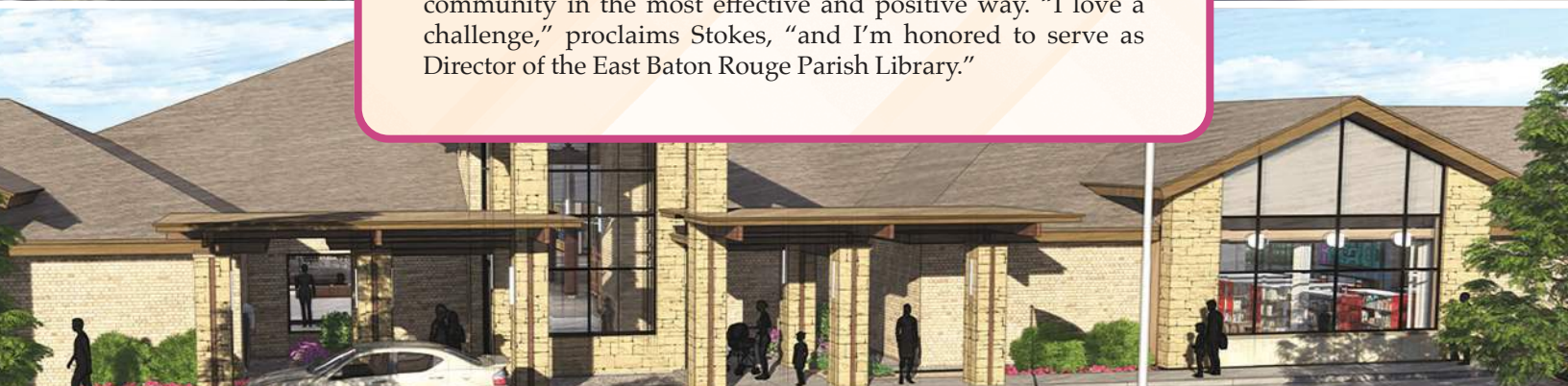




# The Source

EAST BATON ROUGE PARISH LIBRARY

FEBRUARY 2024



## Katrina Stokes, EBRPL Director

Join us in welcoming new East Baton Rouge Parish Library Director, Katrina Stokes! She comes to Baton Rouge from the Warren County-Vicksburg Library in Mississippi, where she served as Library Director for seven years, during which she added new collections and oversaw significant renovations, among other accomplishments.



Putting down roots in a new place is nothing new for Stokes, as she grew up in a military family that moved around frequently to different parts of the world. "I enjoy the adventure of exploring an unfamiliar place. There are so many things that make Baton Rouge unique and appealing. I'm really excited about living in a college town again."

Stokes is eager to be a part of the mission of EBRPL and brings a "can-do" attitude with her. "I am a problem-solver. Whatever issues arise, I like working with others to bring about a solution." One of her immediate goals is to get to know Library staff and strive to make the Library a truly enjoyable place to work. "Happy employees make good employees."

She also anticipates learning more about EBRPL's Strategic Plan and how its vision can be carried out to impact the community in the most effective and positive way. "I love a challenge," proclaims Stokes, "and I'm honored to serve as Director of the East Baton Rouge Parish Library."

Inside: Meet the Breeds • Breaking Barriers • Edible Book Festival • and more!



## FEATURED PROGRAMS



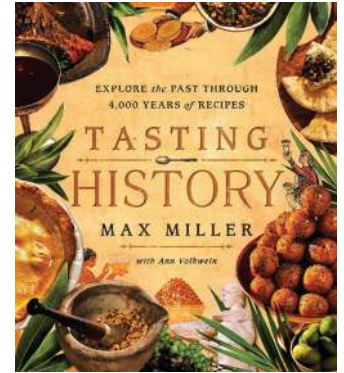
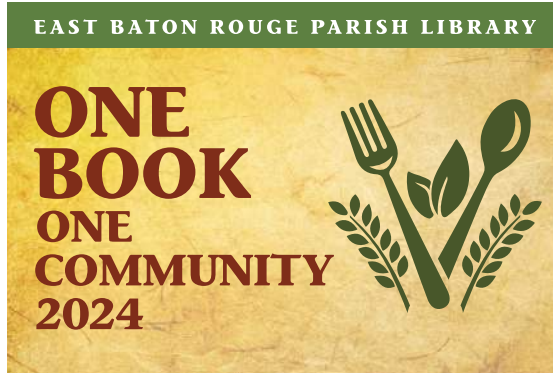
### Get Organized!

Join Louisiana's only Certified Professional Organizer, Alyssa Trosclair, as she helps you Get Organized in 2024! She will give vital tips on "Organizing Your Time" at the Main Library at Goodwood on Sunday, February 4 at 3 p.m. Registration for this free program is available on at [ebrpl.com/calendar](http://ebrpl.com/calendar) or call 231-3750 for assistance.



### Meet the Breeds

Meet the Breeds with the Louisiana Capital City Obedience Club! LCCOC was established in 1963 and is the oldest ongoing American Kennel Club dog club in Baton Rouge. Join us on Sunday, February 18 at 3 p.m. at the Main Library at Goodwood to learn about a wide variety of dog breeds. All ages are welcome! Some of the dogs will perform pet tricks, agility exercises, and obedience activities. The members of the club will share about their experiences with their dogs in competitive events, pet therapy, tracking, and just enjoying a well-trained family pet. For more information, visit <https://www.lccoc.org>.



### 2024 One Book One Community Pick – *Tasting History* by Max Miller

Come explore the past through 4,000 years of recipes! From Babylon, circa 1740 BC, all the way to 20<sup>th</sup> century U.S.A, immerse yourself in cultures and cuisine! Join us this spring in reading our 2024 One Book One Community selection, **Max Miller's *Tasting History***! The 18<sup>th</sup> annual One Book One Community initiative will highlight Miller's book as well as many other culinary and historical programs for all ages throughout the Library system.



Max Miller

It all begins with a **FREE Kickoff Party** for the whole family on Friday, March 8, 5-7 p.m., at the Main Library at Goodwood, featuring live music by RJ & Zydeco Smoove, free food, children's activities, community organizations, and more!

The six-week celebration will culminate in a special presentation by Max Miller at the Main Library at Goodwood in April.

For more information, please visit [ReadOneBook.org](http://ReadOneBook.org).

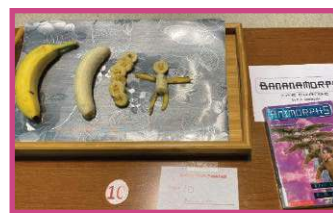
### Edible Book Festival

The Edible Book Festival is an international celebration of books, food, and bad puns! In conjunction with the Library's 2024 One Book One Community selection, *Tasting History*, the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Edible Book Festival will be held during the One Book One Community Kickoff Party on Friday, March 8, 5-7 p.m., at the Main Library at Goodwood. Participants are invited to choose a book and create an edible representation of its title or a wordplay on its title. Join us as we gather to view the bookish fare concocted to amuse, amaze, or, yes, even disgust onlookers and fellow participants. Vote for your favorites in categories such as Best in Show, Wittiest Wordplay, Least Appetizing and more! Winners will be announced at 6:30 p.m. and prizes will be awarded!

**To submit an entry, just bring your punny, edible creation to the Library on Friday, March 8 between 4 and 4:30 p.m. to be displayed!** Here are a few previous winners. Can you "beet" them? Come on, "cake" a chance! Give us something to "taco" 'bout! "Gouda" luck!



"Skittle" Women



"Banana" morphs

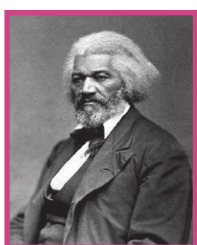
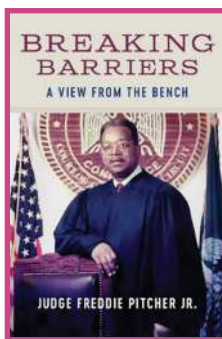


War and "Peas"

## FEATURED PROGRAMS

### Breaking Barriers: A View from the Bench

As part of the Library's Special Collections Lecture Series, join Judge Freddie Pitcher, Jr. at the Main Library at Goodwood on Wednesday, February 21 at 6 p.m. as he describes how he made history in Baton Rouge by becoming the first African American to be elected to judgeships at three different levels of the court system. His new book, *Breaking Barriers: A View from the Bench*, highlights his personal story of humble beginnings—from the bench outside the local grocery he and his friends frequented as young boys—and how he rose from “the bench to the bar to the bench”—the judicial bench. Judge Pitcher will shed light on the perseverance and determination required to overcome obstacles. He is now with a nationally known law firm and a professor at Southern University Law Center.



### African American Heroes: Frederick Douglass

In honor of Frederick Douglass, Dr. Charles Vincent will show the documentary, *Frederick Douglass: When the Lion Wrote History*, at the Baker Branch on Saturday, February 24 at 10 a.m. After the viewing, Dr. Vincent will give a short presentation discussing Frederick Douglass's life and accomplishments. The program will end with a Q&A session open to the audience. For more information, please call 778-5940.

### Write Time! with Boo Milton

Join us on Monday, February 26 at 6 p.m. at the Main Library at Goodwood for Write Time!, a FREE poetry and general creative writing session for adults ages 18-33. Beginners and seasoned writers will enjoy creating poems and spoken word pieces while connecting with other creatives. This event is hosted by media personality Boo Milton with a live DJ and refreshments. And mark your calendar for next month's Write Time! session on Monday, March 25 at 6 p.m.! Register for any or all of these monthly sessions at [ebrpl.com/calendar](http://ebrpl.com/calendar) or by emailing [programs@ebrpl.com](mailto:programs@ebrpl.com).



### 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 on Sunday, February 4 at 6 p.m. and Sunday, February 25 at 6 p.m. Wear flat shoes and comfortable clothes!

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](http://www.ebrpl.com).



## WORDPRESS

### EBRPL Small Business Presents: Building a Basic Website with WordPress

Do you need a website for your small business? EBRPL Small Business presents a beginner-friendly class on building a basic website with WordPress, an online web content management system. Come join us at the Main Library at Goodwood on Saturday, February 17 at 2 p.m. as we walk through the steps to build a free website dedicated to your small business or personal brand. For more information, call 231-3750.

