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# Bossier Parish Libraries Connection

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## BPL: What's in a name?

Successful businesses have iconic labels so that when you see them you instantly associate them with the company. Bossier Parish Libraries has been doing the same by using the acronym BPL and tri-color logo. Still, there is some confusion about whether or not all of the eight branches come under the BPL umbrella or if they stand alone.

To clarify, all of the branches are Bossier Parish Libraries at different locations within the parish. Because they are spread out it is easy to see why they seem to be independent. Yet, each branch is part of the whole BPL system. So this year I will begin to refer to the libraries as BPL Aulds Branch, BPL Benton Branch, and so on.

Another important thing to know about the branches is that books and materials are sent back and forth to other branches on a regular basis making it possible for patrons to request a book at one branch to be sent to another that is closer to their home. As for returning items, patrons can take their books and materials to any BPL branch and feel assured that they will be checked in properly.

Remember you are always at BPL no matter which branch you visit.

BPL, transforming communities!

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## Parish-wide Library Stats

Jan–Nov 2016: Grand Totals

Patron visits	443,988
Patron computer usage	70,341
Database usage	301,676
Meeting Room usage	1,350
Reference questions	12,385
Total items circulated	739,858



## Pardon our dust!

Bossier Parish Central Library and Historical Center at 2206 Beckett Street is in full swing of an extensive roof replacement project that started last November. Library Facilities Manager William Purdy says the job is moving along nicely and estimates it will be finished in early 2017. During this process the library and History Center will remain open.

Installation of the new roof is being done in sections. Library staff are working hard to keep interruption in services to a minimum. Be aware that areas inside the library where work is going on will be temporarily closed off to the public for safety reasons. The library staff will be available help pull books that are located in areas closed off.

A section of the parking lot is roped off to make room for equipment and materials. Loud noises and the smell of tar will be noticeable. The current roof on the Central Library building complex has been in place since 1986. The Historical Center is part of the complex and was built in 1998.

# Happenings...2016



## Patron Compliments

**BPL Aulds Branch:** "I love y'all you're so nice to me!" Molly W.

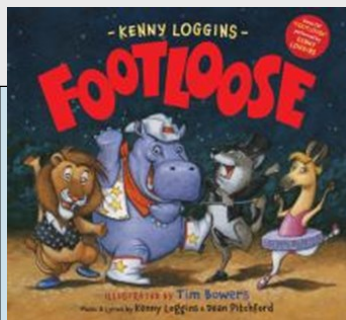
**BPL History Center:** "Marisa, thank you so much! Your historical society has a wonderful website and searchable archive. It's rare to see that in my line of work and it is so appreciated! Minneapolis, MN patron.

**BPL Central Branch:** "Dear Ms. Adams, I just want to thank you for the tour of the library for our classes at BPSTIL on 11 October. Your presentation was very professional. It explained how the library is arranged so our students could understand and it kept their attention as well. The students commented about how much they learned and how much they enjoyed the afternoon. The additional tour of the Historical Center was much appreciated. Very few of us know it was there and several of my students mentioned they would be back to look more at the books you have. Thank you again. Tom Hopkins, Instructor Bossier Parish School for Technology and Innovative Learning.

"I just wanted to let y'all know that y'all have some great staff working for you. Charlene is always going over and above in all professional areas. I appreciate each of them for their assistance." Jan W.



## Book Review: “Footloose” by Kenny Loggins



All of the animals at the Zoo are waiting for the full moon to rise so they can cut Footloose! They are going to put on their dancing shoes and everybody's going to cut Footloose! So get ready and put on your dancing shoes and cut Footloose with them.

This book is written by singer-songwriter Kenny Loggins based on his song Footloose a hit from the 80s. The CD that comes with the book has two songs: Footloose and Monkey Two Melody. Read the story, dance to the original song, and have a great time. Cut Footloose!

—Vickie Hardin



### **BPL Aulds Branch—Adult, 11a.m. (ages 18 and up)**

Tues., Jan. 17— “Girl from the Train” by Irma Joubert

Feb. 16— “The 100 Year old Man Who Climbed Out the Window and Disappeared” by Jonas Jonasson

### **BPL Aulds Branch—Young Adult 11a.m. (ages 15 and up)**

Thur., Jan. 19— TBA

Thur., Feb. 21— TBA

### **BPL Central Branch—Twins BC Books 6p.m. (ages 9 to 12)**

Tues., Jan. 10. Vote for your favorite LYRCA book! Registration required, only 12 spots.

Tues., Feb. 14— “I Survived The Hindenburg Disaster, 1937” by Lauren Tarshis

### **BPL Central Branch—Young Adult Did You Read That? 5p.m. (ages 13 to 18)**

Thur., Jan. 26 & Feb. 23. Discuss books, magazines, and blogs.

