

Children's Services Calendar of Events  
**February 2025**

East Baton Rouge Parish Library  
**Zachary Branch**

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**Saturday, February 1, 11:00 AM, Ages 5-11**

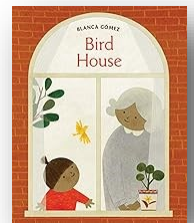
**Kids Orchestra: Books & Music**

Books & Music will feature the book *Freedom in Congo Square*, by Carole Boston Weatherford and R. Gregory Christie. Many scholars believe that the music kept alive in New Orleans' Congo Square (now Louis Armstrong Park) helped pave the way for blues, jazz, and rock and roll. In appreciation of this important history, children will learn the Creole song "Eh la bas" and the New Orleans Bamboula rhythm. They will practice some African dance moves and even try plugging their name into the tongue-twister formula from Shirley Ellis's "The Name Game" song.

**Wednesday, February 5, 10:30 AM, Ages 2-5**

**Feed the Birds Story/Craft**

Join us today as we read *Bird House* by Blanca Gomez, about a young girl and her abuela who tend to an injured bird found in the snow. After the story we'll make cute construction paper bird houses, complete with birds.



**Saturday, February 8, 12:00 Noon, Ages 4-11**

**African Tales from Mama SaBa**

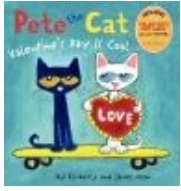
Mama SaBa, a treasured Louisiana storyteller for over 20 years, joins us this month to celebrate Black History Month with African Tales. Come hear her stories that take the audience on a journey through the vivid pictures her words bring to mind. Mama SaBa's audiences are always invited to join in by way of song and dance.

**Saturday, February 8, 9:00 AM—5:00 PM, Ages 6-11**

**Valentine Card Holder Make & Take Craft**

Older children can get in the Valentine mood by creating a special card holder from a craft kit. You'll "owlways" have a spot for your treasured valentines!





**Wednesday, February 12, 10:30 AM, Ages 2-5**  
**Valentine Story/Craft**

Today we're reading *Pete the Cat: Valentine's Day is Cool* by Kimberly and James Dean, then making cool Valentine heart collages.

**Monday, February 17, 4:00 PM, Ages 6-11**  
**President's Day Story/Craft**

Join us today as we read excerpts from *Truth or Lie: Presidents* by Erica Perl, a fun-filled fact book about the U.S. Presidents. After the story we'll make Lincoln penny pendants.



**Wednesday, February 19, 10:30 AM, Ages 2-5**  
**Love Your Pet Story/Craft**

Today we're reading *This is Gus* by Chris Chatterton, a picture book about a grumpy dog who doesn't like much of anything, especially making new friends. After the story we'll make cute paper plate puppies.

**Thursday, February 20, 5:00 PM, Families with Non-Readers**  
**Teach Your Child to Read with Kylie**

Families with children not yet reading are invited to join Kylie Altier, 2024 Louisiana State Teacher of the Year, to learn together how to teach their little ones to read. All participants will go home with FREE literacy kits stuffed with all you need, because learning to read is too important to be anything BUT free! *Space is limited and registration is required. Sign up for your spot today!*



**Wednesday, February 26, 10:30 AM, Ages 2-5**  
**Fairy Tale Castle Story/Craft**

It's National "Tell a Fairy Tale Day," so join us as we read the classic fairy tale *Sleeping Beauty*, as retold by Cynthia Rylant, then make a shape castle.

***Sensory Sensitivity Time***

For our sensory sensitive patrons, any unnecessary light or sound elements will be turned off in the Children's Room on the first Thursday of the month from 9:00 to 11:00 AM. Patrons can pick up noise-blocking headphones, sunglasses, and various fidget items from the children's service desk to use while in the library.

# Zachary Story Time



**Tuesdays, February 4, 11, 18, 25 10:00 AM**

**Lapsit Story Time** – For babies from birth through walking accompanied by an adult. Lapsit story time is very informal and includes board books, simple rhymes, songs, and fingerplays. Sessions lasts about 15–20 minutes.

**Wednesdays, February 5, 12, 19, 26 10:00 AM**

**Family Story Time**—For children walking through 5 years old accompanied by an adult. Sessions are very informal and include short books, simple rhymes, songs, and fingerplays. Sessions last about 30 minutes.



*We are happy to welcome all patrons of appropriate cognitive ages to our Children's Services programs with a helper as needed.  
All children under the age of 9 must be accompanied by an adult.*