

Simmer Down with Sam Weller

Author, Sam Weller, will be at the Bluebonnet Regional Branch Library on Saturday, March 1, at 2:00 p.m. Weller will offer insight into Ray Bradbury's life and writing during this free lecture.



Weller spent five years working with Ray Bradbury as his authorized biographer and continues to speak with him on a weekly basis. His book, *The Bradbury Chronicles: The Life of Ray Bradbury*, won the Society of Midland Author's Award for Best Biography of 2005. The book was also a finalist for the prestigious Bram Stoker Award and a *Los Angeles Times* Bestseller. The *New York Times Book Review* called *The Bradbury Chronicles* "essential" and "engaging."

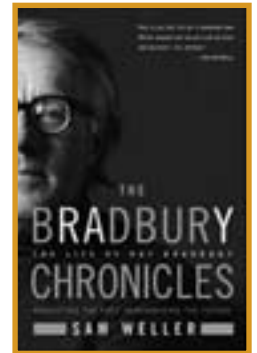
Weller is the former Midwest Bureau Chief for *Publishers Weekly* magazine. He is a contributing writer for the Chicago Public Radio program, 848 and his work has appeared on the National Public Radio program, *All Things Considered*. Weller is a regular contributor to the *Chicago Tribune Magazine*, a frequent literary critic for

the *Chicago Tribune*, *Chicago Sun-Times*, as well as *Punk Planet* magazine. He is also a recurrent contributor to *Playboy.com*. As a staff writer for the Chicago alternative weekly, *Newcity*, Weller was the recipient of the Peter Lisagor Award for arts criticism—the highest honor in Chicago journalism.

Weller's short fiction has appeared in the anthology *Spec-Lit*, as well as *Tales from the Dim Unknown*. He is a full-time professor in the Fiction Writing Department at Columbia College Chicago where he teaches the only college-level course in the United States on the life and work of Ray Bradbury.

This event is part of *The Big Read: One Book/One Community* series. Following the lecture, there will be a book signing. Copies of Weller's book will be available for purchase.

For more information, call (225) 231-3710.



Writing the Memoir: A Workshop with Thomas Larson



You can become a "living book!" As part of *The Big Read: One Book/One Community* author, Thomas Larson, will conduct a memoir writing workshop at the Bluebonnet Regional Branch on Monday, March 31, from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Larson will teach the basic elements of memoir writing, including how to discover the emotional truth in a story. Participants will learn how to craft their work through discussion and writing activities.

Larson is the author of *The Memoir and the Memoirist: Reading and Writing Personal Narrative*. His book is the first of its kind to evaluate the dramatic rise of the memoir in the last twenty years and to explore the craft and purpose of contemporary memoir writing. His personal writing has been published in the *Potomac Review*, *Chicago Reader*, *The Cream City Review*, *Cimarron Review*, *Amazon.com/Shorts*, and other journals and magazines. Since 1999, he has been a contributing writer for the weekly *San Diego Reader*, where he specializes in investigative journalism, narrative nonfiction, and profiles.

This workshop is free and open to adults. To register and for more information, call (225) 231-3746.



BROWN BAG IT @ THE CREEK!

Save the date! Bring your own brown bag lunch, invite your friends, and settle in for a great movie at the Jones Creek Regional Branch on Saturday, March 15, at 12:00 p.m. The public is invited to this free screening of the movie based on Ray Bradbury's award-winning novel *Fahrenheit 451*.



Find Ancestors on the Web

Learn how to use *Heritage Quest* at the Bluebonnet Regional Branch on Wednesday, March 26, at 10:30 a.m. *Heritage Quest* is a free database that can assist in ancestral research. This class will demonstrate how to find genealogy periodicals and how to make the most of them in a genealogical search. Genealogy librarian, Cassie Fedrick, will also offer quick tips to hone your research for productive results.

To register and for more information, call (225) 763-2283.

Is Flipping For You?



Learn how to find, finance, fix, and flip bargain houses for profit; or explore fresh ideas for fixing up houses during the

"Is Flipping For You?" seminar at the Central Branch on Wednesday, March 12 at 6:00 p.m.

The rewards of flipping can be great, but so can the risks. This seminar will offer advice from professionals in a variety of fields directly involved in real estate investment as well as detail a recent, successful flip in New Orleans.

A panel of real estate specialists will present information and answer questions. Panelists representing a wide range of investment and real estate will include Marti Luke, Realtor, Ruston Properties; Becky Cowart, Financial Advisor, Primerica; Steve Wylie, Independent Insurance Agent; and Terry Hardouin, Home Inspector, AmeriSpec. Library staff will highlight print and online investment and real estate resources available in the Library's collection.

For more information, call (225) 262-2640.

The Library will be closed in observance of Good Friday on March 21, and Easter Sunday on March 23.



Daddy-Man Visits Library

Inspirational speaker, Daddy-Man, will be at the Scotlandville Branch on Saturday, March 22, at 3:00 p.m. He will speak to all ages about the importance of a father's role in a child's life.

Daddy-Man is a character created fourteen years ago by Donna and Ivy Butler. The Butlers wanted to recognize the significance of a father's presence in a child's life. Their program teaches fathers how important it is to take an active role in the lives of their children. It also teaches children to look to their own father as a hero, instead of negative role models.

The Butlers are the parents of eight children, ranging in age from 4 to 23. They reside in Zachary and also have a book, "*The Chronicles of Daddy-Man*."

For more information, call (225) 354-7550.

Live at Chelsea's

Enjoy a night of *FREE* live jazz with Davy Mooney at Chelsea's Café, 2857 Perkins Road, on Wednesday, March 19, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Mooney is an outstanding local jazz guitarist. He placed third in the Thelonious Monk International Jazz Guitar Competition in 2005. He has performed in clubs and festivals across the country including the New Orleans Jazz and Heritage Festival and New York City's famous Blue Note Jazz Club.