### 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!

### Holiday Closure

All Library locations will close on Monday, February 12 for Staff Training Day and on Tuesday, February 13 in observance of the Mardi Gras holiday.





# 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.*



## FEATURED PROGRAMS

### Virtual Author Talk Series

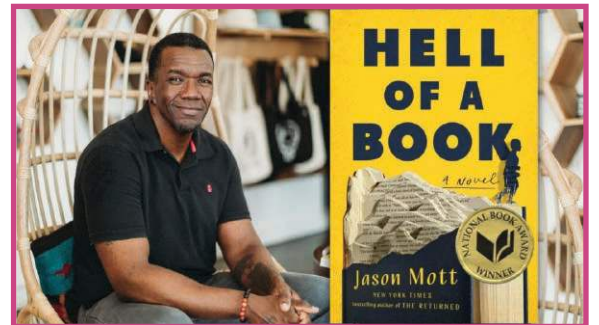
The Library continues its Author Talk Series with three new authors in February! Each live, virtual event features a different bestselling author, along with an interactive Q&A session where participants can ask questions directly to

the author. See February selections and dates/times below. Visit [libraryc.org/ebprl](http://libraryc.org/ebprl) to register for these virtual events, learn about other upcoming conversations with bestselling authors, and view previous author talk recordings. For more information about these and other virtual events, visit [ebprl.co/virtual](http://ebprl.co/virtual).

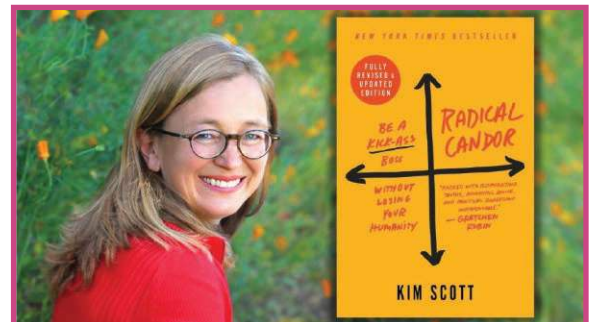
**Thursday, February 8 at 7 p.m.** - Join us as the #1 *New York Times* bestselling author, Tessa Bailey, talks about the launch of her new super-hot sports romance duology about a bad boy professional athlete who falls for his biggest fan in her new book, *Fangirl Down*. Wells Whitaker was once golf's hottest rising star, but lately, all he has to show for his "promising" career is a killer hangover, a collection of broken clubs, and one remaining supporter, Josephine Doyle. No matter how bad he plays, the beautiful, sunny redhead is always on the sidelines. He curses, she cheers. He scowls, she smiles. But when Wells quits in a blaze of glory, and his fangirl finally goes home, he knows he made the greatest mistake of his life. So, a determined Wells shows up at her door with a wild proposal: be his new caddy, help him turn his game around, and split the prize money. Can Josephine make the difference? Register to find out!



**Tuesday, February 20 at 3 p.m.** - You're invited to join us as we talk to *New York Times* bestselling author Jason Mott about his recent novel, *Hell of a Book*. This magnificent work of fiction is deeply honest, at times electrically funny, and is a book that goes to the heart of racism, police violence, and the hidden costs exacted upon Black Americans and America as a whole. In *Hell of a Book*, a Black author sets out on a cross-country publicity tour to promote his bestselling novel. That storyline drives *Hell of a Book* and is the scaffolding of something much larger and more urgent: Mott's novel also tells the story of Soot, a young Black boy living in a rural town in the recent past, and The Kid, a possibly imaginary child who appears to the author on his tour. Unforgettably told, with an electrifying plot and characters who burn into your mind, *Hell of a Book* is the novel Mott has been writing in his head for the last ten years. And in its final twists, it truly becomes its title. Register now!



**Wednesday, February 28 at 1 p.m.** - Why is feedback so difficult, and how can we make it easier? The idea is simple: You don't have to choose between being a pushover and a jerk. Kim Scott, *New York Times* bestselling author of *Radical Candor: Be a Kick-Ass Boss Without Losing Your Humanity*, will explain the Radical Candor feedback framework and how you can practice it today. She'll offer practical, tactical tips for how to solicit criticism, give praise and criticism, gauge how what you're saying is landing, and build a culture of Radical Candor. She'll also discuss ensuring that bias, prejudice, and bullying don't masquerade as feedback. Radically Candid relationships with team members enable bosses to fulfill their three core responsibilities: creating a culture of compassionate candor, building a cohesive team, and achieving results collaboratively. Keep your humanity while living your life with *Radical Respect* and *Radical Candor*. Register now to start your practice!







## Get Down and Clean Up Kits

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

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

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

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

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



## FEATURED PROGRAMS

### Garden Discoveries

The Baton Rouge Botanic Garden Foundation will host a FREE Garden Discoveries series event, "A Druid's Garden: From Magic to Medicine," led by Art Scarbrough, on Saturday, February 10 at 10 a.m. He will share about herbs used in folklore and will describe magical plant practices through the ages with an emphasis on this season of love! Art is a member of the Baton Rouge Botanic Garden Board, a member of the Herb Society of America, Master Naturalist, and practicing Druid. Weather permitting, a tour will follow of the Baton Rouge Botanic Gardens adjacent to the Library. Registration is available at [ebrpl.com/calendar](http://ebrpl.com/calendar), or call 231-3750 for registration assistance. Learn more at [ebrpl.co/garden](http://ebrpl.co/garden).

### EBR Master Gardeners

The East Baton Rouge Master Gardeners is excited to open its Library series on Thursday, February 1 at 6:30 p.m. at the Main Library at Goodwood with two exceptional programs, "Growing Tomatoes," and "We are Being Invaded." Everyone loves homegrown tomatoes, don't they? One of EBRMG's newest Master Gardeners, Tony Bourgeois, will share with you many of the things he has learned about growing them. Learn about the varieties that succeed and some of the secrets he uses to help them grow and produce more luscious fruit, as well as how to avoid the many problems commonly experienced in growing tomatoes. The second program, "We are Being Invaded," will be presented by Master Gardener Floyd Sones. There are many invasive species trying to take over your garden. Many of these have a very destructive impact on our native plants. Floyd will identify these invaders for you and tell you how to prevent or control them.



"Bees and the Plants They Love to Need" and "It's Time to Get Rosy" will be presented on Thursday, February 15 at 6:30 p.m. at the Bluebonnet Regional Branch. Master Gardener Debi O'Neill is a native of Baton Rouge and has been a bee keeper since 2016. She is passionate about gardening and loves the wildflower gardens she plants in her yard that encourage and feed her bees. Come learn about the short life cycle of the bee and how their needs change with the season. Perhaps you can help get things buzzing around Baton Rouge, too. Our second presenter is Master Gardener Carol Paine. She discovered a beautiful hidden rose garden in her first home and knew she must learn how to take care of them. She now has about 35 rose bushes in her yard and loves sharing her knowledge of them. Many people are afraid of roses because some do require special care, but today there are many varieties that are truly easy to grow. Learn about the wide variety of species, how and when to prune them, what diseases commonly affect them, and how to make them a centerpiece of your yard.

These programs are free and open to the public. For more information on the 2023 Library Series and other outreach activities visit the EBRMG website at [ebrmg.wildapricot.org](http://ebrmg.wildapricot.org).

### Winter Seed Swap

Share and trade heirloom seeds and trimmings at the Bluebonnet Regional Branch on Saturday, February 17, 10 a.m.-Noon. Remember to label your seeds and plant cuttings before arrival, and please leave any invasive or noxious seeds at home.



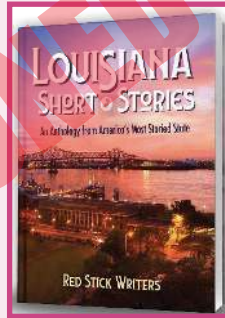
### Spring Pruning Day

Baton Rouge Rose Society invites you to grab your pruners, hat, and gloves and join them for Spring Pruning Day on Saturday, February 17, 9-11 a.m., at the Independence Park Rose Garden (adjacent to the Main Library at Goodwood). Hone your pruning skills, get advice from the experts, and do some networking with like-minded gardeners!

## BOOK PREMIERES

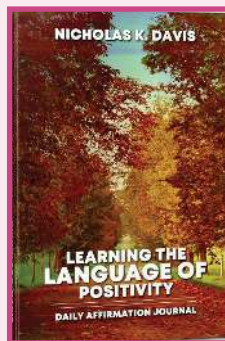
### Louisiana Short Stories

Join the Arts Council of Greater Baton Rouge on Sunday, February 11, 2-4 p.m., for the premiere of *Louisiana Short Stories: An Anthology from America's Most Storied State*. This book was the culmination of ACGBR's fall Creative Aging Writers' Workshop, facilitated by award-winning author, Rannah Gray. The Louisiana-based short stories reflect the culture and resiliency of the state and its people written by the 20 participants, all age 55 and older. The diverse group was a mixture of previous workshop participants and first-timers, including six PhDs. Copies of the book will be available at the event and are also available on Amazon.com. Proceeds benefit the Arts Council of Greater Baton Rouge, which provides resources and support to artists and arts organizations in 11 parishes.



### Learning the Language of Positivity

Join author Nicholas Davis for the premiere of his book, *Learning the Language of Positivity*, at the Main Library at Goodwood on Sunday, February 18 at 7 p.m. *Learning the Language of Positivity* is like a daily roadmap to new beginnings. It's a starting point of rebuilding and reconstructing to remove the things and people that won't allow you to reach your next positive dimension in life. In this 365-day journal, you will find daily inspiration and positive quotes, plus you will also be able to read and meditate on prayers connected to the affirmations and quotes on each page.



