

The Source

EAST BATON ROUGE PARISH LIBRARY

MAY 2025

COLOR OUR WORLD™

Get Ready for Summer Reading!

Bring your creativity and imagination... and explore all the colors of the world this summer! Join in the fun with East Baton Rouge Parish Library's 2025 Summer Reading Challenge, Color Our World!

Beginning Sunday, June 1 and running through Friday, August 15, enjoy an entire summer of FREE programs, workshops, storytimes, concerts, and performances for all ages, scheduled throughout the Library system. Learn more about our summer events at www.ebrpl.com/SummerReading.

Track your reading and earn rewards! It's easy! First, sign up at your local Library location or online at ebrpl.beanstack.org, starting June 1. Then, read books and log them into your Beanstack account to earn virtual badges and completion rewards, as well as entries for weekly prize drawings! There are reading challenges and incentives for kids, teens, and even adults!

We'll see you at the library this summer for exciting events and reading rewards!



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FEATURED PROGRAMS

Authors Row

Meet and greet local authors at Authors Row! You're invited to the Jones Creek Regional Branch on Saturday, May 24, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., to discover new literature and support local writers. Books of various genres will be available for purchase and signing. Plus, bring out *your* inner author by attending a writers' workshop with bestselling author Alex Jennings! Don't miss this exciting event! See schedule below:

- 10 a.m.-2 p.m.: Meet authors; buy books!
- 11 a.m.-1 p.m.: FREE ice cream for the first 250 people provided by Red River Bank
- 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.: Hotdogs for sale by the St. George Rotary Club
- 2 p.m.-4 p.m.: Fictional Futures, Timeless Truths: A Speculative Writing Workshop with bestselling author Alex Jennings. Register at ebrpl.co/events.

Writing Workshops with Author Steve Kolbe

EBRPL welcomes author Steve Kolbe for two writing workshops in May! Join us for one or both of these engaging events at the Main Library at Goodwood.

- **How to Write a Mystery**
Sunday, May 25 at 3 p.m.

Learn the basic structure and elements of the mystery genre with activities that would-be mystery writers can use to start outlining their very own novels.

- **Abnormal Psychology in Fiction, Getting It Right**
Tuesday, May 27 at 6 p.m.

Kolbe will discuss media portrayals of individuals with mental health disorders and weigh the impact of negative portrayals in fiction. It is a close look at stigma and at the techniques authors use to create realistic characters.

Summer Reading Kickoff Party

Kick off Summer Reading at the Library! Join us for music, magic, community booths, and other fun activities for the whole family at the Main Library at Goodwood on Thursday, May 29, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Enjoy special performances by Lady Chops at 10 a.m. & 12 p.m. and Tim the Magician at 11 a.m.



Isle Dernière: The History of Last Island and its Destruction

Last Island, a Louisiana coastal island, was a popular resort and vacation spot for wealthy Louisiana citizens in the early 1800s. In 1856, a hurricane known as the "Last Island Hurricane" demolished the island and killed hundreds of people. Special Collections welcomes local historian John Singleton to the Main Library at Goodwood on Wednesday, May 21 at 6 p.m. to discuss the history of the island and the hurricane that destroyed it.



John Singleton



FEATURED PROGRAMS



Baton Rouge Soul Food Festival

You're invited to the 8th 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! A pre-party will be held at Henry Turner, Jr.'s Listening Room on Thursday, May 15, 7 p.m.-midnight. For more information or to enter the soul food cooking competition, call (225) 802-9681 or visit www.brsoulfoodfest.com.

TOPS and FAFSA Seminar

First time applying for financial aid for college? Come receive guidance from a representative of the Louisiana Office of Student Financial Assistance. Join us at the Fairwood Branch on Saturday, May 10 at 2 p.m. for this important, informational seminar.



Genealogy Brown Bag Lunch

Join a community of genealogy researchers for discussions on genealogy, research, and history at the Main Library at Goodwood on Friday, May 16 at noon. Bring your questions! Bring your knowledge! *And bring your lunch!* No registration required.

Sigma Phi Alpha Step Team Performance

Enjoy a step performance from Baton Rouge Magnet High School's Sigma Phi Alpha Step Team at the Main Library at Goodwood on Friday, May 2 at 5 p.m. Don't miss this high-energy show that will have you clapping, stomping, and cheering for more!



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Talented Music Concert

Join Dr. Yong H. Pan and students from Baton Rouge Magnet High School and Woodlawn High School for EBR Schools' Talented Music Concert on Sunday, May 11 at 3 p.m. Their performance will include pieces by Bach, Rossini, Mendelssohn, Tchaikovsky, and more!



Baton Rouge Concert Band Memorial Day Concert

The Baton Rouge Concert Band invites the community to its annual Memorial Day Concert at the Main Library at Goodwood on Monday, May 26 at 7 p.m. as we honor the brave men and women of the armed forces who made the ultimate sacrifice for our country. This free concert will feature a moving selection of music including patriotic songs, stirring marches and somber tributes that reflect the significance of the day. Come together with family and friends for an evening of remembrance and music.



COBR Goes to the Movies

The Civic Orchestra of Baton Rouge concludes its 2024-2025 season with its annual pops concert at the Main Library at Goodwood on Saturday, May 31 at 3 p.m. The concert will feature modern movie favorites with selections from the *James Bond* series, *Gladiator*, *Titanic*, *Dances with Wolves*, *Wicked* and more!

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SOUTH BRANCH WELCOMES YOU!

The rain couldn't keep patrons away from the South Branch Library on its opening day of March 24!

We invite you to stop by our newest location at 2210 Glasgow Ave. This brand new branch is now open on a temporary 6-day schedule as we continue to hire and train staff and install final furnishings and equipment. An official dedication ceremony will take place once the branch is fully completed.

Temporary hours of operation:

- Monday – Thursday: 9 a.m.-8 p.m.
- Friday: 9 a.m.-6 p.m.
- Saturday: 2-6 p.m.
- Sunday: Closed



WRITING WORKSHOPS



Carolina Murriel

Writer's Lounge

Join journalist and artist Carolina Murriel at the Main Library at Goodwood on Tuesday, May 7 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 or just show up!

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, May 12 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.



Halley McArn

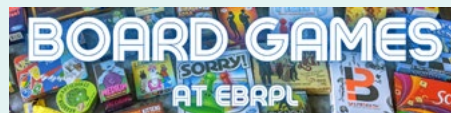
Break a Nib!

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, May 21 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. To find out more about yourself and your art, sign up for a session at ebrpl.co/events!



Business Librarian Office Hours

Come meet our Business Librarians to discuss "all things business" at the Main Library at Goodwood every Thursday, 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.



Board Games at the South Branch

Bring home the fun! Check out a board game from our collection at the new South Branch Library! Adults, teens, and tweens can check out up to three board games per visit. Revisit classics like Monopoly, Apples to Apples, and Trivial Pursuit or try out new ones like Squishy Fishy Crusty Quirky, Cartographers, and Really Loud Librarians. The South Branch's games joins existing collections at the Main Library at Goodwood, Baker Branch, and Bluebonnet Regional Branch. Browse the collections in person or go online to view a full list of games at ebprl.co/games.

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FEATURED PROGRAMS

Virtual Author Talk Series

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

Visit library.org/ebripl 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 ebripl.co/virtual.

Wednesday, May 7 at 1 p.m. – Let's face it: Everyone has anxiety. Furthermore, our incessant quest to rid ourselves of this ubiquitous human emotion worsens it. What if, instead of fighting our anxiety, we could turn it into a strength? In this enlightening online webinar, you will learn how to use anxiety to become more self-accepting, connected to others, and resilient. Author of *Thriving with Anxiety*, Dr. David Rosmarin's constructive, compassionate, and evidence-based approach will not make you less anxious. Instead, it will empower you to use anxiety to thrive. You will learn how to rethink anxiety from being a "disease" to being a normal human emotion and how to harness the power of anxiety to enhance emotional intimacy and accomplish what you truly want in life.



Wednesday, May 14 at 6 p.m. – Grab your popcorn, grab your friend, and join us for a propulsive online conversation with author Liann Zhang as she chats with us about her debut thriller, *Julie Chan is Dead*. Julie Chan has nothing. Her twin sister has everything. Except a pulse. Transforming into Chloe is easier than expected. Julie effortlessly adopts Chloe's luxurious influencer life, complete with designer clothes, a meticulous skincare routine, and millions of adoring followers. However, Julie soon realizes that Chloe's seemingly picture-perfect life was anything but perfect. Haunted by Chloe's untimely death and struggling to fit into the privileged influencer circle, Julie faces mounting challenges during a weeklong island retreat with Chloe's exclusive group of influencer friends. As events spiral out of control, Julie uncovers the sinister forces that may have led to her sister's demise and realizes she might be the next target.