Live at Chelsea's is a *FREE* monthly jazz concert that is family friendly and features local jazz talent from around the area. It is sponsored by Cox Communications, Chelsea's Café, and the East Baton Rouge Parish Library.

For more information, call (225) 231-3750.

Doll Making Workshop and Exhibit

Well known artist, Barbara Franklin, will exhibit her handmade rag clowns and dolls at the Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch throughout the month of March. She will also demonstrate the art of doll making in a workshop at the Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch on Sunday, March 30, from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Franklin is a New Orleans native who has been crafting handmade dolls for over 30 years. She has won several awards for her dolls and has exhibited them at numerous galleries and museums including the New Orleans Museum of Art.

For more information, call (225) 274-4441.

Crafting African-American Angels

Learn how to create an African-American angel at the Bluebonnet Regional Branch on Saturday, March 15, at 10:30 a.m. Joann Fryling will teach participants how to make these colorful ornaments. Not only are they easy to craft but they also make wonderful gifts.

For more information, call (225) 763-2280.



Ask-A-Lawyer

Free Legal Advice at the Library

Take advantage of free, individual, legal counseling sessions offered by the Pro Bono Project of the Baton Rouge Bar Association. Area attorneys will be available for confidential, one-on-one, 15 minute sessions for legal advice on a first come, first served basis at the Zachary Branch on Saturday, March 8, from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and at the Eden Park Branch on Saturday, March 29, from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

For more information, call (225) 658-1880 or (225) 231-3740.

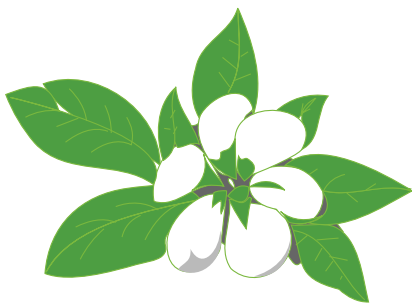
Consumer Class and Small Business Program

Alexis Anderson, executive director of Presenting Resources Effectively, Applying Christ-Like Humbleness (P.R.E.A.C.H.) will hold consumer classes and small business programs once a month through December at the Carver Branch.

The consumer class, *Retirement Planning for Single Parents*, will be held on Monday, March 10, at 6:00 p.m. Anderson will discuss the importance of retirement planning for single parents and how to protect assets.

Following the consumer class at 6:45 p.m., the small business program, *Creating a Competitive Benefit Package for Small and Emerging Businesses* will begin. Anderson will discuss the options and resources available to small businesses for creating benefit packages.

For more information, call (225) 389-7450.



Louisiana Master Gardener Series

Colorsapes: The Use of Color in Gardening

The Louisiana Master Gardeners will present a three part follow-up series to *Basic Gardening* on the use of color in the garden.

Colorsapes: The Use of Color in Gardening will be held at the Bluebonnet Regional Branch on Tuesdays, March 11, 18, and 25, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

The Master Gardeners receive many hours of instruction through the Louisiana Cooperative Extension Service, the educational arm of the LSU AgCenter.

This program is designed for adults only. For more information, call (225) 763-2280.

Flower Gardening in Louisiana

Find out which flowers will prosper best in your Louisiana garden at the Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch on Tuesday, March 25, at 7:00 p.m.

Dan Gill, Associate Professor of Horticulture at LSU, will present "Flower Gardening in Louisiana." This free program will cover everything from types of flowers to how to prepare your flower bed. He will also discuss month-by-month gardening tips to keep your flowers flourishing throughout the year.

Gill is the author of *Month-by-Month Gardening in Louisiana* and co-author of *Louisiana Gardener's Guide* and *Month-by-Month Gardening in Texas*. He has a gardening advice column in the *Times Picayune* and is a regular guest on radio and television shows in the New Orleans area.

For more information, call (225) 274-4441.



Adult Computer Training



In addition to all of the regularly scheduled computer classes at the Main Library, the Bluebonnet Regional Branch and the Carver Branch will offer a variety of FREE computer classes for adults. Ranging from Email to Excel, the Library is your first stop on the information superhighway. Call the individual branch to register!

Bluebonnet Regional Branch Intermediate Microsoft Word 2003 Thursday, March 6, 10:00 a.m.

In this intermediate class, participants will learn how to separate text into columns, create and modify a table, sort items in a table, and insert headers and footers.

Introduction to Gmail from Google Wednesday, March 12, 10:00 a.m.

Participants also learn the basics of Gmail, including how to receive email, compose an email, and send an attachment.

Introduction to Microsoft Excel 2003 Tuesday, March 18, 10:00 a.m.

Participants will learn how to create a spreadsheet, how to enter data, add and resize columns and rows, and create basic mathematical formulas.

Computers Without Fear Thursday, March 27, 10:00 a.m.

Learn computer basics without the worry of breaking anything! Topics include the parts of a computer, using a mouse, creating files, and using a floppy disk.

Carver Branch Test Your Typing Skills Tuesday, March 4, 11:00 a.m.

Polish up your typing skills at the Library by using a free online typing test.

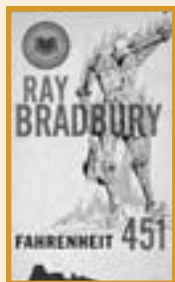
Yahoo! Email Tuesday, March 18, 11:00 a.m.

Participants will also learn the basics of Yahoo! Email including how to receive email, compose an email, and send an attachment.

To register and for more information, call either participating branch.

Book Discussions At The Library

The Big Read: One Book/One Community program, sponsored by the East Baton Rouge Parish



Library and the Baton Rouge Area Chamber, is a community-wide reading program where people from all walks of life are encouraged to read and then discuss important issues

raised by the book, *Fahrenheit 451* by Ray Bradbury.

The March Reading and Discussion schedule for the East Baton Rouge Parish Library is as follows.

