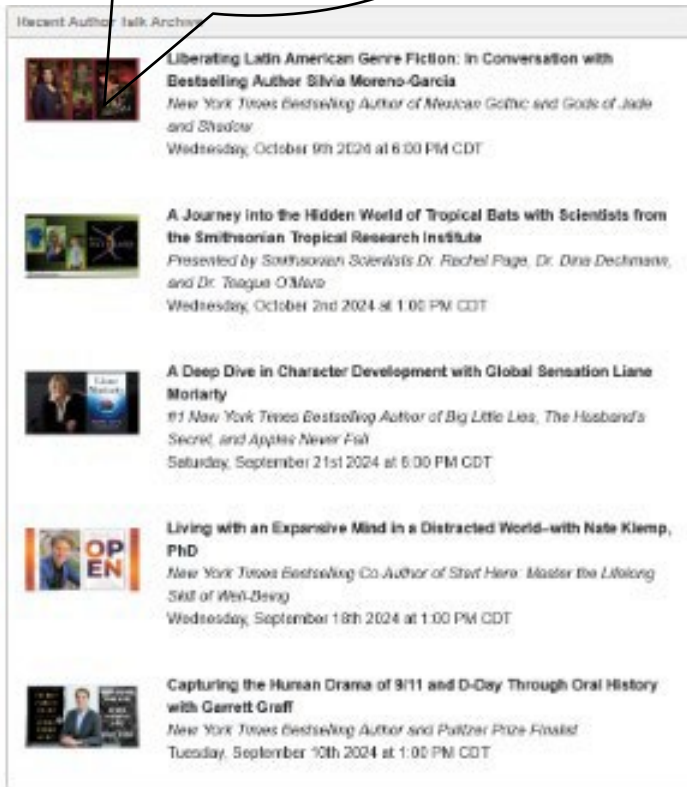
**Are You Ready  
For Some Football?  
Jeffrey Marx  
@ the Library**





# Virtual Author Talk Series

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*Author Talks are  
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[library.org/ebprl](https://library.org/ebprl)*

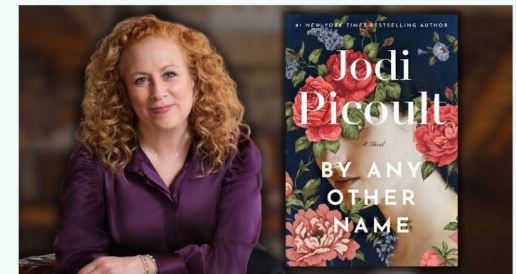


## Author Talk Series

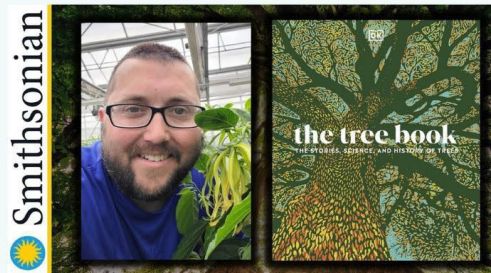
**Don't miss these virtual events!**

**Join us in April for live discussions and Q & A sessions with these bestselling authors!**

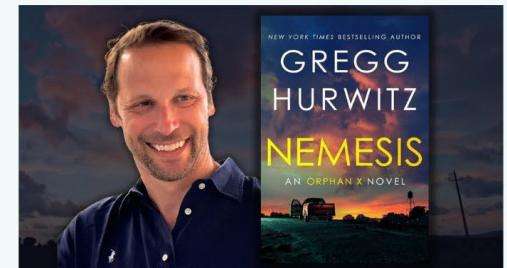
**Jodi Picoult**  
*By Any Other Name*  
Wednesday, April 2 at 6 p.m.



**Matthew Fleming**  
*The Tree Book*  
Tuesday, April 8 at 1 p.m.



**Gregg Hurwitz**  
*Orphan X Series: Nemesis*  
Thursday, April 24 at 6 p.m.



**To register,  
use the QR code  
or visit  
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EPISODE 27  
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**THE AI REVOLUTION:  
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## ♥ I Love My Library Because...

"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!"

"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."

"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!"

"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!"

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

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

"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."

## FMOLHS President and CEO E.J. Kuiper tackles health care growth opportunities and regulatory challenges on Strictly Business in March

By Business Report Staff



# EP.26


# E.J.

# KUIPER




What are the biggest regulatory challenges to health care? How are medical facilities navigating workforce shortages? What are the plans for Franciscan Missionaries of Our Lady Health System to expand?

### STRICTLY BUSINESS ARCHIVE




Episode 5: Scott Woodward  
**STRICTLY BUSINESS ARCHIVE** Business Report Staff

Why does LSU Athletic Director Scott Woodward view his management style as more executive producer and less CEO? What's the No. 1 trait he...