Wednesday, May 21 at 1 p.m. – You're invited to an online intimate conversation with bestselling author Rachelle Bergstein as she chats about her newest book *The Genius of Judy*. This book takes an expansive look at Judy Blume's life, work, and cultural impact, focusing on her most iconic—and controversial—young adult novels, from *Are You There, God? It's Me, Margaret* to *Blubber*. In *The Genius of Judy*, her remarkable story is revealed as never before, beginning with her as a mother of two searching for purpose outside of her home in 1960s suburban New Jersey. The books she wrote starred regular children with genuine thoughts and problems. Blume wasn't trying to be a revolutionary—she just wanted to tell honest stories—but in doing so, she created a cohesive, culture-altering vision of modern adolescence. Blume's bravery provoked backlash, making her the country's most banned author in the mid-1980s. Thankfully, her works withstood the culture wars, and it's no coincidence that Blume has resurfaced as a cultural touchstone.



Libraries *Change Lives*

Like so many, Charles Daniel's life was upended in 2005 by Hurricane Katrina. However, he didn't flee New Orleans; he moved there. As a Baton Rouge native with a degree in ISDS from LSU, he originally relocated to NOLA to help his grandmother rebuild her home after the catastrophic storm, then began working as a tech auditor for local businesses in the area. Charles explained, "I loved helping companies cut costs and save money, but often, due to my audit, employees were laid off and replaced with tech alternatives. That started to weigh on me. I didn't like being the bad guy."

To counteract the stress of his job, Charles started biking around the city at night with several friends. By 2015, the group had grown to between 500-1,000 cyclists on any given night and is still currently active in New Orleans.

But after the flood of 2016, Charles came back home to Baton Rouge, once again heading toward the devastation to offer help and hope. He started with 10 bikes in a travel trailer and led guided tours of the downtown area. "During this time, people needed an outlet to maintain a positive physical, and especially mental, well-being," shared Charles.



In December 2019, he opened his brick-and-mortar location, GeauxRide, on Third Street in downtown Baton Rouge. This proved fortuitous as the Covid lockdown of 2020-21 made it even more important for Baton Rouge citizens to get outside, reconnect with friends, and focus on health and wellness. "During the lockdown, we were the



Business Librarian Austin Langley and Geaux Ride Owner Charles Daniel

only business open downtown at night. Because biking is an outdoor activity, people were excited to have something to do. They could get some exercise and also maybe see their city in a different light."

As Charles continued to seek new ways to run and grow his business, he learned about the Library's Small Business Services in 2023 and made an appointment with Business Librarian Austin Langley. After meeting with Austin, he was amazed at the number of free resources available to small business owners through the Library, some which would have cost him thousand of dollars to access personally. "At first, I didn't even know what to ask," admitted Charles, "but Austin met me where I was. He was instrumental in gathering market research data, providing business demographics, producing a financial analysis, and helping me to build a solid business plan."

What does the future look like for Geaux Ride? Charles hopes to open two more locations in the near future, adding retail bikes and apparel. He also plans to ramp up community outreach efforts, including bike-riding lessons and bicycle giveaways

at Christmas. "I want to continue to encourage a renewed interest in biking around Baton Rouge. I know the Library's resources will help me do just that."

To learn more about the many exciting services at Geaux Ride such as Glow-in-the-Dark Bicycle Tours, Free Social Bike Rides, and Geaux Paint Parties, visit geauxridebikes.com.

May is National Small Business Month, so if you are a small business owner who is ready to take your business to the next level, make an appointment with EBRPL's Small Business Services at the Main Library at Goodwood by calling **231-3750** or stop by during Business Librarian Office Hours any Thursday, 4-6 p.m.

"Although there are ups and downs to any business, including mine," expressed Charles, "it's always been worth it to look over my shoulder during a bike tour and see people smiling and having the time of their lives."





Garden Discoveries

The Baton Rouge Botanic Garden Foundation will host a FREE Garden Discoveries event, “Using Native Plants in Your Home Landscape” led by Master Gardener and Master Naturalist Bob Dillemath, at the Main Library at Goodwood on Saturday, May 10 at 10 a.m. Learn how to grow native plants in your home garden and see how they add color, diversity, and habitat for birds and other wildlife. Explore some common misconceptions about native plants and the many benefits of using them. Weather permitting, a tour will follow of the Baton Rouge Botanic Gardens adjacent to the Library. Registration is available at ebrpl.co/events or call 231-3750 for registration assistance. Learn more at ebrpl.co/garden.



EBR Master Gardeners

The East Baton Rouge Master Gardeners invites you to its Library Series on Thursday, May 8 at 6:30 p.m. at the Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch for a talk on “Propagation” led by Master Gardener Cheri Fasy. Have you ever wanted to grab a cutting from your mom’s yard, or your neighbor’s, or even from the side of the road in hopes of growing your own plant at home? Cheri will describe the many ways plants are propagated while fellow Master Gardeners will demonstrate the process.

Join them again at the Bluebonnet Regional Branch on Thursday, May 22 at 6:30 p.m. for a presentation on, “Bees and the Plants They Love.” The bee population has gone down drastically in the last few years. Learn from Master Gardener Debi O’Neill about these important pollinators and how to start a hive of your own. Perhaps you can get things buzzing around Baton Rouge.

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.

Seed and Plant Swap

Bring your seeds, plants, cuttings, and bulbs to swap with other gardeners at the new South Branch Library on Saturday, May 31 at 10 a.m. Happy planting!

Our Seed Library is Growing!

Seed libraries are sprouting up all over! Since February, we’ve added six new branches! If you aren’t familiar with seed libraries, their purpose is to freely share seeds, education, and resources with the community. The seed library has a variety of seeds available, including edible plants like vegetables and herbs, pollinator-friendly flowers, and native plants. It is self-serve and provides envelopes and labels for packing your seeds.

Seeds have been generously donated by local organizations such as Wild Ones and Baton Roots, as well as regional and nationwide seed companies. Patrons can even contribute seeds by placing donations into a box on the bottom shelf.

Visit a Seed Library today at one of the following Library locations:

- Main Library at Goodwood
- Carver Branch
- Central Branch
- Fairwood Branch
- Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch
- Jones Creek Regional Branch
- Pride-Chaneyville Branch
- South Branch
- Zachary Branch





It's called drive-thru not drive over

Roadside litter is more than an eyesore – it's a safety hazard, environmental issue, and possible health threat. It can be avoided.

By intentionally throwing garbage out of their moving cars, drivers are putting themselves and others at risk. Litter in our roads can interrupt traffic flow, cause delays and even become collision-causing obstacles.

Roadside trash often ends up clogging storm drains and sewer systems, increasing the risk of flooding. This debris creates a breeding ground for disease-carrying mosquitoes, and an estimated one million animals die each year after ingesting or being entrapped in litter.

It is important to recognize that roadside litter is an avoidable problem:

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

98% of roadway litter is due to motorists

Join the Movement to Brighten Up Baton Rouge



Join a clean-up crew.
Commit to a litter-free future!

Visit BrightenUpBatonRouge.com
for more information.



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.



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 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 keeplouisianabeautiful.org or 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 to indicate this approved status. No new plastic card is required. A form is also available on the website at 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.



Blood Pressure Monitoring Kits Now at Carver and Eden Park

Patrons can now check out blood pressure monitors at the Carver and Eden Park Branches through the “Libraries with Heart” program, launched in partnership with the American Heart Association and sponsored by CareSouth Medical and Dental. Each kit includes a monitor, instructions for proper use, health literature, and a list of local health resources.

The two new locations join the Delmont Gardens Branch in also providing tabletop blood pressure machines for use while in the Library as well as the circulating monitors. While the kits are currently housed at these three locations, you can reserve and pick them up at any Library location of your choice.



SAVE THE DATE



Movies on the Plaza

Movies on the Plaza are back! Join us at the Main Library at Goodwood at 7 p.m. each Friday in June for a family-friendly movie on the big screen in the outdoor plaza. Admission is free! Bring your lawn chair or blanket to sit comfortably while you watch. Refreshments will be sold, and, as always, there will be an after-movie dance party!