Tuesday, March 4

10:30 a.m. – Bluebonnet

Regional Branch

6:30 p.m. – Baker Branch

Saturday, March 8

10:30 a.m. – River Center Branch

Monday, March 10

10:30 a.m. – Baker Branch

Wednesday, March 12

12:00 p.m. – Main Library

Thursday, March 13

7:00 p.m. – Zachary Branch

Sunday, March 15

2:00 p.m. – Scotlandville Branch

Tuesday, March 18

6:00 p.m. – Central Branch

Thursday, March 20

6:00 p.m. – Eden Park Branch

For a complete listing of reading and discussion group meetings and related programming, visit www.ReadOneBook.org. For more information, call (225) 231-3740.



The Life of Ray Bradbury

Raymond Douglas Bradbury was born on August 22, 1920, in the small town of Waukegan, Illinois.

Born and raised at a time when the Great Depression had a stranglehold on the country; the Bradbury family moved from coast to coast—Illinois to Arizona to Hollywood.

In 1934, the Bradbury's moved to Los Angeles, California. While attending Los Angeles High School he grew more intent on becoming a writer. While browsing at a secondhand bookstore, he discovered a handbill promoting meetings of the “Los Angeles Science Fiction Society.” Thrilled, he joined the weekly Thursday-night conclave that attracted

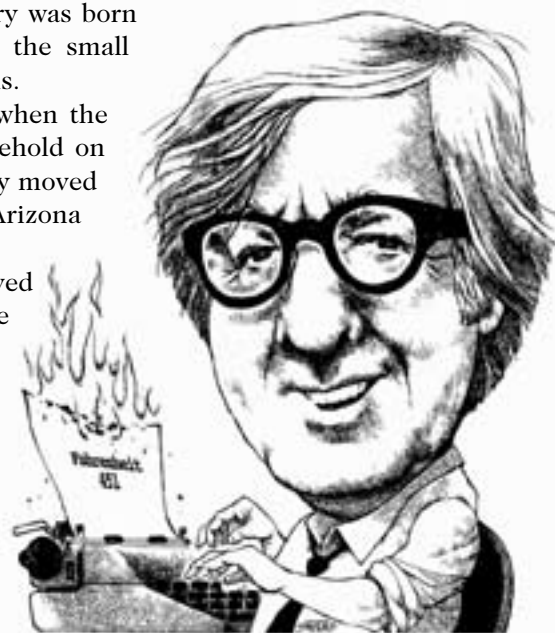
science-fiction legends Robert A. Heinlein, Leigh Brackett, and future Scientology founder L. Ron Hubbard.

Though Bradbury's formal education ended with his high school graduation in 1938, he continued to educate himself. Later that year, Bradbury published his first short story, “Hollerbochen's Dilemma.” From 1938 to 1943, he lived a dual life, almost like a character in his stories—selling newspapers on Los Angeles street corners all day and spending his nights in the library. In fact, Bradbury states that he “graduated from the library at age 28.” Any free time between the library and working was spent at his typewriter. He began publishing his work in pulp magazines like *Weird Tales* and *Amazing Stories*. He became a full-time writer in 1943, and contributed numerous short stories to various periodicals. In 1947, he published his first collection of short stories, *Dark Carnival*.

Although *The Martian Chronicles* was published in 1950, today it is still considered the definitive science fiction title. Other collected stories by Bradbury that have received critical attention are *The Illustrated Man* (1951), and *I Sing the Body Electric!* (1969). Bradbury's novels include *Fahrenheit 451* (1953), *Something Wicked This Way Comes* (1962), *Dandelion Wine* (1957), and its sequel *Farewell Summer* (2006). Some of Bradbury's stories have been televised on shows *The Twilight Zone*, *Alfred Hitchcock Presents*, and *Ray Bradbury Theater*.

The sheer volume of Bradbury's science fiction/fantasy writing guarantees his importance in this genre. Among his numerous literary awards are the O. Henry Prize in 1947 and 1948, and a PEN Body of Work Award in 1985. He has also received a medal for “Distinguished Contribution to American Letters,” from the National Book Foundation in 2000, a National Medal of the Arts in 2004, as well as a special citation for Distinguished Career from the Pulitzer Board in 2007.

Today, Bradbury lives in Los Angeles, California. Despite being 87 years old, Bradbury still writes daily and occasionally lectures. At an age when many men would just revel in their past glories, Bradbury remains a dynamic storyteller and sci-fi visionary.



Elsewhere in the *Big Read* Community

The Big Read: One Book/One Community program extends throughout nine parishes included in the Baton Rouge Area Chamber—Ascension, East Baton Rouge, East Feliciana, Iberville, Livingston, Pointe Coupee, St. Helena, West Baton Rouge, and West Feliciana Parish. “Check out” some of the hot events in a parish near you!

Events:

- Saturday @ the **Movies**, featuring the film based on the novel *Fahrenheit 451* will debut at the Iberville Main Library on March 1, at 2:00 p.m.
- Friends of the LSU Library Annual **Book Bazaar** will be held at the 4-H Mini-Farm Building on March 6-7 from 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. and March 8, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- **Free movie** Tuesday at the Gonzales Branch Library on March 25, at 6:30 p.m. The film, based on Ray Bradbury’s *Fahrenheit 451* will be followed by a discussion.
- Teens can alter **books** at the Denham Springs-Walker Branch Library on Tuesday, March 25, at 1:00 p.m.
- Mid-day **Movie Madness** will be at the White Castle Branch Library on Wednesday, March 26, at 2:00 p.m. featuring the film version of *Fahrenheit 451*.
- Plug-in to LSU’s High Voltage **concert** on Monday, March 24th. Visit www.lsu.edu for more information.

Book Discussions:

- Banned Books Booktalk will be held at the Iberville Main Library in Plaquemine on Tuesday, March 4, at 6:00 p.m.
- St. Francisville discusses *Fahrenheit 451* at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, March 17, at the West Feliciana Parish Library.

For a complete listing of reading and discussion group meetings and related programming, visit www.ReadOneBook.org.

