The East Baton Rouge Parish Library prioritizes the health and safety of our patrons. In response to updated information regarding the coronavirus (COVID-19), and directives for increased closures and smaller gatherings, the Library closed all locations to public access beginning March 17. Libraries will remain temporarily closed until further notice.



ibrary Director Spencer Watts stated, "After careful review of the current public health landscape in our community, and based upon official information and guidance, we have decided that it would be in our citizens' best interest to temporarily close our facilities to public access. This was an extremely difficult decision. We



realize many people rely heavily on the Library and its services. We will be continually reassessing the public health situation as it evolves over the next several weeks. Please the visit the Library's website at www.ebrpl.com periodically for updates."

Your Digital Library is *Always* Open!

Browse and enjoy thousands of digital items like e-books, e-magazines and e-audiobooks, plus streaming media including music, films, documentaries, and concerts. Stay in the know with online newspapers, magazines; acquire a new skill or broaden your knowledge with a variety of learning tools and platforms. Learn a new language with Mango and Pronunciator,

and discover many other options for adults including fun resources such as CreativeBug, AtoZ World Foods, BrainHQ and so more. The Digital Library is open 24/7, and its robust collection of resources are all freely available to any patron with a current East Baton Rouge Parish Library card. Just visit https://www.ebrpl.com/digital.html to get started! The Library website also contains many Infoguides that describe how to access downloadable media on a variety of mobile devices.

Don't have a Library card? *No problem!*

Temporary virtual cards allow access to most digital products; see the "Library Services" tab at www.ebrpl. com for more information. Need to renew your Library card? No problem! For your convenience, we have extended the expiration dates on all current Library cards. Library due dates on currently borrowed materials have already been extended to allow patrons longer loan periods.

Tools and resources on the coronavirus (COVID-19) can be found on the InfoGuide at http://ebrpl.libguides. com/coronavirus. To learn more about the Library and any of its free programs, events and resources, call (225) 231-3750, or visit us online at www.ebrpl.com.

LITERACY IS A FAMILY AFFAIR!



Have you read to a child today?

Get family activity prompts & ideas sent right to your mobile phone every Thursday evening!

Are you interested in developing your child's reading skills?
Your East Baton Rouge Parish Library Special Literacy Projects offers quick & easy ideas for encouraging literacy at home through a new text message service.

Simply text LITERACY to (225) 400-1336.

Unsubscribe at any time by texting OPT OUT. Standard message & data rates may apply.

Ancestry.com to Give Remote Access for Limited Time Only

We've got some exciting news for our genealogy buffs! Now through April, Ancestry.com is offering remote access to East Baton Rouge Parish Library card-holding patrons. Do your genealogical research from the comfort of your home! For more information, visit the Genealogy InfoGuide from the Library's homepage at www.ebrpl.com.

Text for Information & Updates on COVID-19

Louisiana's statewide 211 network is now answering calls about COVID-19, commonly known as the coronavirus. This network is best designed and staffed to handle the large volume of



calls from Louisiana residents who are concerned and who have questions about the rapidly-spreading virus. Anyone looking for information and instant updates about the COVID-19 outbreak can simply dial 211 or text the keyword LACOVID to 898-211 for the most current information about the outbreak as it becomes available. For more information, visit the InfoGuide at http://ebrpl.libguides.com/coronavirus, and click the Red Stick Ready tab.

One Book One Community Celebration

The One Book One Community (OBOC) celebration of *Americanah* by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie started with an awesome Kickoff Party in early March. Since then, many of the planned OBOC programs have been either postponed or canceled due to growing public health concerns. Don't let that

stop the fun! You can still enjoy OBOC season, with a digital twist! The Digital Library is stocked with copies of *Americanah* in ebook format via OverDrive's Libby and e-audiobooks via RBdigital. Go to ReadOneBook.org for a curated list of books similar in theme to *Americanah*. Library staff refresh these lists with new titles continually. Be sure to keep an eye on the Library's website at ebrpl.com for OBOC updates!









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STOP the SPREAD

Take these simple actions every day to help prevent the spread of respiratory viruses.



Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds — especially after using the bathroom or blowing your nose, and before eating.



In addition to soap and water, or if soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol.



Cover your cough or sneeze into your elbow or a tissue.



Don't touch your eyes, nose or mouth with unwashed hands.



Stay away from people who are sick.



Stay home when you are sick.



Clean and disinfect objects and surfaces regularly.



If you think you are sick, call your doctor and ask what you should do.



Your Digital Library is *Always* Open!

Digital Resources for Everyone

The Digital Library is open 24/7, and its robust collection of resources are all freely available patrons of all ages with a current East Baton Rouge Parish Library card. Just visit https://www.ebrpl.com/digital.html to get started!



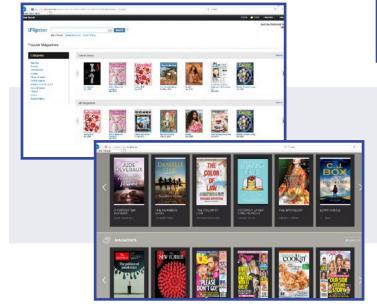
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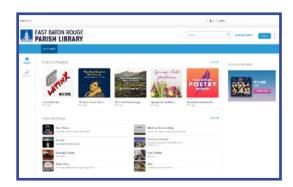


Kanopy offers streaming films, perfect to watch some of your favorites!



RBdigital gives you access to e-books & audiobooks, plus popular digital magazine. For more magazines, check out **Flipster!**

Crank up the tunes and rock out with **Freegal**, the *free and legal* downloadable & streaming music resource. Enjoy unlimited streaming, and download up to seven songs per week!





Educational Resources for Kids

We've rounded up just a few of the helpful educational tools available for kids in the Digital Library. Find these and many more at ebrpl.com/kids.



Abdo Zoom is great for online research for beginning readers.



Get cultural information from around the world with **CultureGrams**. Learn about the language, holiday celebrations and recipes from people groups across the globe!



Preschoolers & early elementary students can use **Early World of Learning** for fun learning with videos, stories and games.



Homework Louisiana connects students in kindergarten through college with Master Teachers for free online tutoring. Log on from 2 p.m. until midnight Monday through Friday to get help with your assignments!



Miss Humblebee's Academy offers online kindergarten prep with lessons on numbers, letters and more!



Children can learn a new language with **Muzzy Online**! *Parlez-vous français*?



Choose **PebbleGo** and **PebbleGoNext** for beginning readers & learners, and have fun with games, videos and activities on a variety of topics!

Fun Resources for Kids

Your Library's not all work and no play! To check out these fun resources and more, visit ebrpl.com/kids/funstuff.html.



Get access to ebooks and read alouds

for kids via **TumbleBooks** and **TumbleBookCloud Junior**



Kids who want to explore science, technology,

engineering and math-related concepts (STEM) will enjoy **Code.org,** a tool that's packed with coding activities and online learning.



This resource is fun at its finest! **Disney LOL** offers kids a

host of games, videos, coloring pages and more.



Hooda Math is a cool resource for math games

by grade or subject. You'll make math your friend in no time!



Sports fanatics will love **Sports**

Illustrated for Kids, because it offers all the fun sports information, all in one place!

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Goodnight Stories on Facebook

Library staff have created and posted more than 50 Goodnight Storytime videos on their Facebook Page, accessible from the Library Kids Page or via facebook.com/EBRPLKids, at 7 p.m. every Monday night. Stories are read by Children's Services staff, and sometimes by a special guest, like this reading of *Down by the Station* by the book's author Will Hillenbrand!

The Kids Page "Great Reads" also includes links to other virtual storytimes and favorite author pages, such as Will Hillenbrand's page or SAG's Storyline online or Dav Pilkey's Website O'Fun.



Author Will Hillenbrand reads his book Down by the Station during Goodnight Stories.

Story Starters for Elementary School Students:

New on the Kids Facebook Page! We will read the first chapter of a great book for kids and then challenge you to read the rest. Every book starts a journey!