- June 6: *The Wild Robot* (2024, PG)
- June 13: *Inside Out 2* (2024, PG)
- June 20: *Wish* (2023, PG)
- June 27: *The Marvels* (2023, PG-13)

Cool Careers Summer Series

Teens and young adults are invited to Cool Careers, a fun and engaging series about various in-demand careers from experts in their respective fields, brought to you by EBRPL’s Career Center. Join us at 10 a.m. each Friday in June at the Main Library at Goodwood to hear presenters share their knowledge and experiences and give an overview of their career fields, followed by a hands-on activity. To register, visit ebrpl.com/career-center/events. For more information, call 231-3733.

- June 6: NASA – Space
- June 13: King Crow Studios – Technology
- June 20: FACES Lab – Forensics
- June 27: Drones & Robotics

Garden Discoveries

The Baton Rouge Botanic Garden Foundation will host a FREE Garden Discoveries series event, “Hurricane Preparedness for Trees,” at the Main Library at Goodwood on Saturday, June 14 at 10 a.m. Registration is available at ebrpl.co/events or call 231-3750 for registration assistance. Learn more at ebrpl.co/garden.

EBR Master Gardeners

East Baton Rouge Master Gardeners will give talks on “Summer Survival in the Garden” and “Gardening with the Handicapped, Children, and the Elderly” at the Central Branch on Thursday, June 12 at 5:30 p.m., as well as presentations on “Hydroponics” and “House Plants” at the Fairwood Branch on Thursday, June 26 at 5:30 p.m. For more information, visit ebrmg.wildapricot.org.



Edible Book Festival



The puns kept coming at our 4th annual Edible Book Festival! Held on April 6, this fun, family-friendly, food-focused fest was a real crowd-pleaser! Participants created an edible representation of the title of a book or wordplay on its title, and patrons voted for their favorites in a variety of categories. Check out the 1st place winners for this year and start planning *your* entry for next year!



Best in Show: Animal “Free” Farm



Most Appetizing: Holes



Least Appetizing: “Diarrhea” of a Wimpy Kid – Diaper Overload



Wittiest Wordplay: The Diary of “Pan” Frank



Director’s Choice: The Lord of the “Onion” Rings



Director’s Choice: Of “Spice” and Men



Humana Presents: Living Well with Diabetes and Biometric Screenings

Managing diabetes often means making a lot of daily decisions around food, exercise, and medications. It may feel overwhelming and lonely. Join Humana at the Main Library at Goodwood on Fridays, May 9, 16, 23 & 30, 2-4 p.m., for this 4-week series to learn simple strategies to help better manage your blood sugar. The events are free and open to the public; you do not have to be a Humana member to attend.

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.

- June 14 – 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, complete the application, and a dedicated attorney will contact you shortly afterwards. For more information about this program, email lynn@brba.org or call 225-214-5564.



All of a Sudden: From Chaos to Clarity

Join Chriss Chenell, a passionate author, advocate, and public speaker, at the Main Library at Goodwood on Sunday, May 25 at 4:30 p.m. Her journey of resilience and transformation has inspired audiences nationwide. As a quadruple amputee, she empowers others through storytelling, education, and peer support. Chriss is the author of *All of a Sudden: From Chaos to CLARITY – Embracing Change and Trusting God's Plan*, a powerful memoir about faith, survival, and purpose. She is dedicated to creating inclusive spaces and uplifting voices often left unheard.



Chriss Chenell



Red Stick Farmers Market

The Red Stick Farmers Market will host a group of farmers and food artisans every Tuesday, 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 or follow BREADA at facebook.com/breada.



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your Library Card!*



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ADULT PROGRAMS

Sew Easy

Don't let a clothing malfunction ruin your day! Learn how to sew on a button, repair a zipper, and put in a hem! The Pride-Chaneyville Branch will offer a sewing class for beginners on Saturdays, May 3 & 31 at 2 p.m., led by community member Donna Long. She is an experienced seamstress and a former teacher and 4-H leader. The class will start with simple projects like sewing on different kinds of buttons, hemming garments, and learning about various types of fabrics. As the group masters simple skills, it will continue with more advanced projects using a sewing machine. Come and join our fun, friendly group!

Zen Coloring



Touted as a therapeutic source of creativity and relaxation, people everywhere are rediscovering coloring! Come to the River Center Branch on Wednesday, May 7, 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 (excluding Memorial Day), 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 18th and 19th century dances on Thursday evenings in May, 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.

What Works in Photography

Join professional photographer Bernard Gillette at the Jones Creek Regional Branch on Saturday, May 10 at 10 a.m. for What Works in Photography. This month's class will focus on posing your subjects to ensure the best shot. The goal of this program is to improve your camera skills and your photo vision. Go home inspired, better prepared, and a bit thirsty to learn more about the amazing world of photography.



Color Jam

Welcome to Color Jam, the newest club at the Jones Creek Regional Branch! Join us on Tuesday, May 13 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, May 14 or 28. Appointments are available at 10 a.m. or 11 a.m. To reserve your spot, please call 763-2250.



Sunrise on the Reaping Book Discussion

Have you read the latest Hunger Games prequel? Join us at the Eden Park Branch on Saturday, May 17 at 3 p.m. for a book discussion/group therapy session on *Sunrise on the Reaping* by Suzanne Collins. Tissues will be provided!

Lethal Luau

Aloha and welcome to Hawaii! It is sunset on the beach, and friends of private eye Chase Diamond have gathered at a luau to celebrate his birthday. The impromptu party quickly turns into a woeful wake when Chase is poisoned by one of his guests. Was it friend or foe who fatally freshened his favorite cocktail? It's up to you to find out! Solve the mystery at the Pride-Chaneyville Branch on Saturday, May 17 at 3 p.m.



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, May 21 at 6:30 p.m., and we'll be reading *Así es Como la Pierdes* de Junot Diaz. 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 21 de Mayo a las 6:30 p.m., y leeremos *Así es Como la Pierdes* de Junot Diaz.

ADULT PROGRAMS

Creative Journaling

Seize the May; it's time to play! May all your troubles melt away. Join us at the Main Library at Goodwood on Thursday, May 22 at 6 p.m. to learn basic bullet and visual journaling techniques using humor in your journal to help boost your mood, release stress, and make better decisions. There's no "right" way to journal, so give it a go!

Puzzle Exchange

Do you have completed puzzles at home? Want to exchange them for a new-to-you puzzle? Join us at the Main Library at Goodwood on Saturday, May 31 at 2 p.m. for a puzzle exchange. Bring your complete, gently used puzzles to exchange for another or browse our collection!

225 Army Club

Do you purple BTS? Want to meet fellow armies in the Baton Rouge area? Join us at the Eden Park Branch on Saturday, May 31 at 2:30 p.m. as we celebrate the 5-year anniversary of D-2, Agust D's second mixtape.

Recording Studio VR Simulation

The River Center Branch hosts a professional recording studio that is free for patrons to use, but first, you must be badged to use the equipment. If you can't make it downtown to take a badging class in person, you're still in luck! Join us at the Main Library at Goodwood on Saturday, May 17 at 2 p.m. for a Virtual Reality simulation of the studio that will transport you into the space and get you started on the badging process! *You will still need to take the practical exam at the River Center Branch to be fully badged.* **Registration is required.** Register online at ebrpl.co/events.

Button Bonanza

Have fun with our button makers! Stop by one of the locations below to make your very own!

- Thursday, May 1 – Saturday, May 31: Scotlandville Branch
- Saturday, May 10 at 10:30 a.m.: Fairwood Branch
- Wednesday, May 28 at 4 p.m.: Carver Branch



CALLING ALL WRITERS

Writers Rendezvous

Writers are invited to join Writers Rendezvous at the Fairwood Branch for their monthly writers' group on Tuesday, May 13 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 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, May 19 at 6:30 p.m. to meet other local authors and discuss the stories.



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, May 28 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.

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. See opportunities below:



Bluebonnet Regional Branch

Monday, May 5 at 6 p.m. – Beginner Audio Badging Class
Wednesday, May 7 at 10 a.m. – Sublimation Badging Class

Jones Creek Regional Branch

Thursday, May 8 at 2:30 p.m. – Cricut and Heat Press Badging Class

Main Library at Goodwood

Wednesday, May 7 at 6:30 p.m. – Sublimation Printer Badging Class
Wednesday, May 28 at 6:30 p.m. – 3D Printer Badging Class

River Center Branch

Tuesday, May 13 at 4 p.m. – Beginner Sublimation Badging Class
Tuesday, May 20 at 4 p.m. – Beginner Button Maker Badging Class
Wednesday, May 28 at 3:30 p.m. – Beginner Laser Cutter Badging Class

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, May 4 & 18 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 May (excluding Memorial Day), 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 May (excluding Memorial Day), 10-11 a.m., patrons can get fit by exercising with a beginner aerobics video. All fitness levels are welcome!