Samizdat

Discuss, *samizdat*, Russian for “self-published,” at the Main Library on Sunday, April 6, at 4:00 p.m. *Samizdat* was a grassroots phenomenon in the USSR and other Eastern Bloc countries by which the population reproduced and distributed repressed literature. Copies were made a few at a time, and those who received a copy would be expected to make more copies. This was often done by handwriting or typing. Self-published and self-distributed literature has a long history, but *samizdat* is a unique phenomenon in the post-Stalin USSR and other countries with similar socio-economic systems. Under the grip of censorship in the police state, these societies used underground literature for self-analysis and self-expression.

Jean Rutherford, professor of Russian Language and Literature at Louisiana State University (LSU), will explore the parallels between this effort and the effort of the resistance force of readers in Ray Bradbury’s novel *Fahrenheit 451*, who memorized and preserved works of literature in a society where books and reading were illegal.

For more information, call (225) 231-3745.




BOOK CLUBS @ your Library™

Book of the Month

Baker Branch

Second Monday of each month at 10:30 a.m.

Fahrenheit 451 by Ray Bradbury
First Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m.
Fahrenheit 451 by Ray Bradbury 

Bluebonnet Regional Branch

Third Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p.m.

The Good Earth by Pearl S. Buck

Carver Branch

Last Thursday of each month at 6:00 p.m.

Casanova by Blair Underwood,
Tananarive Due, and Steven Barnes

Central Branch

Last Thursday of each month at 11:00 a.m.

Can't Wait to Get to Heaven
by Fannie Flagg

Delmont Gardens Branch

Saturday, March 29, at 11:00 a.m.

Incidents in the Life of a Slave Girl
by Harriet Jacobs

Greenwell Springs

Road Regional

Sunday, February 10, at 3:00 p.m.

Fahrenheit 451 by Ray Bradbury 

Jones Creek Regional Branch

Third Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m.

Fahrenheit 451 by Ray Bradbury 

Main Library

“Mystery Lovers Book Club”

Second Tuesday at noon or fourth Tuesday of each month at 1:00 p.m.

Read any art mystery

“Anarchists’ Book Club”

Fourth Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m.

Pride-Chaneyville Branch

Last Saturday of each month at 10:30 a.m.

Read any title by Catherine Coulter

River Center Branch


Last Wednesday of the month at 5:00 p.m.

Odd Thomas by Dean Koontz

Scotlandville Branch –

for adults and their children

First and third Thursday evenings of each month at 6:30 p.m.

Fahrenheit 451 by Ray Bradbury. 

Zachary Branch


Second Tuesday of each month at 11:00 a.m.

Sense and Sensibility by Jane Austen

Freedom of the Press Exhibit

LSU Libraries' Special Collections has opened a new exhibit inspired by Ray Bradbury's *Fahrenheit 451*. "In Truth's Bold Cause: Louisiana and the Freedom of the Press" will be on display in the Lecture Hall at Hill Memorial Library from February 20 to April 25.

Visitors will learn about the early history of the freedom of the press in England and the American colonies as well as in Louisiana during the period of French and Spanish rule. Highlights of the exhibit include a copy of the Comte de Mirabeau's *Sur la Liberté de la Presse* (1788), owned by Daniel Turnbull of Rosedown Plantation in St. Francisville, Louisiana. In addition to a first edition of *Uncle Tom's Cabin* (1852)—a work which was banned in the South due to its call for the abolition of slavery—a copy of Creole author Charles Testut's *Le Vieux Salomon* will also be on display. Although Testut wrote his novel before the Civil War, he chose not to publish it until 1872, fearing that he would be lynched because of its anti-slavery views. Rounding out the exhibit are materials related to Huey Long's attempts to gag the Louisiana press, including the LSU student newspaper in the 1930s, one of which resulted in a landmark Supreme Court case.


For more information, call  (225) 578-6552.

"Burning Questions...Hot Answers" featuring Judith Platt

Save the date, Monday, April 14. Judith Platt, Director of Communications and Public Affairs and Director of Freedom to Read for the Association of American Publishers will be the lead-off speaker at a panel discussion focusing on the public's right to free access of expression and ideas. Other panelists include Jack M. Weiss, Chancellor, Paul M. Hebert Law Center, LSU; Beth M. Paskoff, Dean, School of Library and Information Sciences, LSU; and Bob Mann, Manship Chair, Manship School of Mass Communication, LSU.



Platt directs the work of the AAP Freedom to Read Committee, a publishing industry advisory body that serves to protect tenets of intellectual freedom including protecting the free marketplace of ideas, guiding AAP participation in First Amendment court cases, lobbying on free speech issues at the national and state level, and organizing and sponsoring public education programs.

For more information, call (225) 231-3745. 

The Big Read: One Book / One Community Fahrenheit 451

What book would you save?


In Ray Bradbury's *Fahrenheit 451*, firemen are not the fire stoppers...instead they are the fire bringers! What book would you memorize or risk the fireman's wrath to save? Stop by any branch of the Library and fill out a "What Book Would You Save" postcard, or drop us an email at ReadOneBook@gmail.com. The postcards will be used to create a list of the books that the nine-parish region deem vital to survive. The postcards will be displayed at *The Big Read: One Book/One Community Flamin' Finale*.

Bonfire of Liberties: Censorship of the Humanities Exhibit


Vexatious, bothersome, infuriating, and frightening—censorship is with us always, and it poses a critical challenge to us all, to take a stand for values and traditions that we hold dear. Sometimes, indeed, it forces us to choose between values. Highlighting the impact of censorship as applied to the humanities through the ages, this exhibit emphasizes modern times, with surprises on every panel. Each panel has a subject title and a quotation concerning censorship or a censored work.



*Santo Domingo
Y Los Albigenses
Pedro Berruguete*

View the Bonfire of Liberties at the Jones Creek Regional Branch this month. 