Episode 4: Tim Barfield  
**STRICTLY BUSINESS ARCHIVE** Business Report Staff

How do you ensure your company thrives in an era of continual disruption? CRS Principal and President Tim Barfield says there is no "secret sauce."




Episode 3: Chuck Spicer  
**STRICTLY BUSINESS ARCHIVE** Business Report Staff

How did Our Lady of the Lake Health's new market president approach his new leadership role in a century-old institution? As Chuck Spicer puts it...



Episode 2: Josh Descant  
**STRICTLY BUSINESS ARCHIVE** Business Report Staff

How do you give an 87-year-old iconic brand a new name without some of your 63,000 Louisiana customers thinking you're now owned by some...



Episode 1: Mike Wampold  
**STRICTLY BUSINESS ARCHIVE** Business Report Staff

How did a Baton Rouge developer known for redefining the Baton Rouge landscape spot opportunities and calculate risks for investment? Mike Wampold shares the...

Plus view the Archives...





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13h ·

Want to protect your neighborhood? Care about public safety? Join us for O... See more

## OPEN DATA BR

Discover Your Community with Open Data BR!

Want to keep your neighborhood safe? Join us for Open Data Day on March 29, 10 AM-5 PM at the Main Library!

Learn to use City-Parish data for community-based maps & dashboards, meet police leaders, & explore Neighborhood Watch programs. RSVP:

#OpenDataDay CommunitySafety



RSVP: <https://brla.gov/opendataday/registration>

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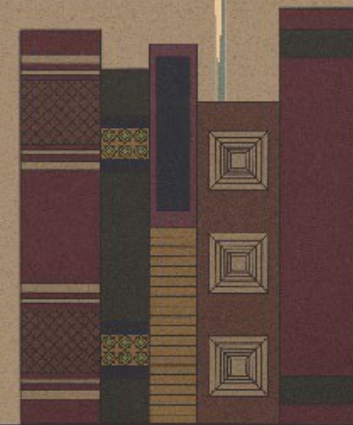
# Authors Row

MAY  
24

10 A.M.-4 P.M.

Jones Creek  
Regional Branch Library

Come meet and greet local authors and discover new literature at Authors Rowe! Books of various genres will be available for purchase and signing.





# Summer Reading Challenge 2025



**New this Year:  
The Linder  
Family  
Challenge!**

# SUMMER READING KICKOFF PARTY!

**THURSDAY, MAY 29 • 10 A.M.-1 P.M.**

**JOIN US FOR MUSIC, MAGIC, COMMUNITY BOOTHS,  
AND OTHER FUN ACTIVITIES FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!**

**SPECIAL PERFORMANCES BY LADY CHOPS AND  
TIM THE MAGICIAN!**

A large illustration of a tree with a thick brown trunk and green foliage. Instead of leaves, the branches are filled with various books, some open and some closed, and a few yellow leaves are scattered around. The tree is set against a green background with small white flowers at the bottom.A photograph showing two young boys sitting on the floor, focused on reading books. One boy is holding a book open, and the other is looking at it.A photograph showing a group of children and adults gathered around a table, engaged in an activity. One child is holding a book, and another is looking at it.A photograph showing two young girls sitting at a table, looking at a book. One girl is holding the book, and the other is looking at it.

**MAIN LIBRARY AT GOODWOOD**

The logo for the East Baton Rouge Parish Library, featuring a stylized blue and white building icon next to the text 'EAST BATON ROUGE PARISH LIBRARY'.



# Libraries *Change Lives*

Have 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.

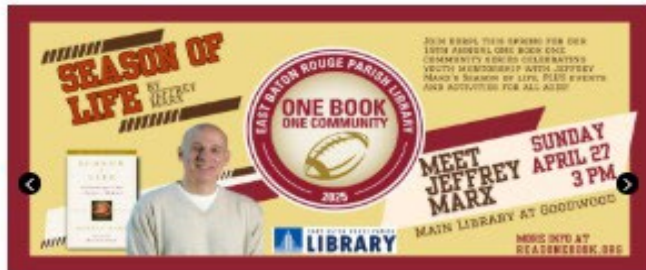
The Linders last stop of the day was the Jones Creek Regional Branch around 5 p.m. After a little over 8 hours and 101 miles, their quest was complete! Would they recommend it to other families? "Yes!" exclaimed Miles. "It was very fun!" Ruth added, "It was worth it; it was a great experience. Each Library 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!

## Libraries Change Lives Features: The Linder Family!







## Featured Services

The Library is a community service organization that provides access and connects people to information, resources, materials, technology, and experiences to make a positive difference in their lives.



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Special Collections



### Small Business Service

**Makeoverpieces**

**Outcomes:**



Library

## Attend Exciting Events



WITA Free Tax Help



**NFC Scavenger Hunt**  
April 18, 9:00am - 11:00am



**Life Scenes Of Southern Life Impressionist Art Display**  
April 19, 9-5Gates 8-5Gates