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 8:15 a.m. on Tuesdays & Thursdays. 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.



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Eden Park Knitters Club

Interested in knitting? Join us at the Eden Park Branch on Thursday, May 1 at 5:30 p.m. We meet every first Thursday! From basic to advanced, all skill levels are welcome!

Coloring with Prismacolors

Adults are invited to the Zachary Branch on Monday, May 5 at 5 p.m. for drawing and coloring with prismacolor pencils. Prismacolors tend to have more oil than regular-colored pencils and are great for mixing different colors! The program will involve coloring an image on black matboard. You can reserve a spot online at ebrpl.co/events or call 658-1840.



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 Fairwood Branch on Tuesdays, May 6 & 27 at 4 p.m. You are encouraged 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 May 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 May at 1 p.m. to create something beautiful and enjoy the company of fellow crafters. All skill levels are invited. Donations of yarn, supplies, or finished items are welcome.

Threadheads Crochet Club

Come be a Threadhead! Join us at the Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch on Mondays, May 5, 12 & 19 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.

'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 May 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.



Glass Bottle Fairy Houses

Use various mediums to turn upcycled glass bottles into whimsical fairy houses for your home or garden at the Jones Creek Regional Branch on Wednesday, May 7 at 2 p.m. **Registration is required.** To register, visit ebrpl.co/events.

Personalized Mugs on the Cricut

Join us in the Makerspace at the River Center Branch on Wednesday, May 7 at 3:30 p.m. and personalize your own mug using the Cricut! **Registration is required.** To register, visit 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, May 8 & 22, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., to learn and share.

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, May 10 & 24 at 2:15 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, May 10 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.

CRAFTS AND HOBBIES

Magazine Bowls

Join us at the Central Branch on Wednesday, May 14 at 3 p.m. to create a bowl out of recycled magazine papers.

Tile Art Pours

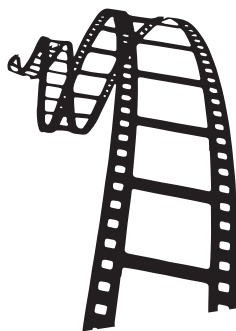
Want unique and colorful decor? Come to the River Center Branch on Saturday, May 24 at 3 p.m. and use the acrylic paint pour technique to create a unique piece of tile art!

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, May 28 at 12:30 p.m. **Registration is required.** To register, please visit ebrpl.com/calendar or call 756-1140.



MOVIES



James Bond Film Series

Come to the Carver Branch on Monday, May 5 at 3 p.m. for the next installment in our James Bond Film Series featuring *Casino Royale* (2006, PG-13).

Movie Matinee

Join us at the Baker Branch on Wednesday, May 7 at 10:30 a.m. for a showing of the movie *King Richard* (2021, PG-13). Take a look at how tennis superstars Venus and Serena Williams became who they are after being coached by their father Richard Williams.

ADULT GRAB AND GEAUX

Thursday, May 1 – Eden Park Branch
Flower Garden Starter Kit

Thursday, May 1 – Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch
Paper Crafts

Tuesday, May 6 – Jones Creek Regional Branch
3D Animal Head Mask

Thursday, May 15 – Eden Park Branch
Herb Garden Starter Kit

Wednesday, May 21 – Jones Creek Regional Branch
Faux Bamboo Flower Vase



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

GENEALOGY

Women and Family History

Genealogical records of female ancestors are often difficult to find, due to name changes at marriage or lack of engagement in public life. Join us at the Main Library at Goodwood on Saturday, May 10 at 11 a.m. to explore some common problems that arise when researching the women in your family tree. We will discuss research techniques, explore records created by women, and highlight resources to guide you in your research. **Registration is required.** To register, call 231-3751 or visit ebrpl.co/events.

One-on-One Genealogy Help

Are you interested in learning how to conduct your own personal research of your family? Join us at the Zachary Branch on Tuesday, May 6 – Thursday, May 8 or Monday, May 12 at 5 p.m. **Registration is required.** Please reserve your spot online at ebrpl.co/events or call 658-1840.

Exploring Your Italian Ancestry

Many Louisianans today are descendants of immigrants who arrived in the United States from Italy. What occurred to make these families want to leave their homeland for a new start in a brand new country? Join us at the Main Library at Goodwood on Wednesday, May 14 to discuss events occurring in Italy at that time, plus how to locate birth, marriage, and death records of your Italian ancestors. **Registration is required.** To register, call 231-3751 or visit ebrpl.co/events.



Puzzle Power

During the month of May, come to the Pride-Chaneyville Branch to puzzle your way through ice cream season with an old-fashioned jigsaw.

Floral Scavenger Hunt

You know what they say about April showers! During the month of May, stop by the Eden Park Branch to see if you can find all of the flowers hidden at the Library. Find them all; win a prize!

Speed Puzzles

Team up with others and compete to be the fastest to finish your 500-piece puzzle! To keep things fair, each team will receive the same puzzle. See opportunities below:

- Saturday, May 17 at 2:30 p.m.
Jones Creek Regional Branch
- Saturday, May 24 at 10 a.m.
Fairwood Branch



Scrabble for Adults

Bring a friend and join us at the Baker Branch on Thursday, May 8 at 10 a.m. for a round of good, old-fashioned Scrabble Crossword – the fun, classic word game that never goes out of style.

Weekend Card and Board Games

Join us at the Zachary Branch on Saturday, May 17 at 4:30 p.m. to play a variety of card and board games, including Risk, Chess, Mind the Gap, and Scrabble. Refreshments will be available. **Registration is required.** To register, visit ebrpl.co/events or call 658-1840.

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 – Thursday, May 15 at 6 p.m.
- Bingo for Adults: Baker Branch – Monday, May 19 at 10 a.m.
- Bingo in the Gardens: Delmont Gardens Branch
Tuesday, May 27 at 4 p.m.

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:

- *Saturday, May 3 at Noon: Tabletop RPG Saturdays - Pathfinder, Dungeons & Dragons, Broken Compass, and Mothership
- Wednesday, May 7 at 6 p.m.: Online Game Night in Discord (see QR code)
- Wednesday, May 14 at 6 p.m.: Board Game Night - New style board, dice, and card games (Beginners-Intermediate)
- *Saturday, May 17 at Noon: Tabletop RPG Saturdays - Pathfinder, Dungeons & Dragons, Compass, and Mothership
- Wednesday, May 21 at 6 p.m.: Board Game Night - New style board, dice, and card games (Beginners-Intermediate)
- Wednesday, May 28 at 6 p.m.: BIG Board Game Night: Choose from the group's 250+ games or bring your own to share.
- *Saturday, May 31 at Noon: Tabletop RPG Saturdays - Pathfinder, Dungeons & Dragons, Compass, and Mothership

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



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 May (excluding Memorial Day) 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.

Resume Writing Seminar

Join Lynnette Lee of the EBRPL Career Center for a workshop on writing a great resume at the Main Library at Goodwood on Saturday, May 10 at 2 p.m. Learn to structure your resume so that it showcases your most valuable skills; learn formatting techniques that will make your resume look clean and professional; and learn the biggest red flags employers look for on resumes and how to avoid them. **Registration is required.** Call 231-3733 or register online at www.ebrpl.com/career-center/events.

Advance your Career & Skills with MOOCs

Are you looking to learn more about a subject in your field in order to advance your career? Or do you simply want to learn more about a subject that catches your interest? MOOCs (Massive Open Online Courses) have become a popular approach to learn new subjects and skills. This seminar will introduce you to:

- What MOOCs are
- How much they cost (many are free or inexpensive)
- What degrees or certificates you can earn
- How they can help you advance your career

Registration is required. Call 231-3733 or register online at www.ebrpl.com/career-center/events.

Retool Your Career

Are you bored in your job or career? Are you itching to try something new but don't know how or what? Attend this session at the South Branch on Saturday, May 17 at 2 p.m. to learn tools for a successful career pivot. **Registration is required.** Call 231-3733 or register online at www.ebrpl.com/career-center/events.