Flamin' Finale


Save the Date! Join the Baton Rouge Area Chamber and the East Baton Rouge Parish Library for its *Big Read Flamin' Finale* on Thursday, April 10! A fiery reception begins at 6:00 p.m. and a *Free* screening of the film based on Ray Bradbury's *Fahrenheit 451* will begin at 6:30 p.m., followed by a panel discussion. Panelists include: Chancellor, Dr. Myrtle E. B. Dorsey, Baton Rouge Community College; Linda Lightfoot, former Executive Editor, *The Advocate*; Julio Melara, Publisher, *225 Magazine*; Eddie Ashworth, President, Louisiana Technology Park; and Dr. Valerie Holliday-Professor, New Media Analysis, Baton Rouge Community College. 

High Voltage Concert

Join the LSU School of Music Recital Hall, the LSU Center for Computation & Technology and the LSU School of Music, in conjunction with the LSU Festival of Contemporary Music, as they present *High Voltage: Cinema for the Ears* on Monday, March 24 at 8:00 p.m.

This concert of electronic and computer music, presented on ICAST, LSU's unique surround audio theater, is free and open to the public. The Recital Hall is located in the School of Music Building on the LSU campus at the corner of Dalrymple Drive and Infirmary Road.


Patrons might ask, "How does this tie-in to *The Big Read*?" Because it's HOT!

For more information, call  (225) 578-3261.

FACTS ON FIRE

Did you know?? Approximately 4,000 people die from fire each year and over 25,000 are injured, not to mention the millions of dollars in property damage which occurs. The saddest part is that many of these tragedies are preventable. That's why proper fire education is essential to minimizing loss of life and property. In conjunction with *The Big Read: One Book/One Community Program*, Louisiana Public Broadcasting (LPB) will present "Facts on Fire," an 8 part mini-series featuring firefighters Sonny Cudd and Chris Spurlock as they review fire prevention techniques with other fire service professionals.

Episode one, "Home Safe Home," will air on Monday, March 31. In this segment, fire professionals will enumerate the more common household fire hazards and discuss how to avoid them. The remaining 7 shows will air weekly through May.

For more information, visit the "Facts on Fire" webpage, hosted by LPB on their website at <http://www.lpb.org/programs/factsonfire/about.htm#02>. 

Just for TEENS

The Big Read: One Book/One Community Teen Events

In conjunction with the *The Big Read: One Book/One Community*, several events will be held in March for teens.



The **Fahrenheit 451 Book Mark Contest** starts on Saturday, March 1. Teen are to design a bookmark based on the book, *Fahrenheit 451*. The winning design will be distributed by the Library. Entry forms are available at any branch and the deadline to turn in an entry is Monday, March 31. The winner will be announced on Monday, April 14. All entries will be on display at the River Center Branch during the month of May. For more information, call (225) 389-4959 or visit your nearest branch.



The Baker Branch will be holding a **Red Hot Word Play Poetry Slam** for teens on Thursday, March 6, at 4:30 p.m. Teens are invited to use themes and words from *Fahrenheit 451* to create their own unique works of poetry. The Baker Branch's Youth Services is offering a list of words to work with or teens can discover them for themselves while reading the book. To register and for more information, call (225) 778-5960.



Which One Would Be Burned? is an exciting mock game show program being offered at the Delmont Gardens Branch on Friday, March 14, at 4:00 p.m. Teens will be shown books and have to guess whether or not they have been banned at some point in history. The contestant with the most correct answers will win a prize. For more information, call (225) 354-7060.



Teens can create **Altered Books** at the Jones Creek Regional Branch on Thursday, March 20, at 4:00 p.m. Participants will take older versions of often challenged or banned books and create new covers for them. They will also be able to make journals, collages, and other creative works. To register and for more information, call (225) 756-1170.



Teens can make their mark with **Flamin' Hot Sketches** at the Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch on Saturday, March 29, at 2:00 p.m. After a brief overview of *Fahrenheit 451*, teens will choose whether they would like to illustrate scenes or characters from the book or design a book cover. Illustrations can be in any style including manga and comic strips. The Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch Youth Services Division will showcase the sketches through the month of April. To register and for more information, call (225) 274-4470.

The Big Read is an initiative of the National Endowment for the Arts in partnership with the Institute of Museum and Library Services and Arts Midwest. Additional funding for this program has been provided by the Farnbacher Memorial Fund of the Baton Rouge Area Foundation.



Just for TEENS

Yu-Gi-Oh Duels

Yu-Gi-Oh Duel at the Baker Branch on Thursday, March 13, at 4:00 p.m. Teens are invited to bring their cards for duels and trading.



For more information, call (225) 778-5960.

Anime Club

Teens are invited to the Baker Branch on Thursday, March 20, at 4:00 p.m. for an afternoon screening of their favorite Anime DVDs.

For more information, call (225) 778-5960.

Teen Book Club

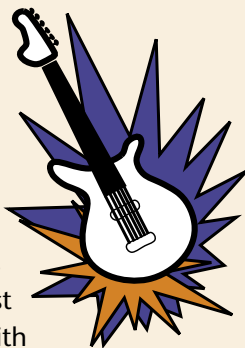
The Baker Teen Book Club will discuss *Briar Rose* by Jane Yolen at the Baker Branch on Thursday, March 27, at 4:00 p.m. All interested teens are invited to attend.

For more information, call (225) 778-5960.

Library Guitar Hero

Rock out like a rockstar at the Library! All teens are invited to test out their skills with Guitar Hero II on Playstation II at the Main Library on Saturday, March 1, at 2:00 p.m.

For more information, call (225) 231-3770.



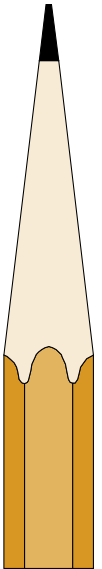
26	[A]	[B]	[C]	[D]
27	[A]	[B]	[C]	[D]
28	[A]	[B]	[C]	[D]
29	[A]	[B]	[C]	[D]

SAT Practice Test for Students

The Library will administer free SAT practice tests at two locations, the Main Library and the Bluebonnet Regional Branch on Saturday, March 29, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Students should bring two sharpened pencils and a calculator to the practice test.