## SAVE THE DATE



### EBR Schools' Talented Music Concert

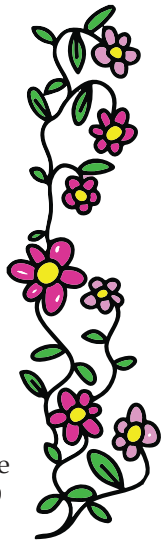
Join EBR Schools' Talented Music for a concert at the Main Library at Goodwood on Sunday, March 3 at 3 p.m.

### Poetry Premiere

Join poet Catharine Savage Brosman for the premiere of her new collection of poetry, *Aerosols*, at the Main Library at Goodwood on Sunday, March 3 at 3 p.m.

### EBR Master Gardeners

East Baton Rouge Master Gardeners Library Series will give talks on "Herbs" and "Fruit Trees" at the Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch on Thursday, March 7 at 6:30 p.m., as well as presentations on "Lawn and Turf" and "Native Plants" at the Jones Creek Regional Branch on Thursday, March 21 at 6:30 p.m. For more information, visit [ebrmg.wildapricot.org](http://ebrmg.wildapricot.org).



### Garden Discoveries

The Baton Rouge Botanic Garden Foundation will host a FREE Garden Discoveries series event about "Backyard Birding" at the Main Library at Goodwood on Saturday, March 9 at 10 a.m. Registration is available at [ebrpl.com/calendar](http://ebrpl.com/calendar), or call 231-3750 for registration assistance. Learn more at [ebrpl.co/garden](http://ebrpl.co/garden).

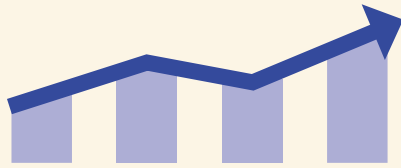
### Special Collections Lecture Series

Special Collections welcomes Kristy Small, Executive Director of the West Feliciana Historical Society and Museum, to the Main Library at Goodwood on Wednesday, March 20 at 6 p.m. to discuss the history of West Feliciana Parish and what the Society and Museum have to offer to the public.

### CW Austin Learning Disabilities Conference

EBRPL is partnering with the Greater Baton Rouge Learning Disabilities Coalition and I-Care to bring you the CW Austin Learning Disabilities Conference at the Main Library at Goodwood on Saturday, March 2, 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Lunch will be provided. Join them for five free, live presentations by local experts! You can also tune in virtually March 2 - April 7 for free access to over 20 information-packed, one-hour pre-recorded virtual sessions on topics like ADHD, Dyslexia, Autism, and mental health, as well as behavior management strategies. For more information and to register, visit [www.ldhelp.org](http://www.ldhelp.org).





## 2023 Library Stats

The overall visitor gate count rose to **1,704,452** – an increase of **9.74%**!

The Library issued **27,449** new library cards!

Circulation was up **8%** with **2,769,116** checkouts!

Library databases were accessed more than **3.4 million** times!

An estimated **360,153** people participated in Library events and activities!

Library meeting rooms were used **4,858** times with **111,354** in attendance – up **37%**!

Children’s staff presented **2,392** storytimes to almost **53,000** attendees!

Bookmobiles made **2,358** stops to preschools and daycare centers, retirement centers, schools and events!



## Student Library Card Update

As required by ACT 436, the East Baton Rouge Parish Library has begun to issue new library cards for ALL minor children aged 0-17. You may receive an email notification asking you to select the card category for your child, tween, or teen. You may also update the card status at your convenience at any library location this spring.

Parents must choose between several card categories:



### Current, Standard Card

For existing students, this card would retain the same check out policies as prior to 2024. The Standard Card may be used to check-out print, AV, and other physical items, log in to use Library computers, and access databases within the appropriate collection—Juvenile (age 0-11), Tween (age 12-14), Teen (age 15-17), or Adult (age 18 and older)—based on the age of the cardholder:

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| Juvenile (age 0-11) | Juvenile Collection |                 |   |
| Tween (age 12-14)   | Juvenile Collection | Teen Collection |   |
| Teen (age 15-17)    | Juvenile Collection | Teen Collection | Adult Collection, except for R-Rated Movies |

### Computer Use Only Card

This card may be used to access Library computers and database collections, either on site or remotely, within the appropriate collection—Juvenile, Tween, Teen, or Adult — based on the age of the patron. *No loans of print, AV, or other physical items are allowed on a Computer Use Only Card.*

### Restricted Card AKA “Bookshelf” Card

This card may be used to check-out print, AV, and other physical items within the appropriate collection—Juvenile, Tween, or Teen—based on the age of the patron. *No Computer Use, Internet or Database Access is possible with a Bookshelf Card.*

### Unrestricted Card AKA “Explore” Card

This card may be used to check-out print, AV, and other physical items within all collections, including Adult. **Exception:** R-rated movies are only allowed on Adult cards.

The implementation of this new set of tiered card categories will take place through June 1, 2024, at which time, all old cards will be **blocked**.

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


In order to switch to either the new Restricted or Unrestricted status, parents or guardians must come in to 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.



## Ballet Showcase with Jean Leigh Academy of Dance

Immerse yourself in a family-friendly ballet performance on Sunday, February 25 at 4 p.m. at the Main Library at Goodwood. Dancers from the Jean Leigh Academy of Dance will transport the audience into a world of refined artistry and storytelling. The performance will include variations such as "Kitri" from *Don Quixote*, "Lilac Fairy" from *Sleeping Beauty*, and "Odalisque" from *Le Corsaire*, among others. The performance will last approximately 45 minutes.

## Break N2 Tech Workshop: Upgrading Your Business Website

If you already have or are thinking about launching a business website, Break N2 Tech wants to make sure that you have all the tools you need to put together an effective and beautiful one! Join Helena Williams, Director of the Futures Fund, at the Main Library at Goodwood on Saturday, February 3, 10 a.m.-Noon, where she will  **FUTURES FUND** guide participants through building an audience profile, addressing website needs, preparing content, and focusing on items all websites need. Elevate your business above the competition!

## Free Saturday Tutoring

The Baton Rouge Magnet High School Beta Club will be offering FREE tutoring services on Saturdays, February 3, 17 & 24, 9:30-10:30 a.m., at the Main Library at Goodwood. Beta members will offer help to elementary, middle, and high school students. See subjects offered below. Only 60 spots are available each Saturday. **Registration is required.** Register online at [ebrpl.co/tutor](http://ebrpl.co/tutor) or call 231-3770.

- Elementary students: English, Math, Science, and Reading
- Middle schoolers (6th grade - 8th grade): English, Math, and Science
- High schoolers: English, Math (9th – Calculus), and Science
- Upon **advanced** request, they will provide tutoring in French, Spanish, and Latin.



For more information on litter statistics, local anti-litter resources, and tips on how you can do your part for a litter-free Baton Rouge, visit [ebrpl.co/litter](http://ebrpl.co/litter).

## Super Tax Day

Receive FREE income tax preparation by certified VITA tax professionals at the Main Library at Goodwood on Saturday, February 3, 8 a.m.-3 p.m. Please bring the following items with you on the day of the event:

- Photo ID (for you and your spouse, if filing jointly)
- Social Security Card or ITN for each family member of your household
- All W-2 forms (wages) and all 1099 and 1098 forms
- Child Care provider name, address, and tax ID number
- Checking and Savings account numbers
- Last year's tax return
- 1095-A Health Insurance Marketplace statement (if applicable)
- Other relevant information about income and expenses

Super Tax Day is sponsored by the Capital Area United Way, the IRS, and Entergy. For more details about the event, visit VITA's website at [www.cauw.org/vita](http://www.cauw.org/vita). For inquiries, call (225) 382-3380 or email at [breannap@cauw.org](mailto:breannap@cauw.org).

## AARP Foundation Tax-Aide

### AARP Tax-Aide

Beginning the week of February 5 and running through the week of April 8, AARP will offer help with tax preparation at two Library locations. Service is by appointment only. Stop by the circulation desk at either location to make an appointment and pick up required paperwork. See dates/times and locations below:

**Main Library at Goodwood**  
Tuesdays and Wednesdays  
9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

**Bluebonnet Regional Branch**  
Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays  
9:15 a.m. - 1 p.m.

## 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 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

- February 24 – Zachary Branch
- March 9 – Fairwood Branch
- April 13 – Delmont Gardens Branch
- May 18 – Jones Creek Regional Branch
- June 22 – Carver Branch
- July 6 – Bluebonnet Regional Branch
- August 10 – Main Library at Goodwood
- September 7 – Baker Branch
- October 5 – Bluebonnet Regional Branch
- November 2 – Eden Park Branch
- December 7 – Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch

Can't make it in-person? The Baton Rouge Bar Association also provides assistance anytime through their Online Intake Application. Just visit [ebrpl.co/brbaonlineapp](http://ebrpl.co/brbaonlineapp), complete the application, and a dedicated attorney will contact you shortly afterwards. For more information about this program, email [lynn@brba.org](mailto:lynn@brba.org) or call 225-214-5564.



## Hiveclass

Turn passive screentime into active screentime with Hiveclass's short instructional videos in a variety of sports and activities such as basketball, soccer, dance, yoga, tennis and more! Hiveclass is available on all electronic devices in both English and Spanish. No matter your age, get moving at [ebrpl.co/hiveclass](http://ebrpl.co/hiveclass)! All you need is your Library card!



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## New MyBR App

It's here! Baton Rouge just released the MyBR mobile App for residents of East Baton Rouge parish including those in the cities of Baker, Baton Rouge, Central, and Zachary, as well as the incorporated area of the parish! This app is like any other allowing all residents to do things like pay a ticket or renew an occupational license to finding out all the latest events happening across the parish! Download it today in the Apple App store or on Google Play for android users! #MyBR #RedStickRising



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## Zen Coloring

Touted as a therapeutic source of creativity and relaxation, people everywhere are rediscovering coloring! Come to the River Center Branch on Wednesday, February 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.



## Mountain Dulcimer Classes

Let's play the mountain dulcimer! Adults are invited to the Fairwood Branch on Thursdays, February 8, 15, 22 & 29, 12:30-1:30 p.m., to learn how to play this simple, fretted, musical instrument. No musical background or training is necessary. The Lagniappe Dulcimer Society will teach the basics of how to hold, strum, and play a variety of songs. Since the classes are progressive, attendance at all four classes is encouraged. Loaner dulcimers for the four weeks are available with advanced registration. Please bring a three-ring binder and music stand (optional). **Registration is required.** To register, contact Maylee Samuels at 205-7407.