Time Management and Executive Function Skills

Dr. Brandy Tyson-Polk from BRCC and Prep Academy Tutors will present this informative session at the Main Library at Goodwood on Saturday, May 24 at 10 a.m. Learn tips, tricks, and tools to improve your time management and executive function skills. **Registration is required.** Call 231-3733 or register online at www.ebrpl.com/career-center/events.

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. 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:



Resume Quick Tips: How to Add Unfinished Education

How should you structure the Education section of your resume if you attended multiple schools? What should you do if you never finished your degree? We can help! This video is part of our Resumes Before and After series, which showcases common resume mistakes and our recommended solutions.

How to Apply for a Job at Academy Sports

In this video, we demonstrate the process of completing an online job application for the athletic equipment chain, Academy Sports.

From the Vaults: This month's Golden Oldie Spotlight

Introduction to Small Business Services at EBRPL

Are you an entrepreneur, or do you want to start your own business? East Baton Rouge Parish Library has a ton of resources for you! This video, narrated by our Small Business Services library technician, gives an overview of all the resources we have to offer.

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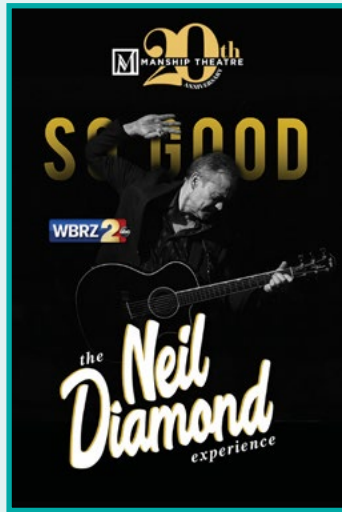
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So Good! The Neil Diamond Experience

Broadway, television, and film star Robert Neary creates an unforgettable tribute to one of the greatest recording artists in history at the Manship Theatre on Thursday, May 8 at 7:30 p.m. Two hours packed with 24 classic hit songs, nostalgia, multimedia, stories and trivia, and a finale that is pure Broadway caliber. Critical praise all across the internet and social media has called this show "The most authentic and professional tribute to Neil Diamond and delivers nothing short of a true Neil Diamond concert experience."

Neary created this incredible show in 2019 and perfected it during the pandemic along with NY's premier band, The Mystic. Now in its 4th year, "So Good! The Neil Diamond Experience" is selling out venues all over the US with no end in sight. To purchase tickets, please visit manshiptheatre.org.



Pagliacci

Presented by Opéra Louisiane

Leoncavallo's *Pagliacci* follows a troupe of traveling actors performing traditional Italian commedia dell'arte. Canio, the troupe's leader, suspects his wife, Nedda, of infidelity. As jealous tensions rise and the offstage drama mirrors the onstage performance, real-life passions boil over into a deadly conclusion. Inspired by a true crime, this gripping opera blurs the line between theater and reality. Experience *Pagliacci* at the Manship Theatre on Friday, May 16 at 7:30 p.m. or Sunday, May 18 at 3 p.m. To purchase tickets, visit manshiptheatre.org.



LSU Museum of Art

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In Focus Exhibition

The exhibition *In Focus* features art by LSU tenure and tenure-track professors from the School of Art, showcasing the vast range of talent in areas such as digital technology, painting, sculpture, photography, ceramics, and printmaking. Their work sets the standard for students and demonstrates the university's commitment to training the next generation of artists, providing them with the skills, vision, and understanding needed to succeed in a world of accelerating cultural and social change, innovation, and rapid globalization.

The School of Art continues to thrive as a center for innovation, artistic expression, and creative exploration. One of the largest and most comprehensive art schools in the region, the program employs dozens of accomplished professional artists, designers, and researchers, working in a wide range of media.

Thank you to Donald J. Boutté and Michael D. Robinson for supporting this exhibition. Additional support is provided by the LSU School of Art, Alfred C. Glassell Exhibition Endowment. *In Focus* will be on view until Sunday, August 3.



On Our Way by LSU Professor Ed Smith

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Studio Saturday: Egyptian Pottery Demo and Craft Making with Bill Moore

LOUISIANA
ART & SCIENCE
MUSEUM

The Louisiana Art & Science Museum (LASM) invites visitors to a special hands-on experience on Saturday, May 17, 10 a.m.-noon. As part of the museum's Studio Saturday series, local ceramicist Bill Moore will lead an open-format pottery demonstration focused on Egyptian-style pottery, sharing his expertise and passion for the craft with participants.

Dr. Bill Moore, a retired physician turned accomplished ceramic artist, specializes in functional pottery designed for everyday use. During the demonstration, Moore will showcase the process of throwing pottery on the wheel, as well as discuss glazing and firing techniques. His interactive teaching style encourages questions and engagement throughout the session.

This Studio Saturday is open to all ages and provides an exciting opportunity to learn about the rich history and techniques behind Egyptian pottery. Attendees will also have the chance to create their own pieces under the guidance of LASM staff at a separate hand-building table. In addition to the demonstration, Bill Moore will have his pottery available for purchase, with all proceeds benefiting LASM's mission and programs.

This event is free with general admission and free for LASM members. *Dr. Bill Moore*
If you're interested in attending future Studio Saturday programs, please visit lasm.org for more information.



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GREATER BATON ROUGE

Alvin Batiste Jazz Society Concert featuring George Bell

Join the Arts Council of Greater Baton Rouge for an unforgettable night of jazz! The Alvin Batiste Jazz Society proudly presents George Bell live at the Cary Saurage Community Arts Center on Wednesday, May 21 at 6:30 p.m. Immerse yourself in an evening of soulful melodies and dynamic performances celebrating the rich tradition of jazz.

George Bell is a renowned jazz vocalist and bandleader known for his smooth vocals and charismatic stage presence. Blending classic jazz with his unique style, he has captivated audiences across the region, bringing timeless standards to life with passion and energy. Don't miss this incredible performance! To purchase tickets, visit artsbr.org.

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For History Lovers:

Louisiana State Capitol – The tallest capitol building in the U.S., offering stunning views from its observation deck and a deep dive into the state's political history.

Old State Capitol – A Gothic-style castle overlooking the river, now a museum that explores Louisiana's political past with interactive exhibits.



USS Kidd Veterans Museum – A WWII-era Fletcher-class destroyer turned museum. Named after Rear Admiral Isaac C. Kidd, the first US flag officer to die during World War II and the first American admiral ever to be killed in action. The USS Kidd is one of the four remaining Fletcher-class destroyers in the world, and the only one in its original configuration.

For Art Enthusiasts:

Baton Rouge Gallery – Founded in 1966, the Baton Rouge Gallery is one of the nation's oldest artist-run cooperatives and a cornerstone of Louisiana's contemporary art scene. The gallery occupies a historic 1927 pool house that once served as a segregated swimming facility in BREC's City Park and features a diverse range of media including painting, sculpture, digital art, and film done by over 50 artist members.

For Outdoor Adventurers:

BREC's Bluebonnet Swamp Nature Center – A 103-acre conservation area featuring over a mile of trails and boardwalks that wind through diverse habitats, including cypress-tupelo swamps and hardwood forests, it offers visitors a chance to observe native wildlife such as birds, turtles, snakes, and occasionally otters and deer. The center's 9,500-square-foot building houses live animal displays, educational exhibits on local flora and fauna, and a notable collection of vintage waterfowl decoys. Guided tours and special events are offered for those looking for structure, or one can simply walk through the native wildlife at their own pace.

LSU Rural Life Museum – An outdoor museum within the Burden Museum and Gardens that features homes and buildings built in the 18th and 19th Century, the Rural Life Museum gives visitors a glimpse into the lives of various classes and cultures that have existed in Louisiana throughout the centuries.



Check out these Library resources to help you plan your staycation!

- ✓ These are your go-to **websites** for local tourism:
 - Visit Baton Rouge – <https://www.visitbatonrouge.com/>
 - Explore Louisiana – <https://www.explorelouisiana.com/>
- ✓ These **magazines** available at the Library give you the best of Baton Rouge:
 - 225
 - Baton Rouge Parents
 - Country Roads
 - In Register
- ✓ Check out the Baton Rouge-themed Monopoly **board game** from the Library.
- ✓ In the Digital Library, you can listen to the sounds of Baton Rouge musicians on our **Red Stick Rhythms** database and explore the Baton Rouge postcard collection in the **Baton Rouge Digital Archive**.
- ✓ Plan your tour with these **books** in Libby and in print:
 - *Haunted Baton Rouge* by Bud Steed
 - *Historic Neighborhoods of Baton Rouge* by Annabelle Armstrong
 - *Landmarks & Monuments of Baton Rouge* by Hilda Krousel



20-SOMETHINGS

No Sew Fabric Coasters

It's cute; it's functional; and you made it yourself! Using rope, fabric, and a plastic sewing needle, make a cloth coaster or trivet at the Main Library at Goodwood on Tuesday, May 6 at 6 p.m.