Staff from the *Princeton Review* will be at libraries for a "Scores Back" Session to return graded tests to students and offer tips and techniques on how to improve scores. Students should attend the "Scores Back" Session at the Library where they took the practice test. These review sessions will be held at the Main Library on Wednesday, April 2, at 6:00 p.m. and at the Bluebonnet Regional Branch on Thursday, April 3, at 6:00 p.m. Students can register online at www.princetonreview.com, or call their nearest branch.

For more information, call (225) 231-3770.



KID'S STUFF

THE BIG READ: ONE BOOK/ONE COMMUNITY CHILDREN'S EVENTS



In conjunction with the *The Big Read: One Book/One Community*, several events will be held in March for children.

Fiery Craft and Smokin' Stories

Kids ages 6 to 11 are invited to the Central Branch on Saturday, March 1, at 2:30 p.m. to hear some burning stories and make a craft that's Too Hot To Handle! Participants will create their own fire-cracker puppet and hear tales of firefighters.

To register and for more information, call (225) 262-2660.

Patches the Fire Dog

David Sevier with the Baton Rouge Fire Department's Fire Prevention bureau and his robot, Patches the Fire Dog, will speak to children, ages 2 and up, about fire safety and prevention. See Patches at the Scotlandville Branch on Wednesday, March 5, at 4:00 p.m. or at the River Center Branch on Friday, March 7, at 11:00 a.m.

Call either participating branch for more information.

Checkers

Children, ages 4 to 11, will learn to play the classic game of Checkers at the Carver Branch on Tuesday, March 4, at 4:00 p.m. Following a brief tutorial, participants will compete against each other.

For more information, call (225) 389-7460.



March Storytime

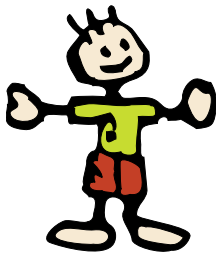
Swap Saturday cartoons for a good story at the Baker Branch Library on Saturday, March 22, at 10:00 a.m. Children, ages 5 to 11, are invited to this special Saturday morning storytime. Registration is not required.

For more information, call (225) 778-5960.

Pajama Party Storytime

Put on your pj's and head to the Baker Branch on Monday, March 31, at 6:30 p.m. for a special family storytime! Children, ages 4 and up, and their parents will listen to stories while enjoying cookies and lemonade.

For more information, call (225) 778-5960.



Tales from Around the World

Celebrate World Folk Tales and Fables Week at the Delmont Gardens Branch on Thursday, March 6, at 5:00 p.m. Children, ages 5 to 8, will listen to tales from around the world and then participate in activities inspired by the stories.

For more information, call (225) 354-7060.

Billy Goats Galore

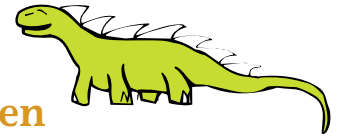
Visit with farm animals at the Jones Creek Regional Branch on Saturday, March 29, at 2:30 p.m. Jane Matheny of Sunny Farms will bring some of her miniature goats and other small farm animals to help tell the popular tale "Three Billy Goats Gruff" to children, ages 3 to 11.

To register and for more information, call (225) 756-1160.

Wild about Dinosaurs

Go wild about dinosaurs at the Baker Branch on Saturday, March 1, at 10:00 a.m. Children, ages 4 to 8, will listen to stories about dinosaurs, learn about fossils and the scientists who study them, and create a cool dinosaur fossil craft. Registration is not required.

For more information, call (225) 778-5960.



Plant a Springtime Herb Garden

Plant an herb garden just in time for the spring at the Baker Branch on Saturday, March 8, at 11:00 a.m. Children, ages 5 to 11, will listen to a spring story and then plant their own miniature herb garden to take home.

For more information, call (225) 778-5960.

Cam Jansen Book Club and Nancy Drew Book Club

Do you like mysteries? The Zachary Branch has two new book clubs for you! Children, ages 7 to 11, are invited to join the Cam Jansen Book Club and the Nancy Drew Book Club. The Cam Jansen Book Club will meet at the Zachary Branch on Saturday, March 15 at 10:00 a.m. The Nancy Drew Book Club will meet at the Zachary Branch on Saturday, March 15, at 11:00 a.m.

To register and for more information, call (225) 658-1860.

Princess for a Day

Children, ages 7 to 11, are invited to join other Tiara Club enthusiasts and discuss their favorite Tiara Club book at the Baker Branch on Saturday, March 29, at 1:00 p.m. Participants will also make their own tiara to take home.

To register and for more information, call (225) 778-5960.

Winter/Spring Chess

The East Baton Rouge Parish Library's popular chess program wraps up this month at the Main Library with a class and tournament for ages 9 to 13! The class will be offered for beginners and intermediate level players. Volunteers from the Baton Rouge Chess Club will teach basic moves and strategies.

The chess class will be on Saturday, March 8, at 10:00 a.m. The novice chess tournament will be held on Saturday, March 15, from noon to 4:00 p.m.

To register and for more information, call (225) 231-3761.

Bubbles Galore!

Children, ages 8 to 10, will make bubble solution and a wand for some serious bubble making at the Delmont Gardens Branch on Thursday, March 20, at 4:30 p.m.

For more information, call (225) 354-7060.



Celebrate St. Patrick's Day with Dr. Seuss' Green Eggs and Ham

Children, ages 6 to 10, will celebrate St. Patrick's Day by participating in a group reading of *Green Eggs and Ham* by Dr. Seuss at the Eden Park Branch on Monday, March 17, at 5:00 p.m.

For more information, call (225) 231-3260.

A Visit to Seussville!