## Coloring and Word Search Puzzles

De-stress with coloring and word search puzzles at the Scotlandville Branch on Thursday, February 8 at 4 p.m. Color in and outside of the lines with calming yet brain-stimulating activities. Colored pencils, coloring sheets, and word puzzles will be provided.

## Crafting Corner

Attention Crafters! Need a time and a space to work on a project, but want to socialize, too? Stuck on a project? Want an idea for a new project? Bring your tools/materials and head on over to the Jones Creek Regional Branch on Tuesday, February 20, 10 a.m.-Noon! All crafts welcome, but please be mindful of cleanup time, and NO aerosols or open flame allowed in the Library. Registration strongly encouraged. To register, call 756-1150.

## Business Networking and Movie Night



Bring your business cards and come join likeminded professionals at the Main Library at Goodwood on Tuesday, February 20 at 5:30 p.m. for a chance to network and enjoy a screening of *You've Got Mail*. Time for networking will be provided before and after the film.

## Earn Your Makerspace Badge!

Get creative with Makerspaces at these Library locations! 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.com/calendar](http://ebrpl.com/calendar). See opportunities below:

### Jones Creek Regional Branch

- Monday, February 5 at 6:30 p.m.  
3D Printer Class
- Tuesday, February 6 at 6:30 p.m.  
Sewing Class
- Wednesday, February 7 at 6 p.m.  
Cricut and Heat Press Class
- Tuesday, February 20 at 6:30 p.m.  
Serge Class

### River Center Branch

- Tuesday, February 6 at 4 p.m.  
Cricut and Heat Press:  
Mardi Gras Tote Bags
- Tuesday, February 20 at 4 p.m.  
3D Printer Beginner Class
- Tuesday, February 27 at 4 p.m.  
Button Maker Beginner Class

## CALLING ALL WRITERS

### Fiction Writers Workshop



Are you an aspiring author? Join the Fiction Writers Workshop to get feedback on your fiction stories. Email Desmond Stevens at [dstevens@ebrpl.com](mailto:dstevens@ebrpl.com) to get started! We email new stories out once a month. Once you have given feedback on at least two other members' stories, you are qualified to sign up for a critique of your own writing. Join us at the in-person meeting at the Bluebonnet Regional Branch on Monday, February 19 at 6:30 p.m. to meet other local authors and discuss the stories.



### Writers Rendezvous

Writers are invited to join Writers Rendezvous at the Fairwood Branch for their monthly writers group on Tuesday, February 20. There are sessions at 4 p.m. and 6 p.m. Writers Rendezvous is an informal writers group where people can meet, share ideas, and get feedback on current projects.

### 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, February 28, 6:30-8 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.



## Need e-Books for a distraction?

Visit the Digital Library at [www.ebrpl.com/DigitalLibrary](http://www.ebrpl.com/DigitalLibrary) to get started!

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## ADULT GRAB AND GEAUX

Friday, February 9  
Jones Creek Regional Branch  
Valentine's Day Keychains

Friday, February 9  
Jones Creek Regional Branch  
Valentine's Candy Jar



## HEALTH AND WELLNESS

### Jones Creek Exercise Group

Join the Jones Creek Regional Branch every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday in February (excluding February 12), 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 February (excluding February 12), 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

The weather outside is frightful, but the Library is delightful! Walking just 30 minutes every day can increase cardiovascular fitness, strengthen bones, reduce excess body fat, and boost muscle power and endurance. Come to the Pride-Chaneyville Branch any day in February (excluding February 12 & 13) and walk by yourself or with a small group of friends. We have measured three 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 and Stretch at Main

Get moving and have a good time! Patrons are invited to walk and stretch at the Main Library at Goodwood on Mondays at 4 p.m. and on Tuesdays & Thursdays at 2 p.m. (excluding February 12 & 13). Come walk with us in the gardens next to the Main Library. On bad weather days, we'll walk on the second floor. Participants should be able to walk unaided and at a fair pace. **Registration is required.** To register or for more information, email Alison at [anikitopoulos@ebrpl.com](mailto:anikitopoulos@ebrpl.com).

## GENEALOGY



### Tracing 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? In this class at the Main Library at Goodwood on Wednesday, February 14 at 3 p.m., we will discuss events occurring in Italy at the time, plus how to locate birth, marriage, and death records of your Italian ancestors. Seating is limited to 15 in-person, with 15 virtual slots available. **Registration is required.** To register, please visit [ebrpl.co/genclass](http://ebrpl.co/genclass) or call 231-3751.

### Resources for African Americans

Due to the history of slavery, prejudice, and discrimination against African Americans in our country, they were routinely excluded from many records that could have documented details of their daily lives. Join us at the Scotlandville Branch on Saturday, February 17 at 10 a.m. to learn about search techniques and special records collections that will help you find your ancestors. Seating is limited to 20 attendees, so sign up early. **Registration is required.** To register, please visit [ebrpl.co/genclass](http://ebrpl.co/genclass) or call 231-3751.



## Threadheads – A Contemporary Crochet Club

Come be a Threadhead! Join us at the Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch each Tuesday in February at 4:30 p.m. (excluding February 13) for a crochet class for beginning and experienced crocheters. Please bring a crochet hook H or larger and a skein of yarn. We occasionally have limited supplies.

## 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 each Tuesday in February (excluding February 13) 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 at 1 p.m. every Thursday in February for a chance 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.

## Fairwood Stitch Society

Do you want to learn how to knit or maybe pass some time with fellow knitters? Check out the Fairwood Stitch Society, a group for fiber enthusiasts to socialize and learn new skills at the Fairwood Branch on Thursdays, February 1, 8, 22 & 29, 4-6 p.m.! All skill levels are welcome. You are encouraged to bring your own projects, and yarn and needles will be available during meetings for beginning knitters to learn.

## '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 on Wednesday, February 7, 6:30-8 p.m., at the Jones Creek Regional Branch. All experience levels are welcome. Beginners will learn the basics while the more experienced will learn new, more complicated stitches. Supplies will be provided for the first 15 people, but you are welcome to bring your own supplies and/or projects. Registration is strongly encouraged. To register, call 756-1150.

## 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, beginners to advanced, at the Bluebonnet Regional Branch on Thursdays, February 8 & 22, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., to learn and share.



## Library Collage Workshop

Collage is the art of creating new compositions from an assortment of pieces. If you are interested in learning the basic tools and techniques of collage, join us at the Main Library at Goodwood on Saturday, February 10 at 2 p.m. for our Library Collage Workshop. We will be working with old magazines, cutting them up, tearing them apart, and gluing them together in novel ways to express ourselves. All materials provided.

## Crochet (and Knit) for a Cause

Crocheters and knitters will meet at the Main Library at Goodwood on Saturday, February 17 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 preferred.

## Tile Paint Pours

Want something colorful and unique? Come to the River Center Branch on Saturday, February 17, 3-5 p.m., and use the acrylic paint pour technique to create a unique piece of tile art!



## Crochet Basics

Crochet is the skill and hobby of interlocking yarn using a small hook. Come join other adults at the Delmont Gardens Branch on Tuesday, February 20 at 4 p.m. to learn the basics of crochet. All skill levels are welcome and supplies are provided! Learn how to construct your first chain stitch. **Registration is required.** To register, call 354-7050 or visit [www.ebrpl.com/calendar](http://www.ebrpl.com/calendar).

## Paper Folding Workshop

Come to the Fairwood Branch on Wednesday, February 21 at 5 p.m. to learn the simple and fun art of paper folding.

## Valentine Heart Cone Tree

Adults are welcome to the Pride-Chaneyville Branch on Saturday, February 24 at 2 p.m. to assemble adorable, paper heart trees. These valentine trees make a great centerpiece for your table in February or anytime!

## 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, February 28 at 12:30 p.m. **Registration is required.** To register, call 756-1140.

## GAMES

### Puzzle Power: Mardi Gras and Valentine's

During the month of February, come by the Pride-Chaneyville Branch to puzzle your way through a love story and New Orleans Mardi Gras with an old-fashioned jigsaw.

### GUGL! The Grown-Up Gaming League

Calling all adult gamers in the Greater Baton Rouge area! Join us for GUGL! The Grown-Up Gaming League at the Bluebonnet Regional Branch. GUGL is a monthly games program open to adult players of all skill levels, ages 18 and older. Sessions may feature games such as Dungeons & Dragons, Catan, Ticket to Ride, Arkham Horror, Five Minute Dungeon, Risk, Munchkin, Magic the Gathering (TCG), and over 200 more to choose from! BYOG – Bring your own games or play using GUGL's sets.



Upcoming dates:

- Saturday, February 10 at Noon: Tabletop RPG Saturdays: *Pathfinder, Dungeons & Dragons, and other TTRPGs.*
- Wednesday, February 14 at 6 p.m.: Open Board Game Night (*Beginners-Intermediate*)
- Wednesday, February 21 at 6 p.m.: Magic the Gathering or board games (*Beginners-Intermediate*)
- Saturday, February 24 at Noon: Tabletop RPG Saturdays: *Pathfinder, Dungeons & Dragons, and other TTRPGs.*
- Wednesday, February 28 at 6 p.m.: Big Board Game Night: *Choose from the group's 250+ games or bring your own to share.*

### Chess Club

Adults are invited to the Delmont Gardens Branch on Tuesday, February 20 at 4 p.m. to play chess! All skill levels welcome.



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

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

- Wonderful Wednesday Bingo: Scotlandville Branch  
Wednesday, February 14 at 4 p.m.
- Fourth Monday Bingo: Carver Branch  
Monday, February 26 at 11 a.m.
- Bingo in the Gardens: Delmont Gardens Branch  
Thursday, February 29 at 4 p.m.

### Scrabble for Adults

Bring a friend and join us at the Baker Branch on Thursday, February 15 at 10 a.m. for a round of good, old-fashioned Scrabble Crossword – the fun, classic word game that never goes out of style.