Floral Bouquet Paint Class

Ready to dive into a world of color and fun? Our DIY Paint Class at the Pride-Chaneyville Branch on Wednesday, May 7 at 3 p.m. is perfect for beginners and seasoned artists alike. Whether you're looking for a unique Mother's Day gift or just want to unwind with some art therapy, we've got you covered. Brighten your space with this stunning handcrafted floral decor!

Scrabble Tile Pendants

Hey 20-somethings! Join us at the Bluebonnet Regional Branch on Tuesday, May 13 at 6:30 p.m. to make your own necklace with a Scrabble tile pendant.

Tie Dye Handkerchiefs

It's almost summer! Time to practice your tie dye techniques! Join us at the Main Library at Goodwood on Tuesday, May 20 at 6 p.m. to make colorful, patterned handkerchiefs.



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Nostalgia Movie and Craft Night

20-somethings are invited to the Delmont Gardens Branch on Thursday, May 29 at 6 p.m. to watch an old favorite, *Aquamarine* (2006, PG). While enjoying the show, create your very own starfish earrings!

20-SOMETHINGS GRAB AND GEAUX

Wednesday, May 7 – Central Branch
Book Page Roses

Tuesday, May 13 – Main Library at Goodwood
Baby Yoda Keychain

Thursday, May 15 – South Branch
Tiny Watercolor Paintings

Tuesday, May 27 – Main Library at Goodwood
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Teen Summer Kickoff Party!

Summer's finally here! Join us in the teen programming room at the Main Library at Goodwood on Wednesday, May 28 at 2:30 p.m. to celebrate the start of the best time of the year with games, crafts, snacks, & more!



Saturday Science

Teens and their families are invited to Saturday Science at the Main Library at Goodwood on May 3 at 1 p.m. This month, Dr. Lisa Langlois will present "How Would You See the World with X-Ray Vision?" Find out how x-rays are created at LSU-CAMD (Center for Advanced Microstructures and Devices) and how x-ray based methods have been used to answer questions in art, archeology, bio-medicine, chemistry, environmental science and more!

Teen Preppers Series: Apocalypse 101 Documentary

Teen preppers, world leaders, and scientists have been preparing for the end of the world as we know it, for a very long time. Join us at the River Center Branch on Saturday, May 3 at 2 p.m. to watch what they predict and the methods they advise for humanity's survival in *Apocalypse 101 or How to Survive the End of the World*, a National Geographic docuseries.

Teen After-School Lo-Fi Lounge

Join us on Wednesday, May 14 at 3 p.m. as we set the vibe in the Teen Room at the South Branch by dimming the lights and turning up the Lo-Fi beats. Whether you're looking for a place to hang out, get creative, or tackle some homework, the Lo-Fi Lounge is the perfect spot to chill, connect, and collaborate. We've got games, craft supplies, a laid-back atmosphere—and of course, snacks!

NAPA Auto Parts "Drive into STEM" Saltwater Cars Workshop

NAPA Auto Parts invites teens to build and test cars powered by something surprising – saltwater! Rev up for this cool project at the Main Library at Goodwood on Wednesday, May 14 at 5 p.m.

Marshmallow Challenge

Teamwork makes the dream work... or something like that. Find out which team can build the tallest structure using 20 pieces of uncooked spaghetti, one yard of masking tape, and one yard of string, with a marshmallow balanced on top. Join us at the Bluebonnet Regional Branch on Wednesday, May 21 at 3 p.m. to participate in this fun challenge. An award ceremony will follow.

ACT Math Prep

Join us at the Main Library at Goodwood on Saturday, May 24 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. For more information, call 231-3770.



Card Castles

See who can build the tallest playing card castle at the Bluebonnet Regional Branch on Wednesday, May 28 at 3 p.m. The teen with the tallest tower will win an art print by Domestic Artifact.

MOVIE MANIA

Movie Matinee

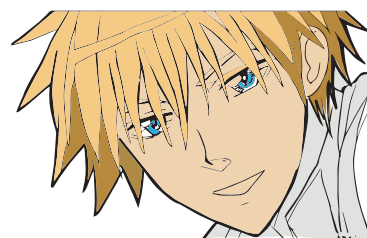
Join us at the Baker Branch on Monday, May 12 at 2:30 p.m. for a showing of the movie *Freedom Writers* (2007, PG-13), a fact-based story about an idealistic teacher at a tough high school in California who tries to inspire her troubled students through journal writing.

Easy A

Teens are invited to the River Center Branch on Wednesday, May 14 at 5 p.m. to watch the movie *Easy A* (2010, PG-13), based on Nathaniel Hawthorne's *The Scarlet Letter*.

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

- **Saturday, May 3 at 2:30 p.m.**
Main Library at Goodwood
- **Monday, May 12 at 4 p.m.**
River Center Branch
- **Tuesday, May 13 at 6 p.m.**
Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch



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.

Pretzel Lightsabers

Saturday, May 3 at 2:30 p.m.
Jones Creek Regional Branch

It's almost May the 4th! Use candy melts to turn giant pretzel rods into the lightsabers of your culinary dreams.

Fantasy Maps

Wednesday, May 7 at 4 p.m.
Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch

Create an original fantasy map by tracing the random fall of rice on paper and filling in the features of your new world.

Mother's Day Cards and Buttons

Thursday, May 8 at 4:30 p.m.
Zachary Branch

Bring a smile to your mom's face with a pinback button and card just for her.

Art in 3D

Saturday, May 10 at 2:30 p.m.
Main Library at Goodwood

Use our amazing 3D printing pens to create art that literally pops off the page.

LED Paper Flower

Wednesday, May 14 at 3 p.m.
Bluebonnet Regional Branch

Make your own light up flower.

Pop-tart Felties

Wednesday, May 14 at 4:30 p.m.
Delmont Gardens Branch

Craft these no-sew Pop-tart felties.

Teen Button-a-thon

Thursday, May 15 at 4 p.m.
Central Branch

Make your own buttons to put on a lanyard or backpack.

Duct Tape Flower Hair Clips

Thursday, May 15 at 4:30 p.m.
Zachary Branch

Dress up your 'do with these flower hair clips made from duct tape.

Daisy Earrings

Thursday, May 22 at 5 p.m.
Delmont Gardens Branch

Create some cute, beaded daisy earrings.

Mini Painted Terracotta Pots

Saturday, May 24 at 1 p.m.
South Branch

Use paint and paint pens to design your own unique planter.

Marble-ous Clay Turtles

Saturday, May 24 at 2:30 p.m.
Main Library at Goodwood

This craft is for anyone whose life isn't complete without their own turtle made from marbles and clay.

Anime Glass Painting

Tuesday, May 27 at 2:30 p.m.
Main Library at Goodwood

Create a dazzling piece of anime art at our glass painting program.

Chain Pull Fluid Art

Wednesday, May 28 at 2:30 p.m.
Jones Creek Regional Branch

Make fantastic floral and animal shapes by pulling a chain through liquid acrylic paint.

Duct Tape Flower Pens

Wednesday, May 28 at 3 p.m.
Central Branch

Choose from a variety of duct tape and make a cute flower pen.

Shoe Charm Chains

Saturday, May 31 at 2:30 p.m.
Jones Creek Regional Branch

Your shoes need jewelry. Make these beaded chains to drape around the back and clip to the eyelets of your sneakers.

Perler Bead Pixel Art

Saturday, May 31 at 2:30 p.m.
Main Library at Goodwood

Create cool pixelated designs with beads, then iron them into a solid piece of art.

GET YOUR GAME ON!

Teen Scavenger Hunt: AAPI Edition

Celebrate Asian American and Pacific Islander month! During May, see if you can find the flags in the teen section at the Eden Park Branch. Find them all; win a prize!

Game Day!

Summer's almost here! Take a break from studying & join us at the Main Library at Goodwood on Saturday, May 17 at 2:30 p.m. for an afternoon of games!

