

Season's Readings



EAST BATON ROUGE PARISH
LIBRARY

FEATURED PROGRAMS



Movies on the Plaza: Holiday Edition

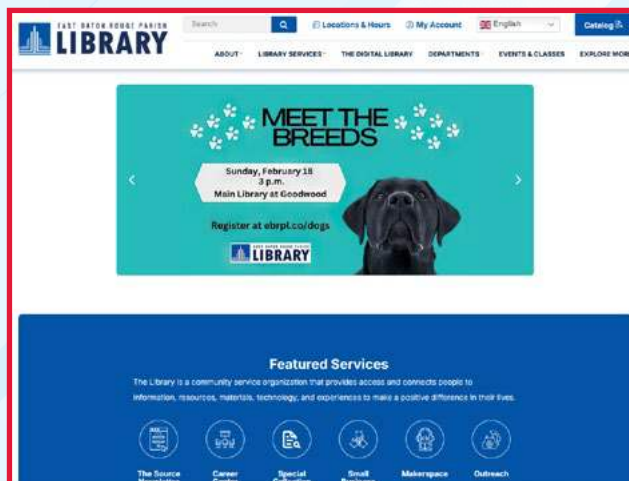
Join us for Movies on the Plaza at the Main Library at Goodwood on Friday, December 13 at 7 p.m. We will watch the 2004 holiday classic, *The Polar Express*, on the plaza's big screen. Bring your lawn chair or blanket, purchase hot chocolate from S.A.B.'s Snowball Shoppe, and stay for the after-movie dance party!



Share your holiday warmth

Sock It to Me

Socks are the number one requested item at homeless shelters. That's why the East Baton Rouge Parish Library is partnering with *Baton Rouge Parents Magazine* for its 20th Annual "Sock It to Me!" socks drive. Join us in sharing holiday warmth to those in need by dropping off new pairs of socks at the Children's Room of any Library location. 2024 collection continues through **December 6!** Help *Baton Rouge Parents* reach their goal of 50,000 pairs of socks and be a part of the spirit of giving this holiday season.



EBRPL Debuts New Website

Visit ebrpl.com on Tuesday, December 10 for the debut of our long-awaited new website! EBRPL is pleased to offer an improved experience for our patrons with a website that is easier to navigate and mobile-friendly. Thanks so much to patrons and staff who provided input during the design process. If you would like an in-person, guided tour of our new website, please drop by any Library location starting December 10 at 10 a.m., 2 p.m., or 7 p.m.



Campfireball

Campfireball is an immersive 'reverse-storytelling' experience created live and in-the-moment out of true-life stories and experiences from the people in the audience. There is nothing to prepare ahead of time and nothing to fear, participation is always voluntary, and it's just as important to listen to someone else's story as it is to share one of your own! There are programs for both children and adults. See below for opportunities to take part in this fun, engaging, one-of-a-kind event!

For children:

Tuesday, December 3 at 4:30 p.m. – Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch
Wednesday, December 4 at 2:30 p.m. – Main Library at Goodwood
Thursday, December 5 at 4:30 p.m. – Carver Branch

For adults:

Tuesday, December 3 at 10:30 a.m. – Jones Creek Regional Branch
Wednesday, December 4 at 6:30 p.m. – Main Library at Goodwood

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MUSIC

A Dulcimer and Drums Holiday Concert

Madam Dulcimer and Lady Chops are teaming up to bring lively holiday music to the Library! Join us for this exciting concert that will entertain the whole family! Madam Dulcimer (Amanda Roberts) is a renowned musician who won the 2017 National Hammer Dulcimer Championship. The hammered dulcimer is a percussion instrument with 111 strings and is struck with handheld hammers. It is quite the treat to hear one in person! She will be accompanied by percussionist Lady Chops (Elizabeth Vidos) of the Off-Broadway show *STOMP*. The duo recently performed at the New Orleans Jazz Festival, and the Library is pleased to host them for the holidays! See below for opportunities to attend. **Registration is required.** To register, please call the Library location directly.



Lady Chops and Madam Dulcimer

- Wednesday, December 18 at 2:30 p.m. – Zachary Branch
- Wednesday, December 18 at 6 p.m. – Pride-Chaneyville Branch
- Thursday, December 19 at 2:30 p.m. – Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch
- Thursday, December 19 at 6 p.m. – Jones Creek Regional Branch
- Friday, December 20 at 10 a.m. – Main Library at Goodwood
- Friday, December 20 at 2:30 p.m. – Carver Branch
- Saturday, December 21 at 3 p.m. – Main Library at Goodwood
- Sunday, December 22 at 3 p.m. – River Center Branch
- Monday, December 23 at 10 a.m. – Bluebonnet Regional Branch

EBR Schools' Talented Music Candlelight Concert

You're invited to a Candlelight Concert, featuring students from Glasgow Middle School and Baton Rouge Magnet High School, at the Main Library at Goodwood on Sunday, December 8 at 4:30 p.m. Enjoy ensemble pieces like "Jingle Bell Rock" and "The Entertainer," plus instrumental and vocal solos including "Silent Night," "Jingle Bells," "Do You Want to Build a Snowman?," and "Part of Your World."

Civic Orchestra of Baton Rouge

The Civic Orchestra of Baton Rouge presents Christmas Spectacular on Sunday, December 15 at 4 p.m. The concert will feature a mix of classical and modern Christmas tunes including the orchestra's annual performance of Handel's "Hallelujah" chorus.



Gifted and Talented Music Winter Concert

Dr. YongHao Pan and Dr. Kimberly Costanza will conduct the Gifted and Talented Winter Concert at the Main Library at Goodwood on Sunday, December 15 at 7 p.m. Enjoy a magical performance with EBR Schools' Talented Music Choir, Chamber Orchestra, and String Ensemble as they present pieces from Bach, Mozart, Beethoven, Brahms, and more!

HORROR FOR THE HOLIDAYS

Santa's Nightmare Workshop: Toy Upcycling for Adults

Are you worried about whether you're on the naughty or nice list? Don't fret! There's still time to be nightmarish... Adults can join us on Thursday, December 12, 6-8 p.m., at the Main Library at Goodwood for an open workshop to build their own monstrosity by upcycling old, broken, or unwanted toys. Give your truck teeth, raise undead army men, give your Beany Babies boils, or customize and combine scraps to make a malevolent Megazord to haunt your family's dreams. Attendees can piece together their own nightmares while enjoying the ambience of a classic horror film and music while they work. Donated materials will be provided but attendees can also bring their own supplies. *Anyone under 18 must be accompanied by an adult due to mature themes.* Seating is limited. **Registration is available at ebrpl.co/events.**

Horror Film Screening: Santa's Slay

Adults are invited to a horror film screening of *Santa's Slay* (2005, R) on Tuesday, December 17 at 7 p.m. at the Main Library at Goodwood. Viewer discretion is advised.





Boo Milton

Write Time! with Boo Milton

Join us on Monday, December 16 at 6 p.m. at the Main Library at Goodwood for Write Time!, a FREE poetry and general creative writing session designed 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. Registration is available at ebrpl.co/events.



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BUSINESS

Business Librarian Office Hours

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



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. Join us at the Main Library at Goodwood on Saturday, December 7 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.

