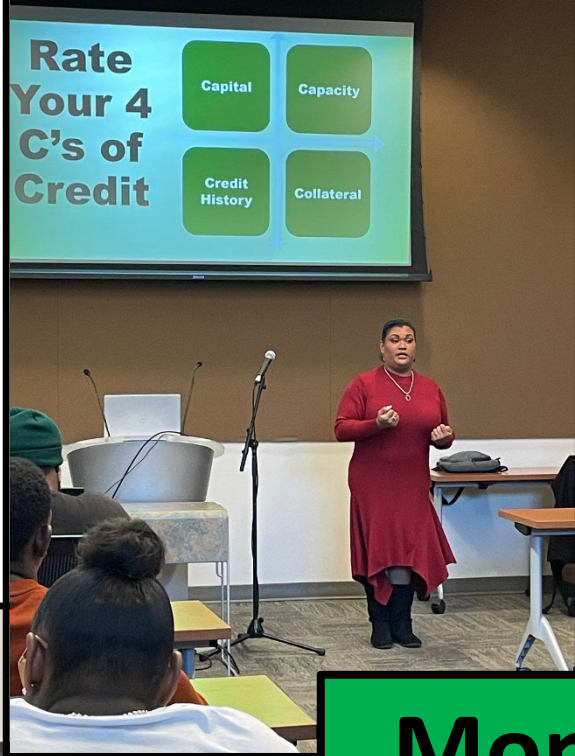


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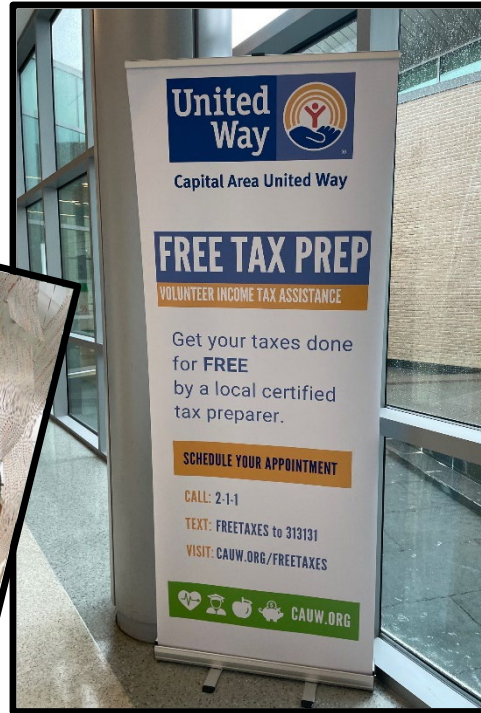
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Money Moves Baton Rouge



Super Tax Day



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SUPER TAX DAY

FREE Income Tax Preparation by Certified Tax Professionals

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8 A.M. - 3 P.M.
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7711 Goodwood Blvd.
Baton Rouge, La. 70806

Resource Fair, Workshops, & Incentives for Participants!

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Community Pantry @ Delmont Gardens