Life-Sized Games

These games are literally larger than life! Teens are invited to the Main Library at Goodwood on Thursday, May 29 at 2:30 p.m. for an afternoon of life-sized board games including Sorry, Connect Four, Uno, and Hungry Hungry Hippos.

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

- Thursday, May 1 at 3 p.m. – Baker Branch
Teen Game Day: PS4 or Xbox
- Thursday, May 15 at 3 p.m. – Eden Park Branch
Video Games at Eden: Mario Kart and Super Smash Bros.

TEENS GRAB AND GEAUXS

Thursday, May 1 – Eden Park Branch
Dandelion Embroidery

Thursday, May 1 – Fairwood Branch
Sushi Candles

Monday, May 5 – Baker Branch
Aromatherapy Pendant

Wednesday, May 7
Bluebonnet Regional Branch
Rolled Paper Frame

Monday, May 12
Delmont Gardens Branch
Airdry Clay Mushroom Jars

Tuesday, May 13
Main Library at Goodwood
& Carver Branch
Mod Squad Origami

Shakespeare in the Library

Children ages 5-11 are invited to Shakespeare in the Library! Join us as the Louisiana Shakespeare Company entertains and teaches about the bard's most beloved plays!



- *A Midsummer Night's Dream*: Saturday, May 17 at 10 a.m. – Delmont Gardens Branch
- *Hamlet*: Saturday, May 31 at 10 a.m. – Bluebonnet Regional Branch

Summer Reading with Carver Cubs

Be a Carver Cub where every tiger is a reader! Kids entering grades 1-6 can participate in FREE guided reading and writing enrichment with an LSU reading buddy! The program will take place at the Carver Branch from July 7 - 25, Monday – Friday, 3-4 p.m. Each Carver Cub will receive a reading certificate upon completion of the program. Space is limited. **Registration is required.** To register, call 389-7460.



Mandarin Storytime

Join us at the Main Library at Goodwood on Mondays, May 5, 12 & 19 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.*

Dragon Boat Festival

Stop by the Children's Room at the Main Library at Goodwood any time between 10:30 and 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, May 31 to celebrate the Dragon Boat Festival with FLAIM's Mandarin Program. Hear stories, make a craft, and sample some special festival treats as you learn about this colorful Chinese holiday.



Choose Your Own Adventure

Test your survival skills on Saturday, May 17 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.

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.



"Splish splash rumba-rumba bim bam BOOM!" What's that moving around in the swamp outside? Come hear how siblings and neighbor kids conquer their fears, climb trees, run in the mud, and ... (you'll see!) We will enjoy Kristyn Crow's rhyming, rhythmic, musical *Bedtime at the Swamp* as children sing, dance, play a name game, and sample percussion instruments. May's sessions will wrap up our 2024-2025 Books & Music program year, which has been dedicated to drums and percussion.

- Saturday, May 3 at 11 a.m. – Zachary Branch
- Saturday, May 3 at 1 p.m. – Central Branch
- Saturday, May 10 at 11 a.m. – Main Library at Goodwood
- Saturday, May 17 at 11 a.m. – Bluebonnet Regional Branch
- Saturday, May 17 at 1 p.m. – Fairwood Branch
- Saturday, May 24 at 11 a.m. – Jones Creek Regional Branch

BOOK CLUB

Young Bookworms Book Club

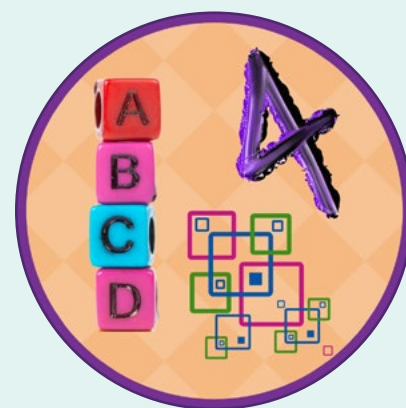
Kids ages 9-11 are invited to join the Young Bookworms Book Club! YBWBC members will discuss *Chen's Last Chance* by Lisa Yee at the Bluebonnet Regional Branch on Monday, May 19 at 4:30 p.m. After the book discussion, members will make paper fortune cookies and grab books from the "Bookworm Buffet" for the upcoming Summer Reading Challenge! **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: *Ohana Means Family* by Ilima Loomis
- Baker Branch: *Fly* by Brittney J. Thurman
- Carver Branch: *Hundred Years of Happiness* by Thanhha Lai



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 letters A, B, C & D; the number 4; and the square!



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.

Toddler

Delmont Gardens Branch	10 a.m.	Saturday, May 10
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Family

Central Branch	10:30 a.m.	Tuesdays, May 6, 13, 20, 27
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Delmont Gardens Branch	6 p.m.	Wednesdays, May 7, 14, 21, 28
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South Branch	10:30 a.m.	Thursdays, May 1, 8, 15, 22
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free activities, games,
and resources for
parents and
caregivers of
children prenatal
to age 5

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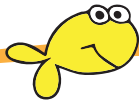


Story & Craft/Activity

Story & Craft/Activity programs provide a literacy-based social setting to get creative! Hear a book read while making or doing something interesting. Check out the schedule below for Story & Craft/Activity opportunities taking place this month. *Indicates registration required. To register, call the Library location directly.



Date, Time, Location	Story Title & Author	Craft Activity Description & Age Group
Thursday, May 1 – Sunday, May 4, all day – Delmont Gardens Branch	<i>Lilly's Purple Plastic Purse</i> by Kevin Henkes	Teacher Appreciation Card, ages 3-11
Thursday, May 1, all day River Center Branch	<i>That Bull Is Seeing Red: Science's Biggest Mistakes About Animals and Plants</i> by Christina Zuchora-Walske	Sunflower Wreath, ages 5-11
Thursday, May 1 at 5 p.m. Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch	<i>Tacos</i> by Joanne Mattern	Taco Craft, ages 4-7
*Saturday, May 3 at 10 a.m. Main Library at Goodwood	<i>The Wild Robot</i> by Peter Brown	Robotics Free Play, 6-11
*Saturday, May 3 at 10:30 a.m. Bluebonnet Regional Branch	<i>T. Rex and the Mother's Day Hug</i> by Lois G. Grambling	Birdhouse Mother's Day Card, ages 3-11
*Saturday, May 3 at 10:30 a.m. Jones Creek Regional Branch	<i>Hooray for Fly Guy!</i> by Tedd Arnold	Football Activity and Craft, ages 5-11
Saturday, May 3 at 4 p.m. Baker Branch	<i>Spectacular Spring</i> by Bruce Goldstone	Flying Kites, ages 8-11
Wednesday, May 7 at 10:30 a.m. Zachary Branch	<i>I Love Mom with the Very Hungry Caterpillar</i> by Eric Carle	Mother's Day Card, ages 2-5
Wednesday, May 7 at 4 p.m. Central Branch	<i>How to Raise a Mom</i> by Jean Reagan	Mother's Day Felt Banner, ages 3-11
Wednesday, May 7 at 4 p.m. Fairwood Branch	<i>I Love Mom with the Very Hungry Caterpillar</i> by Eric Carle	Suncatcher for Mom, ages 6-11
Wednesday, May 7 at 4:30 p.m. Delmont Gardens Branch	<i>Mother's Day</i> by Anne Rockwell	Mother's Day Floral Art Card, ages 5-11
Wednesday, May 7 at 5 p.m. Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch	<i>My Mum Is the Best</i> by Bluey and Bingo	Mother's Day Felt Banner, ages 3-11
Thursday, May 8 at 4:30 p.m. Carver Branch	<i>Supermoms!</i> by Heather Lang and Jamie Harper	Paper Flower Bouquet, ages 6-11
Thursday, May 8 at 4:30 p.m. Delmont Gardens Branch	<i>Pigs Rock</i> by Melanie Davis-Jones	Play Musical Instruments, ages 3-7