GENEALOGY

Genealogy Brown Bag Lunch

Join a community of genealogy researchers for discussions on genealogy, research, and history at the Main Library at Goodwood on Friday, December 20 at Noon. Bring your questions! Bring your knowledge! *And bring your lunch!* No registration required.



Winter Food Drive December 1st – 31st



Help your community by donating non-perishable food items at any library location. All items will benefit the Greater Baton Rouge Food Bank. For more information, call 225-231-3740. www.ebrpl.com

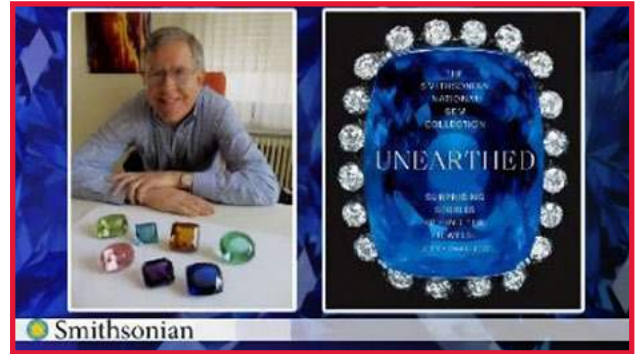
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Virtual Author Talk Series

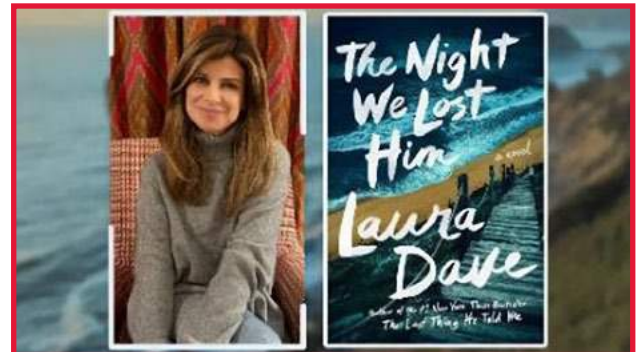
The Library continues its Author Talk Series with two new authors in December! Each live, virtual event features a different bestselling author, along with an interactive Q&A session where participants can ask questions directly to the author. See December selections and dates/times below.

Visit library.org/ebprl to register for these virtual events, learn about other upcoming conversations with bestselling authors, and view previous author talk recordings. For more information about these and other virtual events, visit ebprl.co/virtual.

Wednesday, December 4 at 1 p.m. - Join us for an absolutely dazzling presentation with the emeritus curator of the Smithsonian's National Gem Collection, Dr. Jeffrey E. Post, as he talks about *The Smithsonian National Gem Collection Unearthed: Surprising Stories Behind the Jewels*. The Smithsonian's *Unearthed* explores the scandals, mysteries, and human stories behind the world's greatest gems. In this webinar, fact is separated from fiction, and Dr. Post will reveal fresh information and regale the viewers with anecdotes and tales of some of the world's greatest and most famous gemstones, including the Hope Diamond, Star of Asia Sapphire, Carmen Lucia Ruby, Hooker Emerald, and Blue Heart Diamond.



Wednesday, December 11 at 1 p.m. - Join us for a captivating conversation with Laura Dave, #1 *New York Times* bestselling author of *The Last Thing He Told Me*, as she chats with us online about her newest book, *The Night We Lost Him*, which focuses on estranged siblings who discover their father has been keeping a secret for over fifty years, one that may have been fatal... Liam Noone was many things to many people. To Nora, he was a father who often loved her from afar - notably a cliffside cottage perched on the California coast from which he fell to his death. The authorities rule the death accidental, but Nora and her estranged brother Sam have other ideas. With Laura Dave's trademark combination of soulful suspense and evocative family drama, *The Night We Lost Him* is a riveting page-turner.



Scotlandville Branch Reopening

The Scotlandville Branch Library has reopened in its temporary location at the newly constructed Archives Annex, adjacent to the branch. Services provided in the Archives Annex will include Wi-Fi, computers, and printing, as well as a selection of books, magazines, DVDs, and other browsable materials for all ages.

The Scotlandville Branch is expected to occupy the Archives Annex for approximately 18 months while the original library building undergoes an expansion and renovation. The newly updated branch will provide attractive, modernized amenities to better serve our patrons.

For more information on the Scotlandville Branch Library renovation, please visit ebprl.co/scotlandville.



Libraries *Change Lives*

Nestled in the Pride-Chaneyville Branch Library is a vibrant group of women transforming yarn into warmth, humor into healing, and camaraderie into community. During our hour-long interview, club members were actively crocheting—some arriving late but seamlessly joining in—and shared with us a series of stories full of humor, heart, and just the right amount of mischief.

a local battered women’s shelter. This connection resonated deeply with one member who had survived domestic abuse. From there, the club’s generosity expanded globally, including a leprosy hospital in Nepal that requested wool hats to combat the region’s harsh winters.

The ladies’ work has touched countless lives, but they insist the club has also transformed their own. Half of

community. Linden noted, “We wouldn’t function without donated yarn. Sometimes people drop off garbage bags full of yarn at the Library’s doorstep when clearing out a relative’s house.” Sometimes these donations of yarn include “UFOs”—unfinished objects. The club lovingly completes these abandoned projects, often unassembled blankets.

When asked why others should join library groups, the women didn’t hesitate. One lady explained that the library is special because it brings people together without a cost barrier. “It’s a welcoming space for everyone.”

Crafting for a Cause is more than a crochet club. It’s a community bound by threads of generosity and friendship, proving that libraries aren’t just about books — they’re about people. Whether making hats for children, blankets for chemotherapy patients, or sharing a laugh with friends, these women show how libraries truly change lives.



Crafting for a Cause members: Kathy Denham, Linden Langberg, Virginia Forbes, Oneida Jarrell, Glenda Ballard, Kay Halphen, and Susan Dubinski.

The “Crafting for a Cause” club, formed in 2011, gathers every Thursday to crochet items for those in need. The group started humbly. Library Technician Linden Langberg recalled, “Two patrons saw me crocheting and wanted to learn how to make baby booties. That proved tricky, so I suggested starting with hats.” Word spread, and more patrons joined. Before long, their laughter and chatter prompted a move from the Library’s main floor to its conference room. “We were too loud and too rowdy,” Linden joked.

Their growing enthusiasm turned charitable when one member complained to Linden about the surplus of hats. “My family and friends cringe every time they see me making a hat, because they are so tired of me gifting them hats! Maybe we should be donating them.” The suggestion would forever change the direction and purpose of the club. The first recipients were residents of

the members are widows; others have retired husbands. For many, the group is both a creative outlet and a cherished social lifeline. “We call it our therapy session,” one member said. “We’ve got to get out of the house, or we’d murder our husbands!” another joked. “If sarcasm isn’t your first language, you might have a problem here,” Linden warned with a grin. Each week, the women bring their wit along with food and sweets, sharing tales and teasing one another between stitches.

Despite their laughter, the group takes their mission seriously. Over the years, they’ve donated hats, scarves, blankets, and more to a variety of causes. In 2019, they crocheted 80 hats for pre-K and kindergarten students at a nearby school. When the older children grew jealous, the club upped their game, creating over 200 hats the following year to ensure no child felt left out.