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**FORUM 225 OPENS NEW COMMUNITY PANTRY AND
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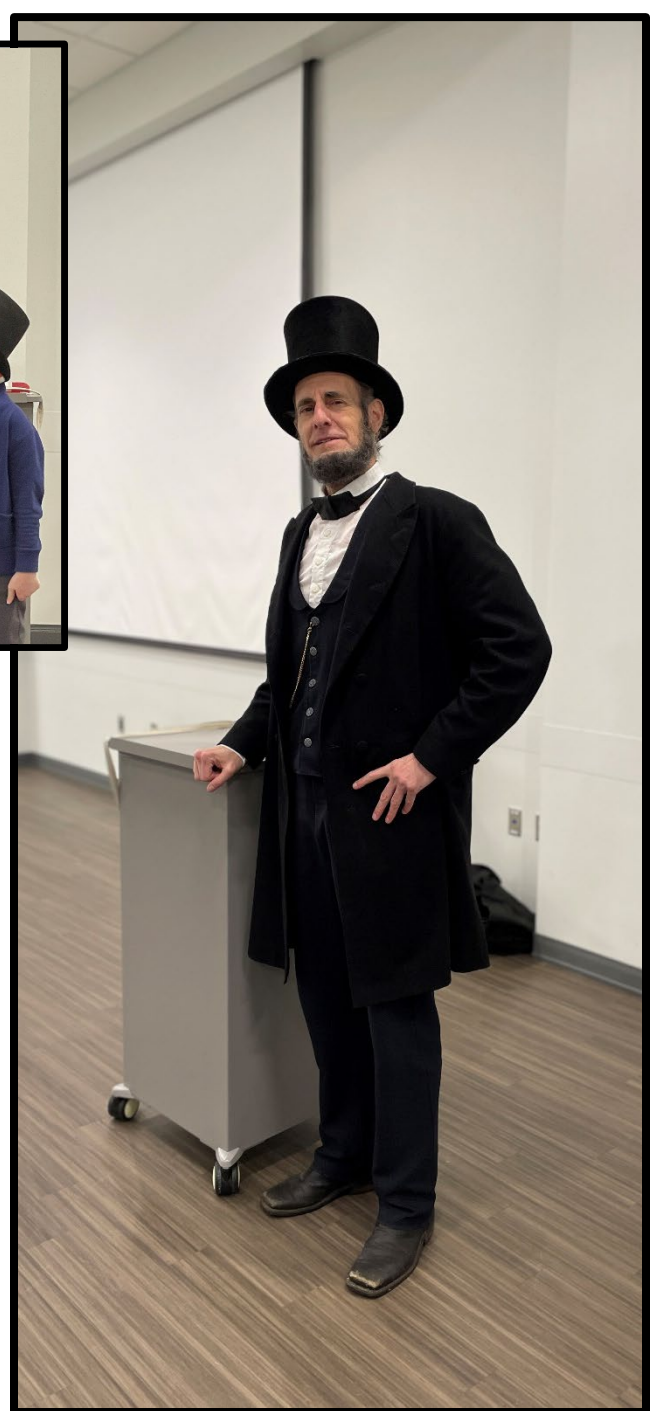
"A VISIT WITH MR. LINCOLN"
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GREENWELL SPRINGS ROAD REGIONAL BRANCH LIBRARY

"ABRAHAM LINCOLN: A NEW BIRTH OF FREEDOM"
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ZACHARY BRANCH LIBRARY

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SCOTLANDVILLE BRANCH LIBRARY