## MOVIES

### Afternoon Movie

Adults are welcome at the Scotlandville Branch on Saturday, February 3 at 3 p.m. for a viewing of *A Thousand and One* (2023, Rated R). The foster care system can be punishing for children, especially when they are living in a hostile situation. Inez commits a necessary crime and kidnaps a six-year-old boy named Terry. The new mother and son duo now live in New York City, and Inez needs to protect her child at all costs.

### Horror Film Screenings

Celebrate Black History Month with us at the Main Library at Goodwood on Monday, February 5 at 6:30 p.m. as we watch *The Blackening* (2022, Rated R). Viewer discretion is advised.

### Movie Matinee: Harriet



Adults are invited to the Baker Branch on Wednesday, February 7 at 10:30 a.m. for a screening of *Harriet* (2019, PG-13). "Based on the incredible true story of one of America's greatest heroes, Harriet Tubman, from her escape from slavery to the dangerous missions she led, setting free hundreds of slaves through the Underground Railroad." –swank.com

### James Bond Film Series

Come to the Carver Branch on Thursday, February 15 at 3:30 p.m. for the next installment in our James Bond Film Series featuring *On Her Majesty's Service*, starring George Lazenby.

### 'Queer' History Film Series

'Queer' History Film Series is an exploration into LGBTIQ+ history, influence, politics and gaiety throughout the ages. In partnership with Baton Rouge Pride, this series will feature a different film on the last Sunday of each month, continuing this month with *Orchids, My Intersex Adventure* (2010, Not Rated) on Sunday, February 25 at 6 p.m. "Documentary filmmaker, Phoebe Hart, comes clean on her journey of self-discovery to embrace her future and reconcile the past shame and family secrecy surrounding her intersex condition." –Kanopy

Adult topics will be discussed so we ask that no children attend and viewer discretion is advised.

### Baton Rouge Film Club

Join the Baton Rouge Film Club for a screening of one of the greatest romantic comedies, *When Harry Met Sally...*, at the Bluebonnet Regional Branch on Monday, February 26 at 6:15 p.m. Feel free to bring your own snacks!





## Resume Writing Seminar

Adults are welcome to join us at the Main Library at Goodwood on Saturday, February 17 at 2 p.m. for a free Resume Writing Seminar. A Certified Professional Resume Writer from the Career Center will lead a workshop on how to write a great resume.



- 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.
- Learn the biggest red flags that employers look for on resumes and how to avoid them.

**Registration is required.** To register, visit [www.careercenter.com/events](http://www.careercenter.com/events) or call 231-3733.

## How to Buy or Expand a Franchise

Have you ever thought about what it takes to own a franchise? Could purchasing a franchise be your way to entrepreneurship? Join us at the Main Library at Goodwood on Wednesday, February 21 at 6 p.m. to learn from three of the most successful franchise owners in Baton Rouge as they provide valuable information and tips for those interested in or seeking to buy a franchise. **Registration is required.** To register, visit [careercenter.com/events](http://careercenter.com/events) or call 231-3733.

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### Reference Ready: Choosing and Presenting Your References

Your references can be the deciding factor in whether an employer chooses you over another candidate. This video tackles the basic questions surrounding providing your references, including: What kind of person makes a good reference? What information needs to go on my reference list? How should I prepare my references?

### Workplace Survival Guide

"I think I do my job well, so why do I always have trouble with the people I work with?" If that sounds familiar, check out this video. We discuss the best ways to get along with co-workers and make good impressions on bosses, focusing on communication skills, the unspoken rules of the workplace, and common scenarios.

### Advance Your Career with MOOCs

It's not always necessary to go back to college in order to learn new job skills. MOOCs – Massive Open Online Courses – are a wonderful resource for free or low-cost online learning. This video discusses 4 of the most popular MOOCs: Coursera, EdX, Udacity, and Udemy.



Chris Corsano

## Drummer Chris Corsano Performance

Enjoy a performance by New York-based drummer Chris Corsano at the Yes, We Cannibal Studio, 1600 Government St., on Tuesday, February 20 at 8 p.m. Working at the intersections of free jazz, avant-rock, and experimental music since the late '90s, Corsano has been the rim-batterer of choice for some of the greatest contemporary purveyors of "jazz" (Joe McPhee, Paul Flaherty, Zoh Amba) and "rock" (Sir Richard Bishop, Bill Orcutt, Jim O'Rourke), as well as artists beyond categorization (Björk for her *Volta* album and world tour, Michael Flower, Okkyung Lee).

Appearing on over 150 albums and touring in an ultra-wide array of collaborations, he is also a renowned solo performer in his own right, with a new solo record *The Key* due out this year on the Drag City label. Corsano's been called an "ace of the avant-garde" by *The New York Times*, "one of the world's great drummers" by *The Guardian*, and a "powerhouse drummer" by *Rolling Stone*.

He will be joined by Erin Demastes and Dylan Burchett, highly accomplished musicians and PhD candidates in LSU's experimental music program, as well as San Antonio's Ethan Campa, a prolific percussionist formerly associated with the band *Pinko*.

\$10 direct gifts to the artists encouraged.

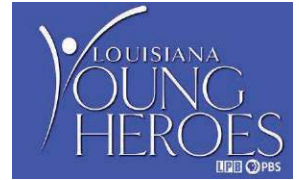
## Louisiana Young Heroes

Louisiana Public Broadcasting announces the 2024 Louisiana Young Heroes program and the statewide call for nominations of students to be recognized as Louisiana Young Heroes. A Young Hero is defined as an exceptional individual who has excelled in academics, given significantly of themselves through public service, overcome adversity, exhibited extraordinary heroism, or inspired others through their deeds and strength of character to become better students, persons, and citizens. Parents, principals, teachers, guidance counselors, family members, and friends who know of high school students deserving of recognition for their tenacity, good work, and commendable deeds, are encouraged to nominate them!

Nominees must be Louisiana students in grades 9-12, enrolled in an academic institution or homeschool program, and cannot be older than 18 years of age. Nominations and supporting materials should be submitted through the online form at [lpb.org/heroes](http://lpb.org/heroes). The deadline for entries is **Sunday, March 3, 2024**. (Previous Young Heroes are not eligible.)

The 2024 Louisiana Young Heroes will be announced on LPB's weekly news and public affairs program *Louisiana: The State We're In*, on the Louisiana Young Heroes Facebook page, and at [lpb.org/heroes](http://lpb.org/heroes) in Spring 2024. The Louisiana Young Heroes will receive special awards and recognition for their achievements.

For more information, call 800-272-8161, ext. 4274 or 225-767-4274 or email [heroes@lpb.org](mailto:heroes@lpb.org).



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### Toddler Thursday: I Love Art!

Children ages 5 and under, with their caregivers, are invited to Toddler Thursday on Thursday, February 1 at 10 a.m. on the fifth floor of the Shaw Center. Create a mixed media valentine for someone special! Free admission for Toddler Thursday is sponsored by the Junior League of Baton Rouge.



### Access for All Day: All About Warhol

Create your own Warhol-inspired piece of Pop art on the fifth floor of the Shaw Center for the Arts on Sunday, February 4, 1-4 p.m. This free event is generously supported by Art Bridges Foundation's Access for All program.

### Art at Lunch: Photography and Protest

Join LSU MOA for Art at Lunch on Wednesday, February 21 at Noon on the third floor of the Shaw Center. Explore how the arts can be used to build and strengthen communities, featuring Luke St. John McKnight, COO for the Arts Council of Greater Baton Rouge. Bring a lunch; water and sodas will be provided. Admission is free.





## Self-Love Spa Day

20-somethings are invited to relax at the Carver Branch on Tuesday, February 6 at Noon by creating a sugar scrub and using nail polish for a day of pampering.



## Zine Workshop

Interested in zines? Enjoy collage art? Join us at the River Center Branch on Tuesday, February 6 at 5:30 p.m. to draw, write, or collage your own mini-zine. Bring your creativity!

## Book Page Roses

Book lovers, do you want to make a bookish bouquet? Adults 18-30ish are invited to join us at the Bluebonnet Regional Branch on Tuesday, February 6 at 6 p.m. to make some roses out of old book pages.



## Valentine's Day Crafts

Nothing says "I Love You" like construction paper and glitter! Come by the Fairwood Branch on Wednesday, February 7, 4:30-5:30, to make classic Valentine's Day cards and gifts.

## Honeycomb Valentine Decoration

20-somethings, come make your own honeycomb hanging decoration at the Jones Creek Regional Branch on Thursday, February 8 at 6:30 p.m. Great décor for any Valentine's Day events you have planned! **Registration is required.** To register, visit [ebrpl.com/calendar](http://ebrpl.com/calendar) or call 756-1140.

## Fleur de Lis Bead Mosaic

20-somethings are invited to the Pride-Chaneyville Branch Library on Friday, February 9 at 4 p.m. to make their own fleur de lis bead mosaic as we welcome the Mardi Gras season!



## Last-Minute Valentines on the Cricut

Design and create your own Valentine's Day cards on the Cricut in River Center Branch's Makerspace on Saturday, February 10 at 11 a.m. **Registration is required.** To register, visit [ebrpl.com/calendar](http://ebrpl.com/calendar) or call 389-4960.



## Fast and Furious

Join us at the Baker Branch as we continue our Fast and Furious movie series on Saturday, February 10 at 3 p.m. This month, we are watching *Fast 2 Furious*.



## Abstract Watercolor Painting

Ready to explore your artsy side? Come to the Bluebonnet Regional Branch on Tuesday, February 20 at 2:30 p.m. to make your own abstract watercolor painting! **Registration is required.** To register, visit [ebrpl.com/calendar](http://ebrpl.com/calendar) or call 763-2270.

## K Pop Party: DIY BIAS Cards

Calling all K Pop stans! Make your own K Pop BIAS cardholders with card sleeves, stickers, and beads at the Main Library at Goodwood on Tuesday, February 27 at 6 p.m.