Hop aboard the imaginary train to Seussville at the Main Library on Saturday, March 29, at 2:30 p.m. Children, ages 4 to 6, are invited to the Library for some classic Dr. Seuss. They will listen to some great Seuss stories and create a Cat in the Hat craft.

To register and for more information, call (225) 231-3760.

Dr. Seuss Storytime

Celebrate Dr. Seuss's birthday at the Zachary Branch on Saturday, March 1, at 3:00 p.m. Children, ages 5 to 7, will listen to a variety of Dr. Seuss books at this special storytime.

For more information, call (225) 658-1860.



**Happy
104th
Birthday,
Dr.
Seuss!**

Dr. Seuss

Theodor ("Ted") Seuss Geisel was born on March 2, 1904, in Springfield, Massachusetts. He attended Dartmouth College where he eventually became editor-in-chief of the magazine but lost his title when he threw a party that broke school policy. Although the school no longer allowed Ted to write for the magazine, he continued to do so under the pseudonym, Seuss. Seuss was his mother's maiden name and the perfect cover.

He began submitting cartoons to various newspapers and magazines. His work was featured in *The Saturday Evening Post*, the *Judge*, *Vanity Fair*, and *Life*.

He wrote his first book, *And to Think That I Saw It on Mulberry Street*, in 1936. It was originally rejected 27 times before a friend helped to get it published in 1937.

In 1954, an article was published that concluded children were having trouble reading because current children's books were boring. Ted's publisher sent him a list of 400 words he felt were important and asked him to cut the list to 250 and create a book. The result was *The Cat in the Hat*. The book was an instant success and would be followed by numerous classics, including *Green Eggs and Ham*, *How the Grinch Stole Christmas*, and *One Fish Two Fish Red Fish Blue Fish*.

He received numerous awards and honors including an honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters from his alma mater, Dartmouth. In addition to six other honorary doctorates, he also received an Oscar for *Gerald McBoing-Boing* (Best Cartoon, 1951); two Emmys for *Halloween Is Grinch Night* and *The Grinch Grinches the Cat in the Hat* (Best Children's Special, 1977 and 1982, respectively); a Pulitzer Prize (1984); a Peabody for the animated specials *How the Grinch Stole Christmas!* and *Horton Hears a Who!* (1971); and a New York Library Literary Lion (1986). Three of his books received Caldecott Honor Awards: *McElligot's Pool* (1947), *Bartholomew and the Oobleck* (1949), and *If I Ran the Zoo* (1950).

Before he passed away at the age of 87 on September 24, 1991, he had written and illustrated 44 children's books. Over 200 million copies of his books, translated into 15 different languages, have sold and several of his books were made into animated classics and feature films. Dr. Seuss's memory continues to live on in all of these works and the imaginations of children young and old.

Debbie Allen Live @ the Library

Actress, director, producer, choreographer and author, Debbie Allen will be at several libraries this spring. Allen is the author of *Brothers of the Knight* and *Dancing in the Wings*. *Brothers of the Knight* puts a modern spin on the classic fairytale, *The Twelve Dancing Princesses*. In this story, Preacher Knight attempts to solve the mystery of the worn-out sneakers he finds in his sons' room each morning. Believing that their father would not approve of their clandestine dancing at the Big Band Ballroom, the 12 boys refuse to confide in him. In *Dancing in the Wings*, Allen continues with her favorite theme of dancing in this story about a young girl struggling to be a dancer.

Allen first gained notoriety as Lydia Grant on the television series *Fame*. She continued acting in television series and film, and branched out into directing and producing. She is also the founder of the Debbie Allen Dance Academy which prepares young dancers for a serious career in dance, musical theatre, film, and television.

Keep checking the library's website, www.ebr.lib.la.us for more information, or call (225) 231-3760.

Bunny Time!

Children, ages 3 and up, are invited to this special storytime featuring Easter Bunny stories at the Main Library on Saturday, March 8, at 2:15 p.m. Following the storytime, a staff member from Noah's Quality Pets and Supplies will have a live rabbit on hand to show to the children. The staff member will also talk about rabbits and how to care for them as pets.

Children under 9 must be accompanied by an adult. For more information, call (225) 231-3760.



Hoppin' Bunnies

Hop on over to the Carver Branch on Wednesday, March 19, at 4:00 p.m. for an afternoon of bunny fun! Children, ages 4 to 11, will listen to Easter stories featuring bunnies and make a special bunny craft.

For more information, call (225) 389-7460.

Easter Eggs and Stories



Following a special Easter-themed storytime, children, ages 2 to 6, will hunt for Easter eggs at the Zachary Branch on Wednesday, March 19, at 10:00 a.m. No registration is required.

For more information, call (225) 658-1860.

Storytime at the Library



Storytime gives children an excellent introduction to books and the library, 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.

You are always welcome to attend *Storytime* with your child. We offer five different *Storytime* formats. Since children develop at different rates, you may talk with one of our library staff members to place your child in a younger or older group. Call your local library for more information. Organized groups must reserve a date and time other than those listed below.

Lapsit – for babies through crawling

Bluebonnet	Tuesdays, March 4, 11, 18	10:30 a.m.
Central	Mondays, March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 and April 7	10:00 a.m.
Jones Creek	Thursdays, March 6, 13, 20	10:30 a.m.
Main Library	Tuesdays, March 4, 11, 18	10:30 a.m.

Toddler Time – for walking children through two years old

Baker	Wednesdays, March 5, 12, 19, 26 and April 2, 9, 16	9:30 a.m.
Bluebonnet	Wednesdays, March 5, 12, 19	10:30 a.m.
Central	Tuesdays, March 4, 11, 18, 25 and April 1, 8	10:00 a.m.
Jones Creek	Tuesdays, March 4, 11, 18	10:30 a.m.
Main Library	Tuesdays, March 4, 11, 18	10:30 a.m.
Zachary	Wednesdays, March 5, 12, 19, 26 and April 2, 9, 16, 23	10:00 a.m.