The group’s spirit of giving is also fueled by the generosity of the



Student Library Card Update

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

Parents must choose between several card categories:

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

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

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

As of November, 17,000 student library cards have been updated.



Get Down and Clean Up Kits

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

Sponsored by Keep Louisiana Beautiful, each kit* includes:

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

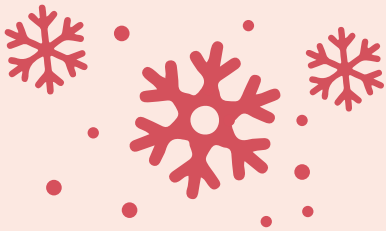
*Smaller kits of five 4-grabber kits (family-sized) and four 1-grabber kits (individual) are available at the Main Library at Goodwood. Multiple kits may be checked out by one patron.

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



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.





Holiday Closure

All Library locations will close on Tuesday, December 24 and Wednesday, December 25 in observance of the Christmas holidays.

In addition, all Library locations will close at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, December 31 and all day on Wednesday, January 1 for the New Year's celebration.



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SAVE THE DATE



Lincoln at the Library

You have three opportunities to meet President Abraham Lincoln in January! After speaking about our nation's history, as well as sharing anecdotes from his own life, Honest Abe will answer questions and take photos with attendees. See dates/times and locations below:

- "A Visit with Mr. Lincoln" (*especially for kids!*)
Saturday, January 11 at 3 p.m. – Jones Creek Regional Branch
- "Abraham Lincoln: A New Birth of Freedom"
Sunday, January 12 at 2:30 p.m. – Central Branch
- "Lincoln on Literature and the Theatre"
Monday, January 13 at 6 p.m. – Main Library at Goodwood



Garden Discoveries

The Baton Rouge Botanical Garden Foundation will host a FREE Garden Discoveries series event at the Main Library at Goodwood on Saturday, January 11 at 10 a.m. Registration is available at ebrpl.co/events, or call 231-3750 for registration assistance. Learn more at ebrpl.co/garden.

Get Organized!

Certified Professional Organizer, Alyssa Troclair, returns to the Library to help us Get Organized in 2025 on Sundays, January 12 & 26 at 2 p.m.

Calligraphy Expo

Join us for an afternoon of calligraphy at the Main Library at Goodwood on Sunday, January 19 at 2 p.m. Shawn Man will lead a workshop entitled "Dragon Leaps from the Brush: Calligraphy Art Exhibition and Live Dragon Character Writing." Stay afterward for a tai chi class with Jie Gu!

SNEAK PREVIEW
SAVE THE DATE! Saturday, January 18, 3pm
at The Main Library at Goodwood.

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Multicultural Sounds of Louisiana: Winter Recital and Art Expo

Join Palacios House of Arts at the Main Library at Goodwood on Saturday, December 7 at 6 p.m. for an inspiring celebration of culture, creativity, and community! The "Multicultural Sounds" project promotes Louisiana's rich cultural heritage and fosters the creation of new music, showcasing PHOA's talented students, passionate teachers, and vibrant partnerships.



Free Saturday Tutoring

The Baton Rouge Magnet High School Beta Club will offer FREE tutoring services on Saturdays, December 7 & 14, 9:30-10:30 a.m., at the Main Library at Goodwood. Beta Club members will help elementary, middle, and high school students. See subjects offered below. Only 60 spots are available each Saturday. **Registration is required.** Register online at ebrpl.co/tutor 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.

Healthy Habits with Humana

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

- **Tips to Reduce Sodium**

Friday, December 6 at 10:30 a.m.

Join Humana Health Educator Candice Carr for some tips on how to stay healthy by reducing your sodium. Refreshments will be served.

- **Paint 'n Sip with Humana**

Thursday, December 12 at 1 p.m.

Discover your inner artist with Humana in an instructor-led art workshop. Materials and mocktails provided!

- **Humana Holiday Craft: Fabric Christmas Tree Cones**

Monday, December 16 at 10:30 a.m.

Enjoy a festive, instructor-led crafting session and take home your own fabric Christmas tree cones! All materials provided.

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. An area attorney will be available at the Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch on Saturday, December 7, 9:30-11:30 a.m., 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.

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

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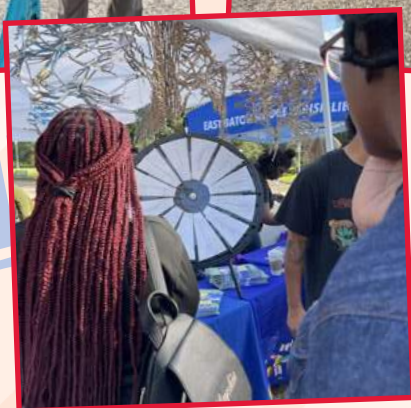
Attic Treasures and Collectibles

October 26 – Main Library at Goodwood



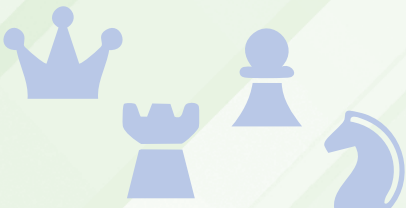
Louisiana Book Festival

November 2 – Downtown Baton Rouge



GAME ON! @ THE LIBRARY

November 16 – Main Library at Goodwood



ADULT PROGRAMS

DE-STRESS DECEMBER

Adult Coloring and Sudoku

Choose from a variety of coloring sheets and word games like Sudoku at the Carver Branch on Tuesday, December 3 at 11 a.m. Coloring pencils will be provided.



Zen Coloring

Touted as a therapeutic source of creativity and relaxation, people everywhere are rediscovering coloring! Come to the River Center Branch on Wednesday, December 4, 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.

Creative Journaling

Come learn basic bullet and visual journaling techniques to help boost your mood, release stress, and make better decisions at the Main Library at Goodwood on Thursdays, December 5 & 19 at 6 p.m. Our December focus will be on reflection and stress-relief and will include art journaling options. There is no "right" way to journal, so give it a go!

Color Jam

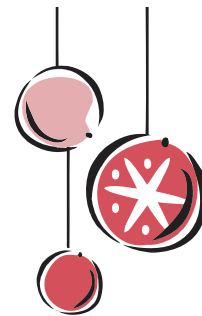
Welcome to Color Jam, the newest club at the Jones Creek Regional Branch! Join us on Tuesday, December 10 at 2 p.m. as we work on fun coloring pages while jamming out to music and getting to know each other.

Color Me Calm

Stop by the Eden Park Branch on Wednesday, December 11 at 10 a.m. and request colored pencils and a coloring page to trace, stencil, and shade your anxiety away.

Holiday Wrap Party & Paper/Ribbon Exchange

Need time and space to wrap all those presents without little ones present? Join us at the Jones Creek Regional Branch on Monday, December 9 at 6 p.m. for our Holiday Wrap Party and Paper/Ribbon Exchange! Bring your wrapping supplies for this year, plus any leftovers you want to pass on! We will get our wrap on while listening to holiday music and visiting with other gift givers.



White Elephant Plant Exchange

Adults are invited to a White Elephant Plant Exchange at the Jones Creek Regional Branch on Saturday, December 14 at 10 a.m. Bring one special plant to exchange with others during a fun holiday game. Everyone will take home a new plant to enjoy!