## 20-SOMETHINGS GRAB AND GEAUX

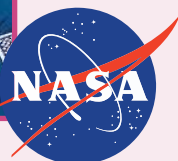
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Wednesday, February 14  
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Heart Strings Embroidery Project

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Auñón-Chancellor



## Saturday Science

Teens and their families are invited to Saturday Science, LSU's free public talk series connecting the community to science and technology, at the Main Library at Goodwood on Saturday, February 24 at 1 p.m. This month, Dr. Serena Auñón-Chancellor will discuss her experiences as an astronaut in space! An engineer and doctor, she started at NASA as a flight surgeon before being selected for astronaut training in 2009, and, by 2018, represented NASA and the U.S.A. as a flight engineer for Expedition 56/57 on the International Space Station from June 6 – December 20. She now serves as the Clinical Associate Professor of Medicine for the LSU Health Sciences Center Internal Medicine Residency Program in Baton Rouge. Come hear her amazing stories!

## Teen Self-Love Spa Day

Teens, get ready to relax at the Carver Branch on Monday, February 5 at 3 p.m. by creating sugar scrub and using nail polish for a day of pampering.

## Marshmallow Towers

Teens are invited to the Bluebonnet Regional Branch on Wednesday, February 28 at 3 p.m. to build tasty, but sturdy marshmallow towers. See if yours can soar above the rest!

## DIY @ THE LIBRARY

Teens, get crafty at your local Library!  
Express your creativity at these in-person programs!

\*Indicates registration required.

### 8-Bit Life Heart Pins

Saturday, February 3, 2:30-4 p.m.  
Jones Creek Regional Branch  
Make a great accessory from perler beads that celebrates the classic 8-bit heart.

### Mardi Gras Bead Keychains

Monday, February 5 at 4 p.m.  
River Center Branch  
Use Mardi Gras beads to design your own stylish keychain.

### No Sew Heart-Shaped Pillow

Tuesday, February 6 at 4 p.m.  
Central Branch  
Make an adorable heart-shaped pillow without having to sew.

### \*Mardi Gras Masks

Wednesday, February 7, 3:30-5 p.m.  
Delmont Gardens Branch  
Celebrate carnival time by creating a Mardi Gras mask.  
To register, call 354-7070.

### Voodoo Felties

Wednesday, February 7 at 4 p.m.  
Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch  
Create your own voodoo felties.

### Origami Puzzle Valentine

Thursday, February 8 at 4:30 p.m.  
Zachary Branch  
Make a unique, folded Valentine that can reveal a special message or image one fold at a time.

### Mardi Gras Mosaic

Saturday, February 10 at 2:30 p.m.  
Pride-Chaneyville Branch  
Use Mardi Gras beads to make a Mardi Gras-themed mosaic.

### Papercraft Lotus Lanterns

Saturday, February 10, 2:30-4 p.m.  
Jones Creek Regional Branch  
It's the Lunar New Year! Make a beautiful, papercraft lotus flower lantern.

### Paper Heart Cards

Wednesday, February 14 at 4 p.m.  
River Center Branch  
Turn scrap paper into handmade paper heart cards.

### Grab-a-Friend Claw Machine

Thursday, February 15 at 3 p.m.  
Bluebonnet Regional Branch  
Make your very own claw machine and some furry friends to go with it.

### Black Out/Scratch Out

Thursday, February 15 at 3:30 p.m.  
Scotlandville Branch  
Join us for a creative (and possibly messy) time as we make scratch art on black out CDs.

### Faux Stained Glass

Thursday, February 15 at 4:30 p.m.  
Zachary Branch  
Choose from an assortment of designs and learn to make fake stained glass.



### Watercolor Painting

Wednesday, February 21 at 3 p.m.  
Bluebonnet Regional Branch  
Let your creative spirit flow by creating watercolor art.

### Heart Coasters

Wednesday, February 21 at 5 p.m.  
River Center Branch  
Add a bit of romance to any table setting with easy-to-crochet heart coasters.

### Paperclip Bow and Arrow

Thursday, February 22 at 4 p.m.  
Central Branch  
Make a tiny bow and arrow that shoots Q-tips.

### Leap Year Time Capsules

Friday, February 23 &  
Saturday, February 24, 2-5 p.m.  
Pride-Chaneyville Branch  
Drop by and make a leap year time capsule.

### 3D Pens

Monday, February 26 –  
Wednesday, February 28 at 4 p.m.  
Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch  
Use pens to make your own 3D creations.



## TEENS

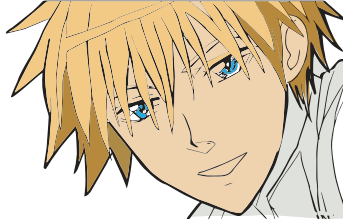
### MOVIE MANIA

#### Teen Film Club: Gemini Man

Join us at the Scotlandville Branch on Thursday, February 8 at 3:30 p.m. for a screening of the sci-fi, action thriller, *Gemini Man*, starring Will Smith.

#### Anime Afternoon

Teens, life is better with anime, and anime is better with friends. And ramen. Join us at the Main Library at Goodwood on Saturday, February 10 at 2:30 p.m. to watch ad-free anime on the Library's Crunchyroll account while snacking on ramen.



#### Teen Matinee: The Barbie Movie

Teens are invited to the Eden Park Branch on Thursday, February 15 at 3 p.m. to watch the *Barbie* movie.

#### Anime Night

Come join us in the teen room at the Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch on Tuesday, February 20 at 6 p.m. to watch a couple of episodes of a selected anime.

### TEENS GRAB AND GEAUX

**Saturday, February 3 – Main Library at Goodwood**  
Geometric Heart Sculpture

**Monday, February 5 – Baker Branch**  
"I Am the Night" Batman Keychain

**Monday, February 5 – Baker Branch**  
Yarn Octopus

**Monday, February 5 – Main Library at Goodwood**  
Mardi Gras Beaded Keychain

**Wednesday, February 7 – Pride-Chaneyville Branch**  
Chocolate Kisses Rose

**Saturday, February 17 – Main Library at Goodwood**  
Magic 8 Ball



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FOR YOU**



### GET YOUR GAME ON!



#### Teen Game Night with Mario & Luigi

It's Teen Game Night with Mario and Luigi at the Pride-Chaneyville Branch on Monday, February 19, 3-6 p.m. Come by to play Super Smash Bros. or Mario Kart on the Wii U.

#### Teen Gaming

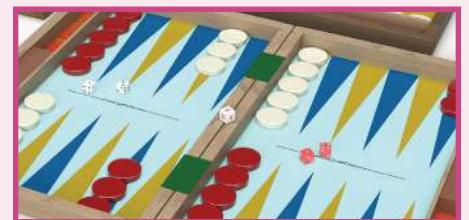
Teens are welcome to an afternoon of board games and card games at the Scotlandville Branch on Thursday, February 22 at 3:30 p.m. We'll play Snake Oil, Betrayal at House on the Hill, Munchkin, and more.

#### Nintendo Game Day

Have a fantastic February playing Nintendo Switch games at the Jones Creek Regional Branch on Saturday, February 24, 2:30-4 p.m.

#### Game Day

Hey teens! Join us at the Main Library at Goodwood on Saturday, February 24 at 3 p.m. for a relaxing afternoon of playing games and hanging out.



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](http://www.ebrpl.com).

## STORIES AND STEM

## Brush Bots

Kids ages 9-11 are invited to the Delmont Gardens Branch on Saturday, February 3 at 11 a.m. to listen to *Rosie Revere, Engineer* by Andrea Beaty, then assemble cute, vibrating robots and race them!

## Toddler Construction Zone



Join us at the Jones Creek Regional Branch on Saturday, February 3 at 11 a.m. where children ages 2-5 will listen to *Smashy Town* by Andrea Zimmerman and explore using Mega Bloks and Playstix in our toddler construction zone!

## Billy Goats and Bridges

Children ages 4-11 can come by the children's room at the Main Library at Goodwood on Saturday, February 3 at 2:30 p.m. to hear *The Rockabilly Goats Gruff* by Jeff Crosby, then build LEGO bridges inspired by the book and make a billy goat magnet! **Registration is required.** To register, please call 231-3760.

## Science Discovery



Join us at the Delmont Gardens Branch on Saturday, February 17 at 11 a.m. where children ages 3-6 will listen to *A Super Sticky Mistake* by Alison Donald and Rea Zhai and unleash their inner scientists with cool density experiments. Which liquids are heavier? Find out!

## Crossbow Craft



Kids ages 8-11 are invited to join us at the Baker Branch on Saturday, February 17 at 2:30 p.m. to read *Arms and Armor* by Michele Byam and make a cool Q-tip crossbow! **Registration is required.** To register, please call 778-5960.

## Train Time

Preschoolers ages 2-5 are welcome at the Pride-Chaneyville Branch on Tuesday, February 20 at 11 a.m. for readings of *Trains* by Mary Lindeen and *Trains Run!* by George Ella Lyon and Beth Lyon. Afterwards, we'll play with Start-Up Circuits and Mega Bloks, plus glue shapes together to make a train picture. **Registration is required.** To register, please call 658-1560.

## AFRICAN AMERICAN READ-IN

## Impossible Moon

Join us at the Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch on Thursday, February 1 at 4:30 p.m. for an African American Read-In event. We will read the modern folktale *Impossible Moon* by Breanna J. McDaniel, then children ages 4-8 will put their name in the stars by painting name constellations. **Registration is required.** To register, please call 274-4460.

## George Washington Carver

Celebrate African American Read-In with the Carver Branch on Tuesday, February 27 at 4:30 p.m. by listening to *George Washington Carver* by Katie Marsico. Afterwards, we'll talk about other famous African Americans, then play bingo to reinforce what we learned. Refreshments will be served. **Registration is required.** To register, please call 389-7440.



## Books and Music with the Kids' Orchestra

Collect new musical skills! Discover new library books! Learn new dance steps! Kids' Orchestra invites children, ages 5-11, to an experiential program that combines library books with music education. Each month, children will explore a theme as they learn about an instrument, sing a song, explore a dance, and play a game – all inspired by a book in the East Baton Rouge Parish Library collection.