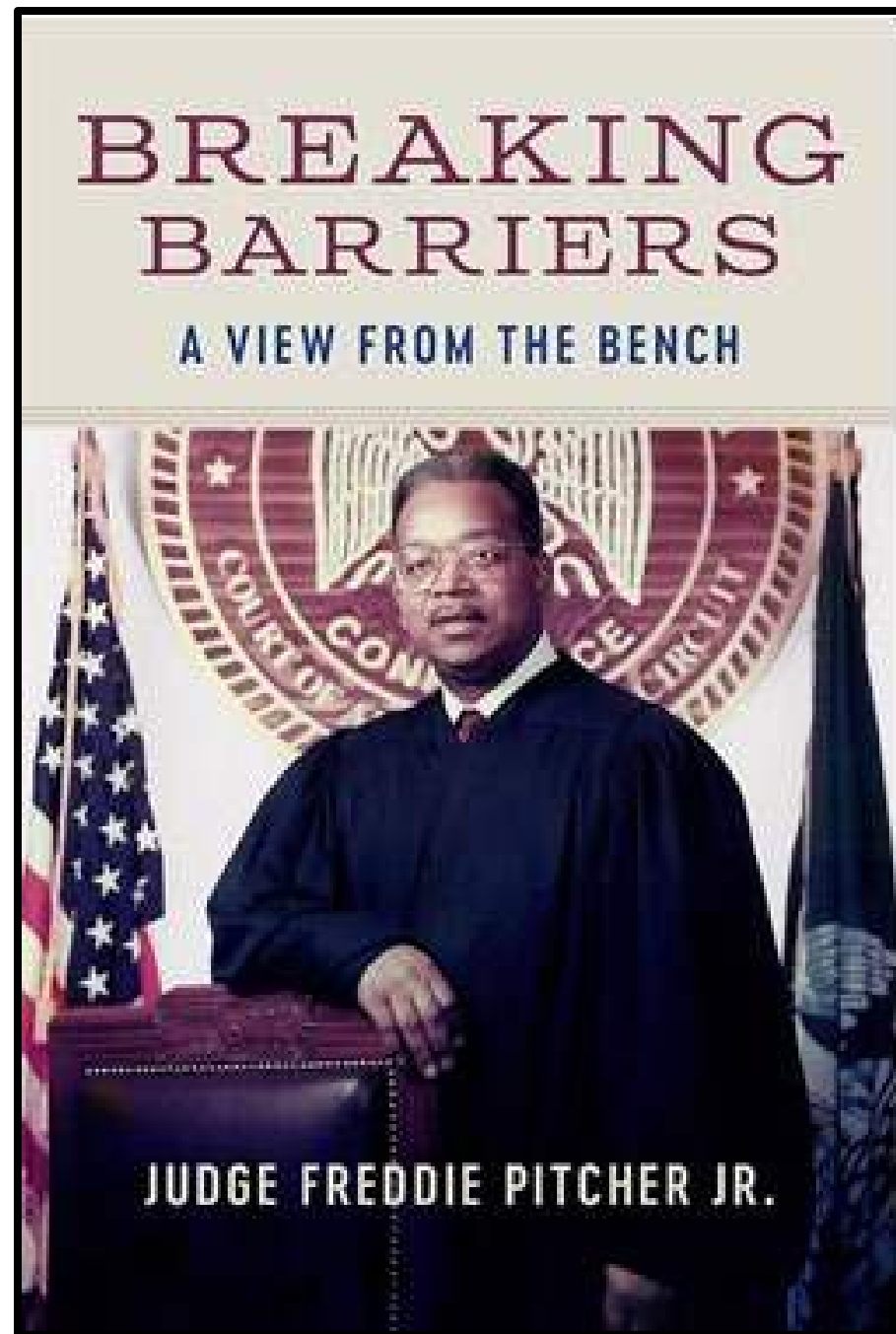
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Judge Pitcher
*Breaking Barriers:
A View from the
Bench*

Wednesday, February 21
6 PM
Main Library @ Goodwood

Special Collections
Lecture Series



Libraries Change Lives February Feature:

Michelle Champagne

La Belle Aire Elementary School Librarian



Libraries *Change Lives*



Libraries Change Lives

Michelle Champagne, Librarian at La Belle Aire Elementary and 2023 Spaht Scholar



Michelle Champagne, La Belle Aire Elementary Librarian

As the most recent winner of the Spaht Scholar Award, La Belle Aire Elementary librarian, Michelle Champagne, was recognized for the impact she has made in her students' lives over her 23 year career. The Spaht Scholar Award honors educators in the community who encourage literacy and a love of learning to their students. According to Michelle, the most rewarding part of her job is when former students remember the stories that she read with them in the library. "They may not remember the tests that they took in the classroom, but they remember the stories that we read together." Students from next-door Belaire High School often take the time to stop and converse with Michelle about the books they remember, which illustrates not only the impact Michelle has had but the power of the stories she read them.

In January of 2022, the East Baton Rouge Parish Library began a partnership with La Belle Aire Elementary, along with five other elementary schools in the Baton Rouge area, of the Home Library Project which enables 3rd graders to build their own personal home library. Once a month, EBRPL librarians visit each school and present a lively, engaging storytime to the students, then allow every student to choose a book from a variety of options in both

English and Spanish. Students may keep these books as their own and are encouraged to share what they liked or disliked about their chosen books at the next Home Library Project program. As the librarian at a participating school, Michelle sees firsthand the positive responses of the students when given the opportunity to build their own home library. "The Home Library Project is giving them ownership of what they want to read. They get to choose it, they get to keep it, and it's theirs forever." The students take this ownership seriously; many of them hold close their books by storing them in their backpacks to keep them safe and looking new.