Surviving the Holidays: Grief Support Group

Are you experiencing grief over the loss of a loved one during this holiday season? If you need support, you are invited to join a grief support group led by Rosey H. Antoine at the Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch on Saturday, December 14 at 10:30 a.m.

Death Café: Conversations About Death

Being prepared for death helps us to maximize the life we are living. Join us for Death Café, a group-directed discussion of death with no agenda, objectives, or themes, at the Main Library at Goodwood on Sunday, December 15 at 2:30 p.m. The discussion will be led by Sherry Van Atta Smelley, MSW, LCSW, BACS, DCSW. She has 35 years in practice primarily focusing on grief and loss, including teaching a Grief and Bereavement class at LSU in the MSW program for over 20 years. Unless you've experienced a recent death, it's a topic you probably haven't discussed, but a new movement is trying to change that, with a serving of tea and cake.

Lagniappe Historic Dance & Pastime Society

Come dance with us! The Lagniappe Historic Dance & Pastime Society invites you to join them to learn 18th and 19th century dances on Thursday evenings in December, 6-7:30 p.m., at the Pride-Chaneyville Branch. Wear comfortable shoes.

La Table Française à Zachary

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



Spanish Reading Club/Club de Lectura en Español

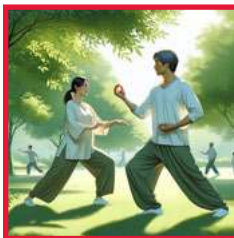
Join us at the Bluebonnet Regional Branch to read and discuss books in Spanish! This month's meeting will take place on Wednesday, December 18 at 6:30 p.m., and we'll be reading *El Adversario* by Emmanuel Carrere. For more information about the Spanish Reading Club, call 763-2250.

ADULT PROGRAMS

HEALTH AND WELLNESS

Group Tai Chi Classes

Join us for free, hour-long Tai Chi sessions and meet friends through group practice. Together with the Tai Chi Club, we will explore the yin and yang of mind-body and find the way of nature in tai chi. By the end of the series, you will have learned a full tai chi routine to practice on your own and share with people around you. This month's sessions will take place at the Main Library at Goodwood on Wednesdays, December 4 & 11 at 6 p.m. Wear flat shoes and comfortable clothes!



Jones Creek Exercise Group

Join the Jones Creek Regional Branch every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday in December (excluding Christmas Day), 9:30-10 a.m., as we exercise with a video guided 30-minute workout session. First come, first served for floor space.

Fitness in the Stacks

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

Take a Hike in Your Library

The weather outside is frightful, but the Library is so 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 and walk by yourself or with a small group of friends. There are three measured areas: the "inside loop" is 145 steps or 1/16 of a mile, "against the wall" is 280 steps or 1/8 of a mile, and the "serpentine" is 565 steps or 1/4 mile. There are also exercise stations scattered throughout the library.



Walk & Stretch at Main

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

Earn Your Makerspace Badge!

Get creative with Makerspaces! Adults and teens are invited to attend a badging class to learn the basics of safely operating our Makerspace equipment, including professional microphones and soundboards, 3D printers, sewing machines, button makers, Cricuts, and more! Once you have completed a badging class, you may reserve the equipment for personal use! **Registration is required.** To register, call the branch directly or visit ebrpl.co/events. See opportunities below:

JONES CREEK REGIONAL BRANCH
Thursday, December 12 at 2:30 p.m.
Cricut and Heat Press Badging Class

Tuesday, December 17 at 6 p.m.
Sewing Machine Badging Class

RIVER CENTER BRANCH
Wednesday, December 4 at 3:30 p.m.
Beginner Cricut Badging Class

Tuesday, December 10 at 4 p.m.
Beginner 3D Printer Badging Class

Tuesday, December 17 at 4 p.m.
Laser Cutter: Make Your Own Holiday Earrings

Monday, December 30 at 3:30 p.m.
Intermediate Laser Cutter Badging Class

CALLING ALL WRITERS

Writers Rendezvous

Writers are invited to join Writers Rendezvous at the Fairwood Branch for their monthly writers group on Tuesday, December 10. 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.



Fiction Writers Workshop

Are you an aspiring author? Join the Fiction Writers Workshop to get feedback on your fiction stories. Email Desmond Stevens at dstevens@ebrpl.com to get started! We email new stories out once a month. Once you have given feedback on at least two other members' stories, you are qualified to sign up for a critique of your own writing. Join us at the in-person meeting at the Bluebonnet Regional Branch on Monday, December 16 at 6:30 p.m. to meet other local authors and discuss the stories.



Threadheads – A Contemporary Crochet Club

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

Crafting for a Cause

Join us at the Pride-Chaneyville Branch each Thursday in December at 1 p.m. 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.

Clothespin Carolers

Transform plain clothespins into Christmas carolers with a little paint. Enjoy seasonal crafting with others at the Jones Creek Regional Branch on Tuesday, December 3 at 6:30 p.m. and leave with cute decorations for your tree, gifts, or table. **Registration is required.** To register, please visit ebrpl.co/events.

Snowy Sky Painting

Put paint to canvas at the Jones Creek Regional Branch on Wednesday, December 4 at 2 p.m. Use various snowflake templates to create a beautiful, winter sky art piece! **Registration is required.** To register, visit ebrpl.co/events.

Christmas Stamps

Want to make your Christmas gift tags unique this year? Care to add your own ‘stamp?’ Join us at the River Center Branch on Thursday, December 5 at 3 p.m. We will have gift tags for you to customize with a variety of Christmas stamps!

Fairwood Stitch Society

Pass some time with fellow fiber enthusiasts at the Fairwood Stitch Society! All skill levels and all types of fiber arts are welcome to the Fairwood Branch on Thursdays, December 5 & 12 at 4 p.m. Feel free to bring your own projects! Yarn and needles will be available during meetings for beginning knitters to learn.

Arts & Crafts for Adults

Nourish or rediscover your creative spark in a relaxing, free-form atmosphere at Arts & Crafts for Adults at the Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch on Saturdays, December 7 & 21 at 2 p.m. You’re invited to color, explore watercolor paints, and free draw; learn to macramé and tie fancy knots; make jewelry and keychains; and much more! All supplies provided.

Crochet a Snowflake

Join us to crochet a snowflake ornament at the Delmont Gardens Branch on Monday, December 9 at 4 p.m. This pattern is beginner friendly, using only a chain and slip stitch.

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 on Tuesdays, December 10 & 17 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.

‘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, December 11, 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. Check out the Library’s digital resources for needlecrafts and textiles at ebrpl.co/needlecrafts.



Knitting Nook & Crochet Corner

Have you been wanting to learn how to knit? Are you having trouble with a new technique or pattern? Just want to meet fellow knitting enthusiasts? Join knitters of all levels at the Bluebonnet Regional Branch on Thursdays, December 12 & 26, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., to learn and share.

CRAFTS AND HOBBIES

Easy Macrame Tree Garland

Dress up your holiday décor with this easy-to-make macrame tree garland! Join us at the Pride-Chaneyville Branch on Friday, December 13 at 4 p.m. for this fun DIY project.

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, December 18 at 12:30 p.m.. **Registration is required.** To register, please visit ebrpl.com/calendar or call 756-1140.

Crochet for a Cause

Crocheters and knitters will meet at the Main Library at Goodwood on Saturday, December 21 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.