Books & Music is celebrating this carnival season by placing a spotlight on "When the Saints Go Marching in," a traditional spiritual that you are very likely to hear during February in Louisiana. You might also hear it at a New Orleans Saints football game. Brass bands in parades often play this melody. Come see Ashley Bryan's beautiful illustrations in the book *Let It Shine*. Also, play a partner song game, meet a professional musician, and practice solfege syllables and hand signs. What are those? Come and find out!!

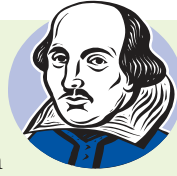
See below for opportunities to attend this fun program! *All children under the age of 9 must be accompanied by an adult.* **Registration is required.**

- Saturday, February 3 at 11 a.m. – Zachary Branch  
To register, call 658-1860.
- Saturday, February 10 at 11 a.m. – Main Library at Goodwood  
To register, call 231-3760.
- Saturday, February 17 at 11 a.m. – Bluebonnet Regional Branch  
To register, call 763-2260.
- Saturday, February 24 at 11 a.m. – Jones Creek Regional Branch  
To register, call 756-1160.



## Shakespeare in the Library

Children ages 5-10 are invited to Shakespeare in the Library at the Delmont Gardens Branch on Saturday, February 17 at 11 a.m. This interactive program will both entertain and teach children all about Shakespeare's tale, *A Midsummer Night's Dream*. Join the bard himself as the Louisiana Shakespeare Company brings one of his funniest comedies to life!



## Book Club

### FAB (Fairwood's Awesome Bookworms) Book Club

FAB Book Club members will meet at the Fairwood Branch on Thursday, February 29 at 4:30 p.m. to discuss *Bud, Not Buddy* by Christopher Paul Curtis. Afterwards, participants will make an origami suitcase to take home. Next month's book selection, *Jillian vs. Parasite Planet* by Nicole Korner-Stage, will also be introduced. **Registration is required.** To register, call 924-9386.

## 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 February's story titles:

- Main Library at Goodwood: *Change Sings* by Amanda Gorman
- Baker Branch: *My Busy Green Garden* by Terry Pierce
- Carver Branch: *The Pout-Pout Fish* by Deborah Diesen

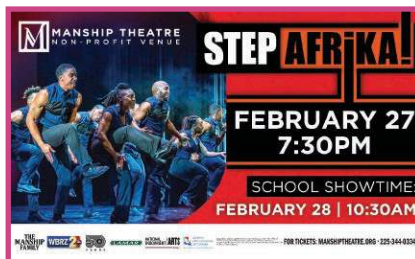
## MANSHIP THEATRE FAMILY SHOWS

Join the Manship Theatre in February for *Step Afrika!* Purchase your tickets at [manshiptheatre.org](http://manshiptheatre.org), and stop by the Children's Room at your local Library to participate in a scavenger hunt and learn more about this exciting show for the whole family!

## Step Afrika!

Tuesday, February 27 at 7:30 p.m.

Founded in 1994 by C. Brian Williams, *Step Afrika!* is the first professional company dedicated to the tradition of stepping. Under Mr. Williams' leadership, stepping has evolved into one of America's cultural exports, touring more than 60 countries across the globe, and the Company now ranks as one of the top ten African-American dance companies in the United States. *Step Afrika!* blends percussive dance styles practiced by historically African American fraternities and sororities; traditional African dances; and an array of contemporary dance and art forms into a cohesive, compelling artistic experience. Performances are much more than dance shows; they integrate songs, storytelling, humor, and audience participation. The blend of technique, agility, and pure energy makes each performance unique and leaves the audience with their hearts pounding. *Step Afrika!* promotes stepping as an educational tool for young people, focusing on teamwork, academic achievement, and cross-cultural understanding. *Recommended for all ages.*



## Press Start!

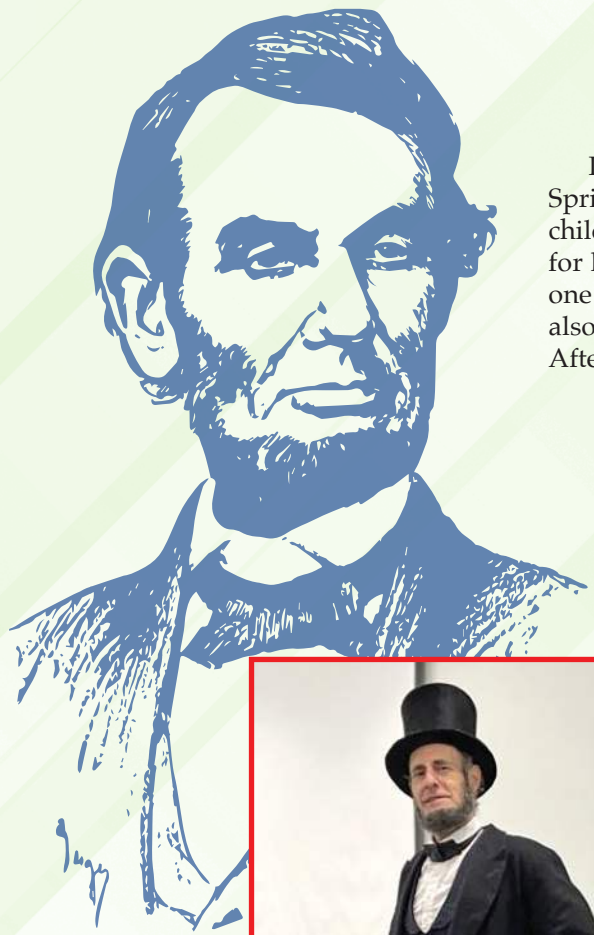
East Baton Rouge Parish Library's **Press Start! Ready, Set, Read!** program equips children ages 2-4 with early literacy skills that will enable them to enter kindergarten with confidence! Parents and caregivers can stop by the Children's Room of any Library location to pick up a booklet full of fun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

Each monthly Press Start booklet:

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

This month's Press Start! booklet is brought to you by the letter U; the number 18; and the concepts, Soft/Hard!





## A Visit with Mr. Lincoln

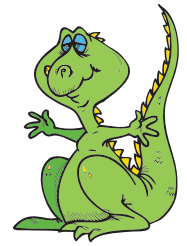
Patrons of all ages enjoyed a visit with Abraham Lincoln at the Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch on January 20. Honest Abe talked about his childhood, meeting his wife, his start in politics, and his presidency. Known for keeping his speeches in his hat, Mr. Lincoln removed his hat to reveal one of his famous speeches that a “future president” helped him read. He also shared U.S. flags from when he was born and when he was in office. Afterward, he answered questions from the audience.





# Storytime at the Library

Storytime gives children an excellent introduction to books and the Library. It increases their attention spans and develops their social skills by involving them in stories, poetry, and songs. The Children's Services staff hopes Storytime will be an enjoyable experience for each child, leading to a lifelong love of books and reading.



| Lapsit   |            |                                      |
|--|------------|--------------------------------------|
| Jones Creek Regional Branch  | 11:15 a.m. | Tuesdays, February 6, 20, 27         |
| Main Library at Goodwood   | 10:30 a.m. | Tuesdays, February 6, 20, 27         |
| Zachary Branch   | 10 a.m.    | Tuesdays, February 6, 20, 27         |
|     |            |                                      |
| Toddler  |            |                                      |
| Bluebonnet Regional Branch   | 10:30 a.m. | Wednesdays, February 7, 14, 21, 28   |
| Jones Creek Regional Branch  | 10:30 a.m. | Tuesdays, February 6, 20, 27         |
| Main Library at Goodwood   | 10 a.m.    | Tuesdays, February 6, 20, 27         |
|    |            |                                      |
| Preschool  |            |                                      |
| Baker Branch   | 11:30 a.m. | Tuesdays, February 6, 20, 27         |
| Carver Branch  | 10 a.m.    | Thursdays, February 8, 15, 22, 29    |
| Greenwell Springs Regional Branch  | 10:30 a.m. | Tuesdays, February 6, 20, 27         |
| Jones Creek Regional Branch  | 9:45 a.m.  | Tuesdays, February 6, 20, 27         |
| Main Library at Goodwood   | 10:30 a.m. | Tuesdays, February 6, 20, 27         |
| River Center Branch  | 10 a.m.    | Mondays, February 5, 12, 19, 26      |
|   |            |                                      |
| Combined Ages  |            |                                      |
| Central Branch   | 10:30 a.m. | Tuesdays, February 6, 20, 27         |
| Fairwood Branch  | 10:30 a.m. | Wednesdays, February 7, 14, 21, 28   |
| Pride-Chaneyville Branch   | 10:30 a.m. | Tuesdays, February 6, 20, 27         |
| Zachary Branch   | 10 a.m.    | Wednesdays, February 7, 21, 28       |
|  |            |                                      |
| Family   |            |                                      |
| Delmont Gardens Branch   | 6 p.m.     | Thursdays, February 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 |
| Eden Park Branch   | 4 p.m.     | Mondays, February 5, 19, 26          |
| PJ/Nighttime   |            |                                      |
| Greenwell Springs Regional Branch  | 6 p.m.     | Thursdays, February 8, 15, 22, 29    |
| Scotlandville Branch   | 6 p.m.     | Tuesdays, February 6, 20, 27         |