Preschool Storytime – for children three to five years old

Baker	Wednesdays, March 5, 12, 19, 26 and April 2, 9, 16	10:30 a.m.
Bluebonnet	Mondays, March 3, 10, 17	10:30 a.m.
Carver	Wednesdays, March 5, 12, 19, 26 and April 2, 9, 16, 23, 30	9:30 a.m.
	Thursdays, March 6, 13, 20, 27 and April 3, 10, 17, 24	9:30 a.m.
Central	Wednesdays, March 5, 12, 19, 26 and April 2, 9	10:00 a.m.
Eden Park	Wednesdays, March 5, 12, 19, 26 and April 2, 9, 16	10:30 a.m.
Greenwell Springs	Tuesdays, March 4, 11, 18, 25	10:30 a.m.
Jones Creek	Tuesdays, March 4, 11, 18	10:30 a.m.
Main Library	Tuesdays, March 4, 11, 18	10:30 a.m.
River Center	Thursdays, March 6, 13, 20, 27 and April 3, 10, 17	10:30 a.m.
Scotlandville	Thursdays, March 6, 13	10:30 a.m.
Zachary	Wednesdays, March 5, 12, 19, 26 and April 2, 9, 16, 23	10:00 a.m.

Spanish Storytime – for ages 3 and up

Bluebonnet	Thursdays, March 6, 13, 20	10:30 a.m.
------------	----------------------------	------------

Night Storytime

Bluebonnet	Tuesdays, March 4, 11, 18	7:00 p.m.
Delmont Gardens	Tuesdays, March 4, 11, 18, 25 and April 1, 8, 15, 22, 29	7:00 p.m.
Eden Park	Wednesdays, March 12, 19, 26 and April 2, 9, 16, 23, 30	6:00 p.m.
Greenwell Springs	Thursdays, March 6, 13, 20, 27	7:00 p.m.
Jones Creek	Wednesdays, March 5, 12, 19	7:00 p.m.

THE SOURCE

is published monthly by the
Public Relations Department of the
East Baton Rouge Parish Library
Administrative Offices

7711 Goodwood Boulevard,
Baton Rouge, LA 70806
(225) 231-3700

The mission of the East Baton Rouge Parish Library is to serve all residents of the parish as an educational, informational, recreational and cultural center through a wide variety of resources, services and programs.

On View at the Library



Bluebonnet Regional Branch Library

Porcelain Designs

See the hand-painted vases, plates, landscapes, pitchers, cups and more from the Porcelain Art Guild.


Origami

View the award winning origami by children from the Annual Origami USA Convention in New York.

Jones Creek Regional Branch Library

The Bonfire of Liberty:

Censorship of the Humanities

This exhibit highlights the impact of censorship as applied to the humanities through the ages. 

Student Art Month

Celebrate "Student Art Month 2008" with the mixed media works by Episcopal Middle School students.

Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch

The Journey Begins


Experience the beautiful paintings of Vergie Clark and Tara Mayo.

Bring in the Clowns

View the distinguished handmade rag clown dolls of Barbara Franklin.


Pride-Chaneyville Branch Library

Censorship Through the Centuries

Find out why so many books have been censored by different societies through the years. 

Hill Memorial Library— Louisiana State University

Freedom of the Press

This exhibit features the history of the written word and the many attempts to stifle the power of speech and writing. 

LIBRARY BOOK SALE

Saturday, March 29, 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Recycled Reads, 13505 Hooper Road

East Baton Rouge Parish Library

Lydia M. Acosta, Library Director

Main Library

7711 Goodwood Boulevard (225) 231-3740
Monday – Thursday, 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.
Friday and Saturday, 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Sunday, 2:00 – 10:00 p.m.

Branch Libraries

Baker Branch Library

3501 Groom Road, Baker (225) 778-5940
Monday – Thursday, 9:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Friday and Saturday, 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Sunday, 2:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Bluebonnet Regional Branch Library

9200 Bluebonnet Boulevard (225) 763-2240
Monday – Thursday, 9:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Friday and Saturday, 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Sunday, 2:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Carver Branch Library

720 Terrace Street (225) 389-7440
Monday – Thursday 9:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Friday and Saturday, 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Sunday, 2:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Central Branch Library

11260 Joor Road (225) 262-2640
Monday – Thursday, 9:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Friday and Saturday, 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Sunday, 2:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Delmont Gardens Branch Library

3351 Lorraine Street (225) 354-7040
Monday – Thursday, 9:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Friday and Saturday, 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Sunday, 2:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Eden Park Branch Library

5131 Greenwell Springs Road (225) 231-3240
Monday – Thursday, 9:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Friday and Saturday, 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Sunday, 2:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Greenwell Springs Road

Regional Branch Library

11300 Greenwell Springs Road (225) 274-4440
Monday – Thursday, 9:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Friday and Saturday, 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Sunday, 2:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Jones Creek Regional Branch Library

6222 Jones Creek Road (225) 756-1140
Monday – Thursday, 9:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Friday and Saturday, 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Sunday, 2:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Pride-Chaneyville Branch Library

13600 Pride–Port Hudson Road (225) 658-1540
Monday – Thursday, 9:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Friday and Saturday, 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Sunday, 2:00 – 6:00 p.m.

River Center Branch Library

120 St. Louis Street (225) 389-4967
Monday – Thursday, 8:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Friday and Saturday, 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Sunday, 2:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Scotlandville Branch Library

7373 Scenic Highway (225) 354-7540
Monday – Thursday, 9:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Friday and Saturday, 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Sunday, 2:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Zachary Branch Library

1900 Church Street, Zachary (225) 658-1840
Monday – Thursday, 9:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Friday and Saturday, 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Sunday, 2:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Library Information Service
(225) 231-3750

www.ebr.lib.la.us

Presort Standard
U.S. Postage
PAID
Baker Printing Co.

East Baton Rouge Parish Library
7711 Goodwood Boulevard • Baton Rouge, LA 70806
A Department of City-Parish Government