GAMES

Guessing Game

Come to the Jones Creek Regional Branch during the month of December to guess how many peppermints are in the jar. At the end of the month, the patron who guesses the closest will receive a prize.



Puzzle Power

During the month of December, come to the Pride-Chaneyville Branch to puzzle your way through the North Pole, as Santa Claus is coming to town, with an old-fashioned jigsaw.

Holiday Word Search Puzzle

Stop by the Jones Creek Regional Branch to pick up a holiday-themed word search puzzle during the month of December.

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. Questions? Call 763-2250 for more information.



Upcoming dates:

- Wednesday, December 4 at 6 p.m.: Online Game Night in Discord (*see QR code*)
- Wednesday, December 11 at 6 p.m.: Board Game Night
New style board, dice, and card games (*Beginners-Intermediate*)
- Saturday, December 14 at Noon: Tabletop RPG Saturdays
Pathfinder, Dungeons & Dragons, and other TTRPGs.
- Wednesday, December 18 at 6 p.m.: BIG Board Game Night: Choose from the group’s 250+ games or bring your own to share.
- Saturday, December 28 at Noon: Tabletop RPG Saturdays
Pathfinder, Dungeons & Dragons, and other TTRPGs.

B-I-N-G-O

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

- Bingo at Baker: Baker Branch - Tuesday, December 3 at 6 p.m.
- Bingo in the Gardens: Delmont Gardens Branch
Thursday, December 26 at 4 p.m.



Scrabble for Adults

Bring a friend and join us at the Baker Branch on Thursday, December 5 at 10 a.m. for a round of good, old-fashioned Scrabble Crossword – the fun, classic word game that never goes out of style.

Chess and Checkers

Come play chess and checkers at the Delmont Gardens Branch on Tuesday, December 17 at 10 a.m. All levels welcome. Keep your skills sharp or learn something new!

ADULT PROGRAMS



MOVIES

Movie Matinee

Join us at the Baker Branch on Wednesday, December 4 at 10:30 a.m. for a showing of the 2016 movie, *Dolly Parton's Christmas of Many Colors: Circle of Love* (G).

James Bond Film Series

Come to the Carver Branch on Tuesday, December 10 at 3:30 p.m. for the next installment in our James Bond Film Series featuring *Licence to Kill* (1989, PG-13).

Holiday Movie

Adults are invited to the Carver Branch on Tuesday, December 17 at 3:30 p.m. for a showing of the holiday movie, *Almost Christmas* (2016).

ADULT GRAB AND GEAUX

Sunday, December 1
Greenwell Springs Road
Regional Branch
Paper Crafts

Monday, December 2
Carver Branch
Paper Christmas Tree Ornament

Wednesday, December 18
Jones Creek Regional Branch
Paper Snowflakes



CAREER CENTER

YouTube Roundup

Professional Career & Job Search Help Virtually! If you need help with your job search or career but can't make it to the Career Center in-person, we can come to you through the power of our online videos. Our videos provide guidance on how to write resumes and cover letters, answer interview questions, complete online job applications, negotiate your salary, find work-from-home jobs, and much more. We even have dedicated playlists for teens, Spanish-speaking citizens, and the formerly incarcerated. Whatever type of help you need with your job search or career progression, we've got a video for that! Check out the following videos (and more!) at www.careercenterbr.com/YouTube:



YouTube

Our most popular series is back! New Teen Interview video:

How Teens Can Answer, "How Would You Welcome a Customer?"

"You only get one chance to make a good first impression" – so the way that you welcome customers is crucial. In this video, we demonstrate ways to answer this question that will help you make a good impression on both customers *and* hiring managers.



How to Apply for a Job at Smoothie King

In this video, we demonstrate how to complete an online job application for fast food restaurant Smoothie King.

From the Vaults: This month's Golden Oldie Spotlight

edX: An In-Depth MOOC Review

Go back to school without spending a fortune! MOOCs - Massive Open Online Courses - can be a fantastic way to get valuable job skills, training, and certifications at a low cost. In this video, we discuss the popular MOOC edX, detailing the types of courses they offer, as well as the options and costs for different professional certifications.

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20-SOMETHINGS

Holiday Ornaments on the Laser Cutter

20-somethings, come design your own holiday ornaments using materials in the Makerspace at the River Center Branch on Monday, December 9 at 4 p.m. **Registration is required.** To register, visit ebrpl.co/events.



Wood Slice Ornaments

Interested in making homemade holiday decorations? Come to the Bluebonnet Regional Branch on Tuesday, December 10 at 6:30 p.m. to paint your own wood slice ornaments.



Macrame Holiday Ornament

Hey 20-Somethings! For this holiday season, join us at the Jones Creek Regional Branch on Thursday, December 12 at 6 p.m. to make a new ornament using macrame techniques!



Christmas Gift Wrapping Party

With the holiday craziness making our schedules extra tight, 20-somethings can be productive at the Pride-Chaneyville Branch on Saturday, December 14 at 4 p.m. by wrapping presents for the big day! Get together with friends, nibble on some appetizers, and get those gifts wrapped!



Paper Candy Surprise

Paper candy wrappers are a great DIY gift for the holidays! Join us at the Main Library at Goodwood on Tuesday, December 17 at 6 p.m. to learn how to fold paper into wrappers that you can fill with notes, trinkets, or candy.



Holiday Earrings

Create some fun holiday earrings at the Delmont Gardens Branch on Thursday, December 19 at 6 p.m.



Movie Matinee

20-somethings, come by the Baker Branch on Friday, December 20 at 3:30 p.m. for a viewing of *The Forge* (2024). A year out of high school with no plans for his future, Isaiah Wright is challenged by his mom and a successful businessman to start charting a better course for his life. Isaiah begins to discover God's purpose for his life is so much more than he could have hoped for or imagined.



Louisiana Lights: Where the Holidays Shine

Step inside a glowing wonderland and discover a new festive tradition this holiday season. Louisiana Lights will captivate visitors of all ages and take them on a journey through illuminated garden rooms, past a sparkling lake and a shimmering tunnel of light on the grounds of the former Burden family home at the LSU Rural Life Museum until December 29.

A dazzling orchard, scintillating stream, Moravian stars, and other stunning surprises will light the way against a backdrop of brilliant, majestic oaks, twinkling crape myrtles, and the luminous landscapes of Burden Museum & Gardens. Special nights include Poinsettias & Prosecco, A Rural Life Christmas, and Barks & Bright Night. Visit <https://lsuagcenterbg.ticketspice.com/louisiana-lights> for more information and to purchase admission tickets and parking passes.

20-SOMETHINGS GRAB AND GEAUX



Tuesday, December 10
Main Library at Goodwood
3D Christmas Trees

Wednesday, December 11
Central Branch
Cupcake Ornaments

Tuesday, December 17
Fairwood Branch
3D Christmas Trees

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TEENS

GET YOUR GAME ON!

Mini Game Madness

Take a break from finals and join us at the Main Library at Goodwood on Thursday, December 19 at 11:45 a.m. to eat snacks and play some silly mini games!

Nintendo Game Day

Come play games on the Nintendo Switch at the Jones Creek Regional Branch on Saturday, December 28 at 2:30 p.m.