The program motivates the kids to choose books that they are actively interested in which sparks discussions with Michelle in the school library. One such conversation Michelle shares was with a student from a native Spanish-speaking family who chose a book in Spanish from the Home Library Project. "The child expressed to me with great emotion that her mom had read the book to her at home. That was the first time her mom had been able to read a book to her child."



Michelle Champagne receives the Spaht Scholar Award from EBRPL's Mary Stein and Tara Dearing

Michelle hopes that students continue to read in order to further their education beyond school and into the future. "I always tell my students that people can take things from you in life, but they can never take away your education." Michelle instills in her students that education is important to both them and their families. "The Home Library Project motivates students to read and enjoy books which is instrumental in creating lifelong learners."

Special thanks to Michelle Champagne for sharing her story with us!



Third-graders at La Belle Aire Elementary enjoy a storytime and choose books for their home libraries.



East Baton Rouge Parish Library

Building a Culture of Literacy in the Home

Continuing its focus on literacy, a new cohort of children “graduated” from 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten, which enrolled **646** new participants and logged **49,496** books.

The Reading is Elementary program enrolled **511** children, and the Literacy Calendar has expanded to Spanish.

Beanstack’s virtual Summer Reading Club platform extended activities throughout the year.

Staff presented **2,392** storytimes to almost **53,000** attendees.

The Press Start! Ready, Set, Read! Initiative continued at all branches.

Library staff continued the Home Library Pilot Project working with at-risk 3rd graders at six schools.



Staff Training Day



Strategic Plan → Mission Driven



The Library began implementing tasks included in its Strategic Plan in 2023.

Thousands of patrons participated in the Facilities Master Plan Survey in summer 2023.

Work will continue into 2024.

Library patrons reserved **172,772** items in 2023.

In preparation for the new ACT 436, the Collection Development Policy was revised, **new card categories** were added, and the Library went **Fine Free.**



Virtual Author Talk Series

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

East Baton Rouge Parish Library Presents Virtual Author Talks

Join us for enriching conversations with bestselling authors. We're talking about writing, reading, and all-things books!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Your Retirement: Dream or Disaster? How to Avoid the Hidden Traps in Retirement Planning Advice
 Rajiv Nagath, Esq. in U.S. Elder Law and Host of Two Popular Public Television Shows
 Tuesday, January 31st at 1:00 PM CST

The Lure and the Lie of Processed Food, Nutrition, and Modern Medicine: An Author Talk with Dr. Robert Lustig
 Physician and New York Times Bestselling Author of Fat Chance
 Tuesday, January 31st at 1:00 PM CST

Spice, Spirits, and Swoon-A Guaranteed Happily Ever After with Rom-Com Author Texas Dalley
 NY New York Times bestselling author of It Happened One Summer and Hook, Line, and Sinker
 Thursday, February 8th at 1:00 PM CST

[View all upcoming events](#)

Past Event Recordings

Embrace Love in the New Year: A Heartfelt Conversation with Rebecca Serle
 New York Times Bestselling Author of One Italian Summer, In Five Years, and The Dinner List
 Wednesday, January 10th at 7:00 PM CST

Motherhood, Hunger, and Higher Education: An Author Talk with Stephanie Land
 New York Times bestselling author of Maid: Hard Work, Low Pay, and a Mother's Will to Survive
 Tuesday, December 13th at 1:00 PM CST

Recent Author Talk Archive

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New York Times bestselling author of Maid: Hard Work, Low Pay, and a Mother's Will to Survive
 Tuesday, December 12th 2023 at 1:00 PM CST

Let's Talk World Building with YA Fantasy Fiction Superstar Author Victoria Aveyard
#1 New York Times Bestselling Author of the Red Queen Series and the Realm Breaker Series
 Tuesday, December 5th 2023 at 6:00 PM CST

Power of Women in Science Fiction: Naomi Alderman on Writing Dystopian Worlds
International Bestselling Author of The Power and Creator of Zombies, Run!?
 Thursday, November 30th 2023 at 2:00 PM CST

Why She Writes - An Afternoon Chat with Joy Harjo, Internationally Renowned Performer, Writer and Poet of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation
The 23rd United States Poet Laureate and 2023 Winner of Yale's Bollingen Prize for American Poetry
 Thursday, November 16th 2023 at 3:00 PM CST