Date, Time, Location	Story Title & Author	Craft Activity Description & Age Group
Saturday, May 10, all day River Center Branch	<i>Are You My Mother?</i> by P.D. Eastman	Mother's Day Foam Card, ages 3-11
*Saturday, May 10 at 2:30 p.m. Pride-Chaneyville Branch	<i>MaMa, Do You Love Me?</i> by Barbara Joosse	Mother's Day Plaque, ages 6-11
Wednesday, May 14 at 10:30 a.m. Zachary Branch	<i>Sunflower Lion</i> by Kevin Henkes	Sunflower Craft, ages 2-5
Wednesday, May 14 at 4:30 p.m. Carver Branch	<i>Tangled</i> by Anne Miranda and Eric Cornstock	Spirals and Shapes STEM Activity, ages 6-11
Thursday, May 15, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. River Center Branch	<i>The Duckling Gets a Cookie?!</i> by Mo Willems	Do-a-Dot Chocolate Chip Cookie Craft, ages 2-5
Saturday, May 17 at 11 a.m. Eden Park Branch	<i>Pinkalicious: Cherry Blossom</i> by Victoria Kann	Cherry Blossom Sign, ages 5-11
*Saturday, May 17 at 2:30 p.m. Jones Creek Regional Branch	<i>Five Busy Beavers</i> by Stella Partheniou Grasso	3D Floating Beavers, ages 3-5
Tuesday, May 20 at 3 p.m. South Branch	<i>Rainbow Fish</i> by Marcus Pfister	Glitter Fish Sign, ages 3-11
Tuesday, May 20 at 4:30 p.m. Delmont Gardens Branch	<i>Henri's Scissors</i> by Jeanette Winter	Giant Collage, ages 6-11
Wednesday, May 21 at 10:30 a.m. Zachary Branch	<i>Burger Boy</i> by Alan Durant	Hamburger Craft, ages 2-5
Thursday, May 22 at 4 p.m. Fairwood Branch	<i>The Hidden Rainbow</i> by Christine Matheson	Spring Bookmarks, ages 3-11
Tuesday, May 27 at 11 a.m. & 4:30 p.m. Delmont Gardens Branch	<i>Baby Play!</i> by Skye Silver	Hands-on Baby Playtime, ages 0-3
Wednesday, May 28 at 10:30 a.m. Zachary Branch	<i>Lovabye Dragon</i> by Barbara Joosse	Paper Crown with "Jewels," ages 2-5
Thursday, May 29 at 4:30 p.m. Delmont Gardens Branch	<i>Rainy Days</i> by Deborah Kerbel and Miki Sato	Rain Stick, ages 5-9



Book Clubs @ Your Library

Baker Branch

- Morning Book Club
10:30 a.m. Monday, May 12
The Women
by Kristin Hannah

Bluebonnet Regional Branch

- Reading the Classics Book Club
12:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 6
Lord Jim
by Joseph Conrad
- Spanish Reading Club
6:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 21
This Is How You Lose Her
by Junot Diaz
- Quirky Ladies Book Club
6:30 p.m. Thursday, May 15
When Breath Becomes Air
by Paul Kalanithi

Carver Branch

- Reading Gumbo Book Club
3 p.m. Sunday, May 18
Discuss your current reads!

Central Branch

- Central Book Club
11 a.m. Thursday, May 29
The Little Liar
by Mitch Albom



Fairwood Branch

- Books and Brew Book Club
2 p.m. Monday, May 19
The Chilbury Ladies' Choir
by Jennifer Ryan

Jones Creek Regional

- Next Door Book Club
6 p.m. Thursday, May 8
The Heaven and Earth Grocery Store
by James McBride
- History Book Club
2 p.m. Thursday, May 15
Carnegie's Maid
by Marie Benedict

Main Library at Goodwood

- Mystery Lovers Book Club
Noon, Tuesday, May 13
Author Focus: Anne Perry
- Fantasy Lovers Book Club
6:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 20
God Stalk (Kencyrath #1)
by P. C. Hodgell

Pride-Chaneyville Branch

- There's Treasure Inside Book Club Treasure Hunt
4 p.m. Saturday, May 3
There's Treasure Inside
by Jon Collins-Black
- Crafting for a Cause Book Club
1 p.m. Thursday, May 15
At Home in Mitford
by Jan Karon
- Like it or Not Book Club
10:30 a.m. Saturday, May 17
I'm Starting to Worry About This Black Box of Doom
by Jason Pargin

South Branch

- Southies Book Club (New!)
6 p.m. Monday, May 19
We Should Not Be Friends
by Will Shwalbe

Zachary Branch

- Curious Minds
5 p.m. Friday, May 9
Meditations
by Marcus Aurelius
- Lively Discussion Book Club
10 a.m. Thursday, May 15
Lessons in Chemistry
by Bonnie Garmus



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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, May 5

*Introduction to MS Word

10 a.m. Tuesday, May 6

Carver Branch

Open Lab

10 a.m. Tuesday, May 13

10 a.m. Tuesday, May 20

Delmont Gardens Branch

Introduction to Word

10 a.m. Tuesday, May 6

Introduction to Computers

10 a.m. Tuesday, May 20

Eden Park Branch

Gmail

4 p.m. Monday May 5

Library Databases

10:30 a.m. Saturday, May 10

Ebooks

10:30 a.m. Saturday, May 24

Fairwood Branch

Starting with Google Sheets

2 p.m. Wednesday, May 7

Bring Your Own Devices

5 p.m. Wednesday, May 28



Jones Creek Regional Branch

*Open Technical Support

2 p.m. Thursday, May 1

2 p.m. Thursday, May 15

2 p.m. Thursday, May 29

*Introduction to Google Slides

2 p.m. Thursday, May 8

*Introduction to Canva

2 p.m. Thursday, May 22

Main Library

Canva

11 a.m. Saturday, May 3

Computers without Fear

10 a.m. Wednesday, May 7

Introduction to Microsoft Word 2016

10 a.m. Wednesday, May 14

Introduction to Microsoft Excel 2016

10 a.m. Thursday, May 15

Tables: an Intermediate Microsoft Word 2016 Class

10 a.m. Wednesday, May 21

Making a Newsletter in Microsoft Word 2016

10 a.m. Thursday, May 22

Introduction to Microsoft PowerPoint

10 a.m. Wednesday, May 28

Pride-Chaneyville Branch

Mouse & Keyboard Basics

5 p.m. Wednesday May 14

Excel Basics

5 p.m. Wednesday, May 21

Publisher Basics

5 p.m. Wednesday, May 28

Zachary Branch

*Intermediate Word

3 p.m. Saturday, May 3

*One-on-One Computer Help

12 p.m. Monday, May 12

1 p.m. Monday, May 12

5 p.m. Tuesday, May 13

5 p.m. Wednesday, May 14

5 p.m. Thursday, May 15

5 p.m. Monday, May 19

5 p.m. Tuesday, May 20

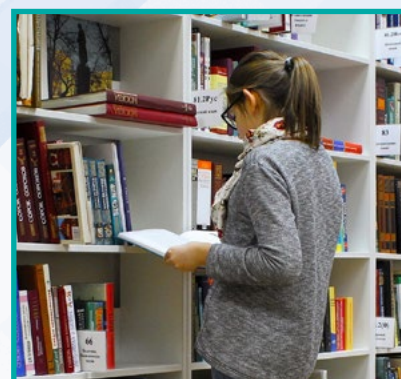
5 p.m. Wednesday, May 21

5 p.m. Thursday, May 22

*Introduction to Excel

3 p.m. Saturday, May 17

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Main Library at Goodwood

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

Baker Branch Library

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

Bluebonnet Regional Branch Library

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

Carver Branch Library

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

Central Branch Library

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

Delmont Gardens Branch Library

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

Eden Park Branch Library

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

Fairwood Branch Library

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

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.

South Branch Library

2210 Glasgow Ave. (225) 964-5414
Temporary hours:
Monday – Thursday 9 a.m. – 8 p.m.
Friday 9 a.m. – 6 p.m.
Saturday 2 – 6 p.m.
Sunday Closed

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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Main Library at Goodwood

Talented Student Art Show

View EBR Schools' Talented Visual Art Exhibit on the 1st and 2nd floors.

Baker Branch

Acrylic Artwork

An exhibit of acrylic paintings by artist Catalina Wilkinson will be on display.

Bluebonnet Regional Branch

Hand Crafted from Stardust

Kepler's Kiln is a mom and pop set up where Dr. Tabettha Boyajian does all of the throwing and Andy McKnight does most of the glazing.

It's in the Details

The Louisiana Photographic Society presents images of those little, everyday things that make up the bigger picture.

It's Never Too Late to Learn to Embroider

This exhibit includes clothing and decorative items worked by members of the French Handsewing Chapter of SAGA.

Sarah Burnette: People, Places and Things 2005-2025

The exhibit features oil paintings from Indianapolis, New Orleans, and Baton Rouge, including portraits, landscapes, and still lifes painted from life and in the studio.

Library Board of Control Meeting

Thursday, May 15 at 4 p.m.

Main Library at Goodwood

All meetings are open to the public.



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