Teen Gaming

Drop by the Pride-Chaneyville Branch on Saturday, December 28 and Monday, December 30, 2:30-5:30 p.m. to play games on the Xbox 360 Kinect!

MOVIE MANIA

Winter Movie

Teens are invited to the Bluebonnet Regional Branch on Thursday, December 19 at Noon for popcorn, hot chocolate, and a winter movie!

Anime Afternoon

Calling all anime fans! Teens, join us at the Main Library at Goodwood on Saturday, December 14 at 2:30 p.m. for anime and ramen.

TEENS GRAB AND GEAUXS

Monday, December 2 – Baker Branch
Fishtail Friendship Bracelet and Yarn Hat

Wednesday, December 4
Bluebonnet Regional Branch
Book Page Ornaments



Saturday, December 7
Main Library at Goodwood
Mini Book Magnets



Monday, December 16 at 10 a.m.
Pride-Chaneyville Branch
Peppermint Bark

Saturday, December 21
Main Library at Goodwood
Perpetual Cube Calendar



Saturday, December 28
Main Library at Goodwood
Pokémon Bookmarks

Saturday Science

Teens and their families are invited to Saturday Science at the Main Library at Goodwood on Saturday, December 7 at 1 p.m. Dr. Corina Barbalata, LSU Assistant Professor of Mechanical and Industrial Engineering, will present “Exploring the Depths: The Science and Engineering of Marine Robotics.” Discover how engineers and researchers are developing intelligent underwater robots that adapt to changes and handle challenges.



Dr. Corina Barbalata

Join us on the first Saturday of each month (excluding January) for LSU’s free public talk series designed to connect teens to science and technology through engaging presentations on a variety of current topics.

HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS FOR TEENS



Decorate the Teen Holiday Tree

Throughout December, teens can come by the Pride-Chaneyville Branch to make one origami holiday ornament for the teen holiday tree and one to take home!

Hot Cocoa and The Grinch

Enjoy some green hot chocolate while watching *How the Grinch Stole Christmas* (2000), starring Jim Carrey, at the Delmont Gardens Branch on Thursday, December 12 at 5 p.m.

It’s a Grinch Celebration!

Teens, you’re invited to a Grinch Celebration at the Pride-Chaneyville Branch on Saturday, December 14 at 10:30 a.m. Make some “Grinch” popcorn and enjoy it while watching *How the Grinch Stole Christmas* (2000). You can also make your own Grinch Perler bead ornament to take home.

DIY Hot Cocoa Mix

Have you ever made your own hot cocoa mix? Teens can join us at the Main Library at Goodwood on Thursday, December 19 at 11:45 a.m. to experiment with various bases, flavors, and mix-ins to create a hot cocoa recipe of their own and bring home a container of their final creation!

Reindeer Games STEM Challenge

Hey teens! Come race zipline reindeer, build a miniature sled, and see who can build the tallest gumdrop Christmas tree at the Zachary Branch on Thursday, December 19 at 4:30 p.m. as part of our Reindeer Games STEM Challenge!

TEENS

DIY @ the Library

Teens, get crafty at your local Library!

Express your creativity at these in-person programs! *Indicates registration required.

Register online at ebrpl.co/events.

*Holiday Bags on the Cricut Monday, December 2 at 4 p.m. River Center Branch

Use our Cricut and heat press to design your own holiday bags.

Yuletide Yarn Hat Ornaments Thursday, December 5 at 4:30 p.m. Zachary Branch

Make a cute, little yarn hat ornament for your Christmas tree.



Perler Bead Holiday Ornaments Friday, December 6 at 4 p.m. Fairwood Branch

Create fun holiday ornaments out of Perler beads as gifts for your family or friends.

Beaded Star Charms Saturday, December 7 at 2:30 p.m. Jones Creek Regional Branch

Choose your favorite colors of different sized beads to make a five-pointed star.

Holiday Ornaments Tuesday, December 10 at 4 p.m. Delmont Gardens Branch

Make a fun holiday ornament for the holidays.

Gingerbread House Exploding Paper Box Wednesday, December 11 at 3 p.m. Bluebonnet Regional Branch

Build your own gingerbread house in the form of an exploding paper box.

DIY Ornaments Thursday, December 12 at 3 p.m. Eden Park Branch

Design your own clear plastic holiday ornaments with craft paints.

Cupcake Ornaments Thursday, December 12 at 4 p.m. Central Branch

Make an adorable cupcake holiday ornament with us.



Hand Embroidered Cards Saturday, December 14 at 2:30 p.m. Jones Creek Regional Branch

Learn to make greeting cards by embroidering on paper.

Winter Watercolor Art Tuesday, December 17 at 4 p.m. Central Branch

Draw an easy winter landscape with watercolors.

Handmade Pencils Thursday, December 19 at 3 p.m. River Center Branch

Upcycle old newspaper by making handmade pencils.

Invest in You!

- ✓ Learn to play a musical instrument
- ✓ Spark creativity with arts and crafts
- ✓ Relax and stream some great movies

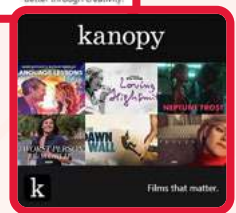
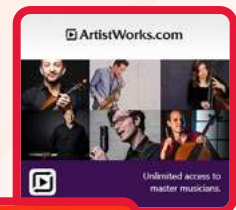
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HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS FOR KIDS!



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:

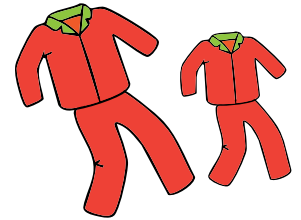
- Features a new letter, number, color or concept
- Follows state curriculum guidelines for children ages 2-4
- Includes simple activities to incorporate into your daily routine
- Highlights community events for kids
- Offers helpful parenting tips
- Recommends books for reading to your child

This month’s Press Start! booklet is brought to you by the “th” sound; the numbers 22-25; and the aquarium!



Pajama Holiday Movie Night

Children are invited to the Eden Park Branch on Tuesday, December 3 at 5:30 p.m. for a Holiday Movie Night to watch Disney’s *Mickey’s Christmas Carol*. Wear your pajamas, bring your favorite stuffie, and cuddle up for this holiday film.



How the Grinch Stole Christmas

Kids ages 6-11 are invited to the Delmont Gardens Branch on Thursday, December 5 at 4 p.m. to watch *How the Grinch Stole Christmas* (2000) starring Jim Carrey. Popcorn and punch will be served.

Happy New Year Drum

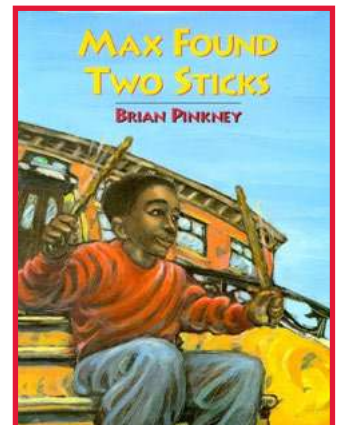
2025 is almost here! Children can stop by the River Center Branch at 11 a.m. on New Year’s Eve to make their own New Year’s drum before heading to the kids’ ball drop at noon as part of the Red Stick Rising celebration in Town Square!