# 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, February 1, 3-6 p.m.<br>Scotlandville Branch                      | <i>The Day It Rained Hearts</i> by Felicia Bond                              | Valentine Teddy Bear Craft, ages 3-11                              |
| Saturday, February 3 at 11 a.m.<br>Eden Park Branch                         | <i>Here Comes Valentine Cat</i><br>by Deborah Underwood                      | Ladybug Valentine Mailbox, ages 5-11                               |
| Saturday, February 3, 2-5 p.m.<br>Pride-Chaneyville Branch                  | <i>Porcupine Cupid</i> by Jason June   | Make Valentine Cards and Decorate a Valentine's Mailbox, ages 3-11 |
| *Saturday, February 3 at 2:30 p.m.<br>Main Library at Goodwood              | <i>The Rockabilly Goats Gruff</i><br>by Jeff Cros                            | Build LEGO Bridges and Make a Billy Goat Magnet, ages 4-11         |
| Mondays, February 5, 19 & 26 at 4 p.m.<br>River Center Branch               | <i>All Are Neighbors</i> by Alexandra Penfold                                | Unity Wreath, ages 5-11  |
| Wednesday, February 7 at 10:30 a.m.<br>Zachary Branch                       | <i>12 Days of Mardi Gras</i><br>by Melissa Thibault                          | Mardi Gras Mask, ages 2-5  |
| Wednesday, February 7 at 4 p.m.<br>Central Branch                           | <i>Peppa Pig and the I Love You Game</i><br>by Neville Astley and Mark Baker | Bear Hug Valentines, ages 3-11                                     |
| Wednesday, February 7 at 4:30 p.m.<br>Delmont Gardens Branch                | <i>The Day It Rained Hearts</i> by Felicia Bond                              | Decorate a Valentine Mailbox, ages 6-8                             |
| *Thursday, February 8 at 4:30 p.m.<br>Carver Branch                         | <i>The Valentine Express</i> by Nancy Wallace                                | Valentine Heart Picture, ages 6-11                                 |
| Thursday, February 8 at 4:30 p.m.<br>Fairwood Branch                        | <i>Love, Splat</i> by Rob Scotton  | Ladybug Valentine Mailbox, ages 5-9                                |
| *Saturday, February 10 at 10:30 a.m.<br>Bluebonnet Regional Branch          | <i>Amelia Bedelia's First Valentine</i><br>by Herman Parish                  | Valentine Heart Wreath, ages 5-8                                   |
| *Saturday, February 10 at 11 a.m.<br>Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch | <i>12 Days of Mardi Gras</i><br>by Melissa Thibault                          | Paint and Decorate at Mardi Gras Mask,<br>ages 6-11                |
| Saturday, February 10 at 2 p.m.<br>Zachary Branch                           | <i>It's Valentine's Day</i> by Jack Prelutsky                                | Woven Paper Heart Basket, ages 6-11                                |
| *Saturday, February 10 at 2:30 p.m.<br>Jones Creek Regional Branch          | <i>Mumbo, Jumbo, Stay Out of the Gumbo</i><br>by Johnette Downing            | Mardi Gras Masks and Second Line,<br>ages 5-11                     |







| Date, Time, Location  | Story Title & Author  | Craft/Activity Description & Age Group                                   |
|---|---|--|
| *Saturday, February 10 at 2:30 p.m.<br>Main Library at Goodwood             | <i>Let's Go Outside!</i> by Ekaterina Trukhan                       | Hands-On Sensory Stations and Percussion Instruments, ages birth-2 years |
| *Wednesday, February 14 at 11 a.m.<br>Jones Creek Regional Branch           | <i>Llama Llama I Love You</i><br>by Anna Dewdney                    | Baby Footprint Valentine's Day Keepsake, ages birth-2 years              |
| Wednesday, February 14, 3-6 p.m.<br>Scotlandville Branch                    | <i>Here Comes Valentine Cat</i><br>by Deborah Underwood             | Long-Stemmed Rose Craft, ages 3-11                                       |
| *Wednesday, February 14 at 5 p.m.<br>Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch | <i>First Valentine</i> by Lauren Thompson                           | Heart-Shaped Sun Catcher, ages 3-5                                       |
| Saturday, February 17 at 2:30 p.m.<br>Pride-Chaneyville Branch              | <i>Can I Tell You a Secret?</i> by Anna Kang                        | Bouncy Paper Frog on Lily Pad, ages 4-8                                  |
| *Monday, February 19 at 4:30 p.m.<br>Carver Branch                          | <i>When Langston Dances</i> by Kaija Langley                        | Bottle Top Castanets, ages 9-11  |
| Wednesday, February 21 at 10:30 a.m.<br>Zachary Branch                      | <i>The Very Quiet Cricket</i> by Eric Carle                         | Paper Crickets, ages 2-5   |
| Wednesday, February 21 at 4:30 p.m.<br>Delmont Gardens Branch               | <i>The Five O'Clock Band</i><br>by Troy "Trombone Shorty" Andrews   | Music Collage, ages 6-11   |
| Wednesday, February 21, 3-6 p.m.<br>Scotlandville Branch                    | <i>Black Is a Rainbow Color</i> by Angela Joy                       | Handprint Rainbow, ages 3-11   |
| *Saturday, February 24 at 10 a.m.<br>Main Library at Goodwood               | <i>Put Me in the Zoo</i> by Robert Lopshire                         | Make 3D Animals, Paint, and Explore Colors with Play-Dough, ages 3-8     |
| Saturday, February 24 at 2 p.m.<br>Zachary Branch                           | <i>Rock, Rosetta, Rock! Roll, Rosetta, Roll!</i><br>by Tonya Bolden | Guitar Craft, ages 6-11  |
| Wednesday, February 28 at 10:30 a.m.<br>Zachary Branch                      | <i>Clarabella's Teeth</i> by An Vrombaut                            | Cotton Ball Tooth Craft, ages 2-5  |
| Thursday, February 29, 9 a.m.-6 p.m.<br>River Center Branch                 | <i>The Giant Jumper</i><br>by Julia Donaldson and Helen Oxenbury    | Origami Leaping Frog, ages 6-11  |



# Book Clubs @ Your Library

## Baker Branch

- Baker Morning Book Club  
**10:30 a.m. Monday, February 5**  
*The Book Woman's Daughter*  
by Kim Richardson

## Bluebonnet Regional Branch

- Quirky Ladies Book Club  
**6:30 p.m. Thursday, February 15**  
*The Paris Library*  
by Janet Skeslien Charles
- Spanish Book Club  
**6:30 p.m. Wednesday, February 21**  
*La ridícula idea de no volver a verte*  
By Rosa Montero

## Eden Park Branch

- Mystery Book Club  
**5:30 p.m. Tuesday, February 20**  
*Queen Sugar*  
by Natalie Baszile

## Fairwood Branch

- Books and Brew Book Club  
**11 a.m. Monday, February 19**  
*The Eight*  
by Katherine Neville

## Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch

- Next Chapter Book Club  
**6 p.m. Thursday, February 15**  
All book lovers welcome! Discuss your current reads!

## Jones Creek Regional

- History Book Club  
**2 p.m. Thursday, February 15**  
*Mrs. Lincoln's Dressmaker*  
by Jennifer Chiaverini



## Main Library at Goodwood

- Mystery Lovers Book Club  
**Noon, Wednesday, February 14**  
Mysteries Around the World: Ireland
- Fantasy Book Club  
**6:30 p.m. Thursday February 15**  
The theme for this month will be *Romantasy*.
- Science Fiction Book Club  
**6 p.m. Thursday, February 29**  
*Rosewater*  
by Tade Thompson

## Pride-Chaneyville Branch

- Crafting for a Cause Book Club  
**1 p.m. Thursday, February 15**  
*Love Letters*  
by Debbie Macomber
- Like it or Not Book Club  
**10:30 a.m. Saturday, February 24**  
*Every Duke Has His Day*  
by Suzanne Enoch



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# FREE Computer Classes at the Library

Adults are invited to the Library this month for FREE computer classes. Registration is required for some locations. For more information and to register, call the Library location directly. Check out the schedule:

## Baker Branch

### Introduction to Email

10 a.m. Wednesday, February 14

### Introduction to Word

10 a.m. Monday, February 19

### Introduction to Computers

10 a.m. Monday, February 26

## Carver Branch

### Introduction to Computers

10 a.m. Tuesday, February 6

### Introduction to Microsoft Word

10 a.m. Tuesday, February 20

### Open Lab

10 a.m. Tuesday, February 27

Noon Wednesday, February 28

## Delmont Gardens Branch

### Introduction to Computers

4 p.m. Thursday, February 8

### Typing Lesson

10 a.m. Tuesday, February 13

### Introduction to Word

4 p.m. Thursday, February 22

## Eden Park Branch

### Gmail

10:30 a.m. Saturday, February 3

### Internet Basics

10:30 a.m. Saturday, February 17

## Fairwood Branch

### Introduction to Typing

5 p.m. Tuesday, February 6

### Introduction to Microsoft Word

5 p.m. Wednesday, February 14

### Designing Flyers in Canva

5 p.m. Monday, February 26

### Bring Your Own Devices

5 p.m. Wednesday, February 28

## Jones Creek Regional Branch

### \*One-On-One Tech Tutoring

2 p.m. Wednesday, February 21

3 p.m. Wednesday, February 21

## Main Library

### Computers without Fear

4:30 p.m. Tuesday, February 6

### Introduction to the Internet

6:30 p.m. Tuesday, February 6

### Introduction to Microsoft Word 2016

10 a.m. Wednesday, February 7

### Introduction to Microsoft Excel 2016

10 a.m. Thursday, February 8

### Tables: an Intermediate Microsoft Word 2016 Class

10 a.m. Wednesday, February 14

### Introduction to Microsoft PowerPoint

10 a.m. Thursday, February 15

### Introduction to Computer Programming

10 a.m. Saturday, February 17

### EBRPL Small Business: Intro to WordPress

2 p.m. Saturday, February 17

### Google Suite 101: Docs and Slides

4:30 p.m. Tuesday, February 20

### Google Suite 102: Sheets and Forms

6:30 p.m. Tuesday, February 20

### Making a Newsletter in Microsoft Word 2016

10 a.m. Wednesday, February 21

### Introduction to Microsoft Publisher

10 a.m. Thursday, February 22

## Pride Branch

### Introduction to Google Tools

6 p.m. Wednesday, February 7

### WordPress: Creating your Website

6 p.m. Wednesday, February 21

### Canva Basics

6 p.m. Wednesday, February 28

## Scotlandville Branch

### \*Tech Help

4 p.m. Monday, February 5

Registration required. Please call 225-354-7550.

### \*Introduction to Computers

4 p.m. Wednesday, February 21

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## Zachary Branch

### \*Introduction to E-mail

10 a.m. Monday, February 5

### \*Introduction to Internet

10 a.m. Monday, February 26

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### Baker Branch Library

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274-4440

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