Storytime at Home



JUST FOR TEENS

Online Resources for Tweens & Teens

We haven't forgotten about our tween and teen patrons! The Digital Library is jammed-packed with a wealth of fun and educational tools designed just for you, and we've listed some here. There's so much to explore, so visit https://www.ebrpl.com/Teens/index.html to find something cool today!



HOMEWORK LOUISIANA Homework Louisiana

connects students in kindergarten through

college with Master Teachers for free online tutoring. Log on from 2 p.m. until midnight Monday through Friday to get help with your assignments!



Learning Express offers online tutorials, e-books and practice tests designed to help students learn basic

skills, improve their knowledge of common subjects and prepare for entrance exams.



Mango Languages is for languagelearning, and is designed to help users learn more than 70 languages **MANGO** online and through the app.

Pronunciator is another cool resource the Library offers for language learning!



This three-piece **Gale** group covers biographical information about people from history and those currently in the public eye, and offers Opposing Viewpoints on today's hottest social issues. **Literary**

Sources searches and provides credible literary reference materials for students.



TeenBookCloud provides access to ebooks, graphic novels, enhanced novels, audiobooks, and videos for middle and high school students

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New in the Digital Library

Gale Presents: Udemy

A collection of more than 4,000 online video courses from Udemy consumer marketplace taught by world-class instructors. The top-rated courses offer upskilling in the areas of business, tech, and personal development across 75+ different categories. To keep the content fresh, courses are replaced monthly with new material addressing emerging topics. With an app for iOS and Android, users can download courses to watch offline, listen to courses with podcast-style audio, and watch courses using Chromecast or Apple TV. *Please note that a Microsoft or Gmail account are*



required to use Udemy, and it does not function well with the Microsoft Edge browser.

ChiltonLibrary

Get reliable automotive help online 24/7 through ChiltonLibrary, trusted by automotive enthusiasts and professionals for more than 100 years. This continually updated resource provides:

- Domestic and import vehicle information through the current model year, updated continuously
- Step-by-step service and repair procedures
- Wiring diagrams
- Maintenance and specification tables
- Troubleshooting guides and diagnostic trouble codes
- Photos, illustrations, diagrams and multimedia (videos and animations)
- ASE test prep

AtoZ Food America

This robust resource contains recipes in all course categories (appetizers, soups, salads, breads, main courses, side dishes, desserts, snacks, and beverages) for all 50 states, and 33 ethnic cuisines. AtoZ Food America also covers food culture for the states, and ethnic cuisines with articles such as Classic Dishes, State Foods, Top Agricultural Products, Special Occasion Foods, Ethnic and Geographic Influences, Special Ingredients, and Food Trivia. Enjoy historical archives of food labels, food prices, menus, food commercials, and digitized cookbooks all with this delicious database!





EVENT POSTPONED

The Mid City Micro-Con has been postponed until Saturday, August 29.

Visit ebrpl.com/mcmc for updates!

Time on your hands? Try these digital offerings!

Brain HQ – Train your brain with six core brain fitness categories including attention, brain speed, memory, people skills, intelligence, and navigation.

Creative Bug – over 1,000 online video classes covering arts and crafts

Lynda – online learning platform that helps anyone learn business, software, technology and creative skills to achieve personal and professional goals.

Gale Courses – 360 six-week long, online programs taught by college instructors. These life-long learning opportunities include professional development, technology, personal enrichment and leisure.

Hobbies and Crafts Reference Center – browse by category to find books, magazines and videos on everything from arts and crafts, kids' crafts, model building, science and technology, home and garden, and more.

Home Improvement Reference Center – books, magazines and How-To videos cover everything from decorating to woodworking to maintenance to remodeling

These are just a few of the many online resources available to EBRPL card holders in the Digital Library. Check it out!

Main Library at Goodwood

Director, Spencer Watts

7711 Goodwood Boulevard (225) 231-3740 Monday - Thursday, 8 a.m. - 10 p.m. Friday and Saturday, 8 a.m. – 6 p.m. Sunday, 2 – 10 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, 8 a.m. – 7 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. Friday and Saturday, 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. Sunday, 2 – 6 p.m.

Library Information (225) 231-3750

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