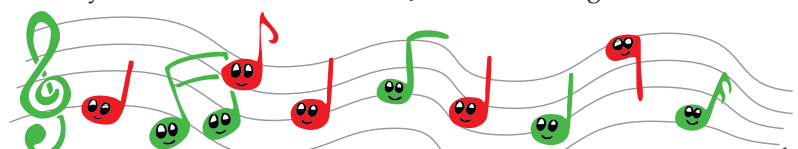
Books and Music with Kids’ Orchestra

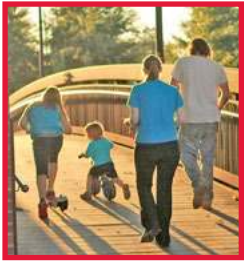
Kids’ Orchestra presents high-quality music education centered around books from the East Baton Rouge Parish Library children’s collection. Created to spark children’s joy, imagination, and love of music, Books & Music offers hour-long programs where children sing, dance, play an instrument, experience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

Tippy-tip ... tat-tat. Dum ... dum-de-dum. Cling ... clang ... da-BANG. Practice rhythmic patterns along with Max, a kid who responds to questions by tapping on buckets, cardboard boxes, Coke bottles, and metal garbage can lids, from the book *Max Found Two Sticks* by Brian Pinkney. Learn a rhythm stick dance, play a game from Ghana called Obwisana, and sing “Brother John” in English, French, and Spanish. Meet professional musicians and celebrate the season with bells and percussion.



- Saturday, December 7 at 11 a.m. – Zachary Branch
- Saturday, December 7 at 1 p.m. – Central Branch
- Saturday, December 14 at 11 a.m. – Main Library at Goodwood
- Saturday, December 21 at 11 a.m. – Bluebonnet Regional Branch
- Saturday, December 21 at 1 p.m. – Fairwood Branch
- Saturday, December 28 at 11 a.m. – Jones Creek Regional Branch





Story Walks

Literacy and exercise go together! Visit one of our Story Walks today! There are numbered stations near each of the locations below. Each station has 1-2 pages of a children’s book, plus a suggestion for physical activity as you travel to the next station. At the last station, there will be a story-related worksheet for the children to take home. See below

for branches and this month’s story titles:

- Main Library at Goodwood: *First Star* by Will Hillenbrand
- Baker Branch: *Stella’s Stellar Hair* by Yesenia Moises
- Carver Branch: *The Swamp Where Gator Hides* by Marianne Berkes

New PBS Show: Carl the Collector

Tune in to a new PBS KIDS® animated series, *Carl the Collector*, geared toward kids ages 4-8. It follows Carl, a warm-hearted autistic raccoon who loves collecting things. The show breaks new ground as the first PBS KIDS series to feature central characters on the autism spectrum. Carl’s attention to detail, distinctive way of looking at the world, and extensive collections help him solve problems around Fuzzytown with his friends, Sheldon, Lotta, Nico, Arugula, and Forrest. His best friend Sheldon is a beaver with a knack for looking out for the underdog. Lotta the fox is a quiet, self-assured musician who, like Carl, is autistic. Nico and Arugula are twin bunny sisters with opposite approaches to obstacles and opportunities. And Forrest, a hyperactive squirrel with a tree nut allergy, is always up for an adventure. In each episode, Carl and his friends work and play together, and in the process, find out what makes each of them who they are. Carl sometimes struggles with anxiety in new situations and has difficulty when things don’t go according to plan. As a perfectionist, when he does something, he wants to do it well.



BOOK CLUB

Young Bookworms Book Club

Kids ages 9-11 are invited to join the Young Bookworms Book Club! YBWBC members will discuss Eric Gaspar’s *Sort of Super* at the Bluebonnet Regional Branch on Monday, December 30 at 4:30 p.m. The book selection for next month’s meeting, *I Survived: The Children’s Blizzard, 1888* by Lauren Tarshis, will also be introduced. After the book discussion, members will design their own superheroes and write their backstories. **Registration is required.** To register, please call 763-2260.



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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.

Family

River Center Branch 5 p.m. Wednesdays, December 4, 11 & 18

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
Monday, December 2 at 4:30 p.m. Carver Branch	<i>Pine and the Winter Sparrow</i> by Alexis York Lumbard	Winter Tree Scene, ages 6-11
Wednesday, December 4 at 10:30 a.m. Zachary Branch	<i>The Cookie House</i> by Margaret Hillert	Gingerbread House Craft, ages 2-5
Wednesday, December 4 at 11 a.m. Fairwood Branch	<i>A Thing Called Snow</i> by Yuval Zommer	Paper Icicles, ages 3-11
Wednesday, December 4 at 4 p.m. Central Branch	<i>Red Light, Green Light</i> by Margaret Wise Brown	Play Red Light, Green Light, ages 3-11
Saturday, December 7 at 10 a.m. Delmont Gardens Branch	<i>Brick by Brick</i> by Heidi Woodward Sheffield	Build with LEGOs, ages 4-11
*Saturday, December 7 at 10 a.m. Main Library at Goodwood	<i>Mighty, Mighty Construction Site</i> by Sherri Duskey Rinker	Building Fun, ages 3-6
Saturday, December 7 at 11 a.m. Jones Creek Regional Branch	<i>The Night Before Christmas: A Brick Story</i> by Clement Moore	Build with LEGOs, ages 3-11
*Saturday, December 7 at 2:30 p.m. Pride-Chaneyville Branch	<i>Rudolph Shines Again</i> by Robert May	Handprint Rudolph Craft, ages 4-8
Monday, December 9 at 4 p.m. Eden Park Branch	<i>The Most Perfect Snowman</i> by Chris Britt	Snowman Craft, ages 3-11
Monday, December 9 at 4 p.m. River Center Branch	<i>Turtle and Snake and the Christmas Tree</i> by Kate Spohn	Pom-Pom Christmas Tree Ornament, ages 3-11
Monday, December 9 at 4:30 p.m. Carver Branch	<i>The Broken Ornament</i> by Tony Diterlizzi	Popsicle Stick Tree Ornaments, ages 6-11
Monday, December 9 at 4:30 p.m. Delmont Gardens Branch	<i>Santa's Story</i> by Will Hillenbrand	Reindeer Ornament, ages 3-7
*Tuesday, December 10 at 10 a.m. Main Library at Goodwood	<i>All Year Round: A Book of Seasons</i> by Carolina Buzio	Handprint Snowflake Keepsake, ages 0-1
Wednesday, December 11 at 10:30 a.m. Zachary Branch	<i>Grumpy Pants</i> by Claire Messer	Penguin Craft, ages 2-5
Wednesday, December 11 at 6 p.m. Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch	<i>Mistletoe: A Christmas Story</i> by Tad Hills	Peanuts 3D Christmas Craft, ages 3-11
Thursday, December 12 at 4 p.m. Central Branch	<i>Pig the Elf</i> by Aaron Blabey	Holiday Beaded Name Wreath, ages 6-11
*Saturday, December 14 at 2:30 p.m. Main Library at Goodwood	<i>Dog vs. Strawberry</i> by Nelly Buchet	Build a Battery-Powered Car, ages 9-11
*Monday, December 16 at 6:15 p.m. Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch	<i>If You Were a Penguin</i> by Wendell and Florence Minor	Penguin Craft, ages 3-11
Wednesday, December 18 at 10:30 a.m. Zachary Branch	<i>The Mitten</i> by Jan Brett	Mittens Craft, ages 2-5
*Wednesday, December 18 at 2:30 p.m. Carver Branch	<i>Tough Cookie</i> by Edward Hemingway	Decorate Holiday Cookies, ages 6-11
Thursday, December 19 at 4:30 p.m. Delmont Gardens Branch	<i>The Gift of Kwanzaa</i> by Synthia St. James	Kwanzaa Kinara Ornament, ages 6-11
Thursday, December 19 at 5:30 p.m. Fairwood Branch	<i>Elves Are the Worst!</i> by Alex Willan	Goblin Elf Craft, ages 2-7
Saturday, December 21 at 9 a.m. River Center Branch	<i>Christmas is Coming: Traditions from Around the World</i> by Monika Utnik-Strugala	Swedish Yarn Wrapped Julbock Craft, ages 4-11
Saturday, December 21 at 10 a.m. Baker Branch	<i>Let's Make Slime</i> by Katie Chanez	Make Glittery Slime, ages 8-11
Saturday, December 21 at 10 a.m. Delmont Gardens Branch	<i>Snowflake Bentley</i> by Jaqueline Briggs Martin	Snowflake Suncatcher, ages 6-11
*Monday, December 23 at 11:15 a.m. Bluebonnet Regional Branch	<i>Mouse's First Christmas</i> by Lauren Thompson	Colorful Mouse Ornament, ages 4-10
Friday, December 27 at 10:30 a.m. Bluebonnet Regional Branch	<i>Are You Blue Dog's Friend?</i> by George Rodrigue	New Year's Fireworks Salt Painting, ages 3-11