How to Get Unstuck When It Matters Most: An Author Talk with Adam Alter
 December 22nd at 1:00 PM
[Register and find out more](#)

Anatomy of a Breakthrough
 Adam Alter

East Baton Rouge Parish Library presents virtual author talks upcoming events

On Writing Three Impassioned Essays: An Author Talk with Amor Towles
 December 27th at 7:00pm
[Register and find out more](#)

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LINCOLN HIGHWAY
 A NOVEL
 "A BEAUTIFUL, ORIGINAL, AND FRESHLY ORIGINAL VOICE OF OUR TIME"
 —Booker Prize

East Baton Rouge Parish Library Presents Virtual Author Talks-Upcoming Events

European Travel Tips and Tricks with Ozarkbook Author Rick Skowce
 October 16th at 3:00 PM
[Register and find out more](#)

EUROPE THROUGH THE BACK DOOR

More with "Strictly Business"

Dr. Curtis Chastain provides best practices for executive health in the February episode of Strictly Business

By Business Report Staff



How important is health and wellness to executive performance? How can busy executives balance their work commitments with self-care routines to improve their overall well-being? Add what are the best practices for managing stress in the workplace and how can executives build resilience?

Those are some of the topics Dr. Curtis Chastain will tackle in the February episode of *Business Report's* Strictly Business series with business leaders across the Capital Region.

The episode, which airs at 11 a.m. Feb. 21, takes a deep dive into the best practices for executive health and how closely it's linked to the success of a company. [Register here.](#)

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

By Business Report Staff



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Turner Industries CEO Stephen Toups shares his insights for leading through change on the next episode of Strictly Business

By Business Report Staff

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Few sectors are experiencing as much change as heavy industry and industrial construction. Digital transformation, AI, of-site modularization, navigating renewable energy, just to name a few.

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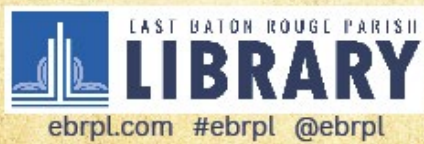
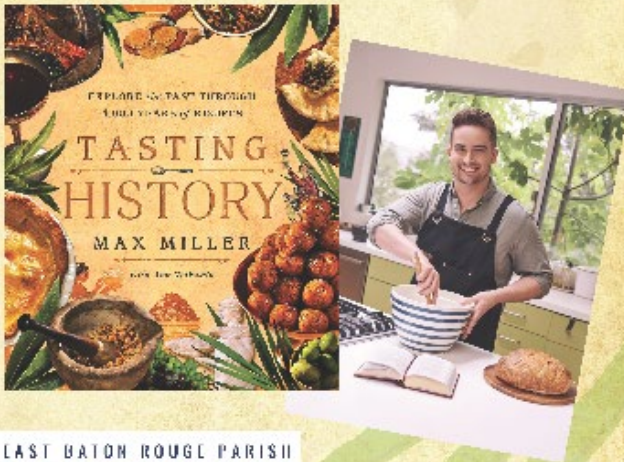
Friday, March 8
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Main Library at Goodwood

Live music from **RJ & Zydeco Smoove**
Delicious, free food by Odom's
Edible Book Festival | Children's activities
Community organizations and more!

Join us this spring for
our 18th Annual
One Book One Community
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For more information about
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Announcing: One Book One Community Max Miller's *Tasting History*



Join us at the Kickoff Fun for the whole family!



Bookmobile and Outreach Services phones are down due to construction. See how to [contact us](#).

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TASTING HISTORY



Sunday, February 18
3 p.m.
Main Library at Goodwood

Register at ebrpl.co/dogs



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THUR Feb 15 2024 12:30 PM
Fairwood Branch
Beginning Dulcimer
Classes

THUR Feb 15 2024 1:00 PM
Pride-Chaneyville
Crafting for a Cause Book
Club

THUR Feb 15 2024 2:00 PM
Jones Creek Regional
HISTORY BOOK CLUB

THUR Feb 15 2024 3:00 PM
Eden Park
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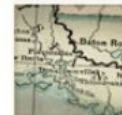
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