Book Clubs @ Your Library

Baker Branch

- Morning Book Club
10:30 a.m. Monday, December 9
The Secret Keeper of Jaipur
by Alka Joshi

Bluebonnet Regional Branch

- Quirky Ladies Book Club
6:30 p.m. Thursday, December 19
Book Exchange

Carver Branch Library

- Reading Gumbo Book Club
3 p.m. Sunday, December 15
Discuss your current reads!



Fairwood Branch

- Books and Brew
2 p.m. Monday, December 16
Reader's Choice!
Discuss any winter or holiday-themed book.

Main Library at Goodwood

- Mystery Lovers Book Club
Noon, Tuesday, December 10
Author Focus: Sue Ann Jaffarian
- Fantasy Lovers' Book Club
6:30 p.m. Thursday, December 19
Piranesi by Susanna Clarke
- Sci-Fi Book Club
6 p.m. Thursday, December 26
Vote on book choices for 2025.

River Center Branch

- You Can't Handle This Book Club
12:30 p.m. Thursday, December 5
A Fatal Grace by Louise Penny

Zachary Branch

- Lively Discussion Book Club
10 a.m. Thursday, December 19
A Beauty So Rare
by Tamera Alexander



FREE Computer Classes at the Library

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

Baker Branch

Introduction to Computers
10 a.m. Tuesday, December 10

Introduction to Email
10 a.m. Wednesday, December 11

Delmont Gardens Branch

*Bring Your Own Device
4 p.m. Tuesday, December 10

Introduction to Computers
10 a.m. Thursday, December 19

Eden Park Branch

Library Databases
4 p.m. Monday, December 2

Ebooks
10:30 a.m. Saturday, December 7

Gmail
10:30 a.m. Saturday, December 21

Fairwood Branch

Greeting Cards: Introduction to Publisher
6 p.m. Monday, December 2

Main Library at Goodwood

Introduction to Microsoft Word 2016
10 a.m. Wednesday, December 4

Tables: an Intermediate Microsoft Word 2016 Class
10 a.m. Thursday, December 5

Making a Newsletter in Microsoft Word 2016
10 a.m. Wednesday, December 11

Introduction to Microsoft Excel 2016
10 a.m. Wednesday, December 18

Introduction to Canva
11 a.m. Saturday, December 28

Pride-Chaneyville Branch

Online Civil Resources
12 p.m. Wednesday December 4

Job and Career Accelerator
5 p.m. Wednesday, December 4

Skill Mill Trades Training
5 p.m. Wednesday, December 11

LinkedIn Learning
5 p.m. Wednesday, December 18

Zachary Branch

*Bring Your Own Devices
3 p.m. Saturday, December 14

*Introduction to Canva
3 p.m. Saturday, December 28

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Monday – Thursday, 9 a.m. – 9 p.m.

Friday and Saturday, 9 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Sunday, 2 – 9 p.m.

Baker Branch Library

3501 Groom Road (225) 778-5940

Monday – Thursday, 9 a.m. – 8 p.m.

Friday and Saturday, 9 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Sunday, 2 – 6 p.m.

Bluebonnet Regional Branch Library

9200 Bluebonnet Boulevard (225) 763-2240

Monday – Thursday, 9 a.m. – 9 p.m.

Friday and Saturday, 9 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Sunday, 2 – 6 p.m.

Carver Branch Library

720 Terrace Street (225) 389-7440

Monday – Thursday, 9 a.m. – 8 p.m.

Friday and Saturday, 9 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Sunday, 2 – 6 p.m.

Central Branch Library

11260 Joor Road (225) 262-2640

Monday – Thursday, 9 a.m. – 8 p.m.

Friday and Saturday, 9 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Sunday, 2 – 6 p.m.

Delmont Gardens Branch Library

3351 Lorraine Street (225) 354-7040

Monday – Thursday, 9 a.m. – 8 p.m.

Friday and Saturday, 9 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Sunday, 2 – 6 p.m.

Eden Park Branch Library

5131 Greenwell Springs Road (225) 231-3240

Monday – Thursday, 9 a.m. – 8 p.m.

Friday and Saturday, 9 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Sunday, 2 – 6 p.m.

Fairwood Branch Library

12910 Old Hammond Highway

(225) 924-9384

Monday – Thursday, 9 a.m. – 8 p.m.

Friday and Saturday, 9 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Sunday, 2 – 6 p.m.

Greenwell Springs Road

Regional Branch Library

11300 Greenwell Springs Road

(225) 274-4440

Monday – Thursday, 9 a.m. – 9 p.m.

Friday and Saturday, 9 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Sunday, 2 – 6 p.m.

Jones Creek Regional Branch Library

6222 Jones Creek Road (225) 756-1140

Monday – Thursday, 9 a.m. – 9 p.m.

Friday and Saturday, 9 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Sunday, 2 – 6 p.m.

Pride-Chaneyville Branch Library

13600 Pride–Port Hudson Road

(225) 658-1540

Monday – Thursday, 9 a.m. – 8 p.m.

Friday and Saturday, 9 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Sunday, 2 – 6 p.m.

River Center Branch Library

250 North Boulevard (225) 389-4967

Monday – Thursday, 9 a.m. – 8 p.m.

Friday and Saturday, 9 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Sunday, 2 – 6 p.m.

Scotlandville Branch Library

7373 Scenic Highway (225) 354-7540

Monday – Thursday, 9 a.m. – 8 p.m.

Friday and Saturday, 9 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Sunday, 2 – 6 p.m.

Zachary Branch Library

1900 Church Street (225) 658-1840

Monday – Thursday, 9 a.m. – 9 p.m.

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Sunday, 2 – 6 p.m.

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