### **East 80 Teens, 12:30—1:30p.m. (ages 13—18)**

Sat., Jan. 14— “Cold Comfort Farm” by Stella Gibbons

### **Houghton Adult Good Books Club, 9:30a.m. (ages 18 and up)**

Thur., Jan. 19 — “The Readers of Broken Wheel” by Katarina Bivald

Thur., Feb. 22— “I Survived World War II” by

### **Tooke Tween Book Club, 2p.m. (ages 9 to 12)**

Sat., Jan. 28— “Rump” by Liesel Shurtliff

Sun., Feb. 26— “Fort” by Cynthia DeFelice

### **Tooke Teen Book Club, 4 to 5 p.m. (ages 13 to 18)**

Wed., Jan. 18 — “Jesus Jackson” by James Ryan Daley

Wed., Feb. 15— “Lucky Few” by Kathryn Ormsbee

### **Tooke Adult Book Club, 2 to 3p.m. (ages 18 and up)**

Sat., Jan. 21— “In the Garden of Beasts” by Erik Larson

Sat., Feb. 18— “Delicious” by Ruth Reichl

## Tom's Book Reviews

### *The Aeronaut's Windlass*

by  
Jim Butcher

Jim Butcher of *The Dresden Files* fame has begun a new series. This first book in the series puts us in a fantasy, science fiction, and steam punk world. Really I think this one should be called crystal punk since everything is run off crystals instead of steam. Being the first book, this is always the one where the world building takes place and explaining that is very complicated at times.

In this new world of Butcher's everyone lives miles above the ground on spires (really big towers) because the world is covered by a thick and dangerous mist that makes living on the ground impossible. Within these spires are multi-tiered Habbles where all of the Houses are. Like Brandon Sanderson is so fond of using Houses to describe aristocratic family lines and stations within society.

The main source of transportation is air ships and Captain Grimm, our main character, has become a private merchant after his dishonorable discharge from the Navy...it's a long story.

There are wise and wonderful wizards who are so absorbed in magical thought that they are unable to figure out how to use doorknobs. We have warrior-born people who seem to have a lot of feline in their blood and are great fighters. There is an underground army of cats that are very intelligent and if you can speak cat, you can talk to them.

There is a lot going on in this start to a new series but Butcher never slows the story down in describing this new world, the pace of the book is fast and it is hard to put down once you get going.

There is so much more to say about this book and the plot but I want you to read it for yourself. I would hate to give something away that would ruin the fun of reading *The Aeronaut's Windlass*.

—Tom Taylor

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS —January



Please contact  
branches to register  
for programs.

\*BPL will be closed Monday, January 16th for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

### **BPL Aulds Branch**

Mon., 9th & 23rd at 3p.m., ages 13 to 18—Club 318  
Tues., 10th at 6p.m., ages 18 & up—BINGO  
Wed., 4th at 12p.m., for all ages—Bring a lunch box & Lunch with the Librarians  
Tues., weekly at 10a.m.—Family Story Time, ages 0 to 5 with guardian; siblings welcome  
Wed., weekly from 1p.m., ages 5 and up—Homeschool Art Class  
Thurs., 19th & 26th at 10:30a.m.—Mommy & Me Yoga, babies ages 0—5; siblings welcome  
Thurs., 26th at 3:45p.m. for kids K through 5th grade, Crazy 8's Math Club

### **BPL Benton Branch** (General activity registration required for all children's programs)

Mon., 9th, 23rd, & 30th at 11:30a.m., ages 0 to 5—Wiggle & Wobble  
Wed., 11th, 18th, & 24th at 10a.m., ages 0 to 2—Baby Laptime  
Thur., 12th at 4p.m., ages 6 to 12—Club 745  
Thur., 26th at 4p.m., ages 6 to 12—Science Club  
Fri., 6th, 13th, 20th, & 27th at 10a.m., ages 3 to 5—Preschool Story Time

### **BPL Central Branch**

#### **Children's**

Wed., 18th & 25th at 10a.m. for ages 2 and under—Story Time (in the History Center)  
Wed., 18th & 25th at 11a.m. for ages 5 and under—Story Time (in the History Center)

#### **Tweens**

Tues., 10th at 4p.m. for ages 9 to 12—Tween Tuesday Books and Beyond Book Club. (in the Central Conference Room) Registration required.

#### **Teen's**

Tues., 10th at 4p.m., for ages 13 to 18—Hang Time with a variety of activities  
Thur., 26th at 5p.m., for ages 13 to 18—Did You Read That?

### **BPL East 80 Branch**

Tues., 10th from 6 to 7p.m., for all ages—Family Story Time  
Wednesdays, beginning the 11th at 10:30a.m., for ages 0 to 5—Lapsit Story Time  
Thursdays, at 3:30p.m., for all ages—After School Story Time  
Sat., 14th from 12:30 to 1:30p.m., ages 13 to 18—Board Game Day  
Sat., 21st at 12:30p.m., for ages 6 to 12—Kid's Movie Day  
Sat., 28th at 12:30p.m., for ages 13 to 18—Teen's Movie Day

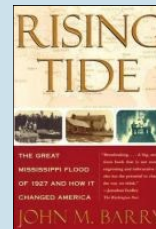
### **BPL Haughton Branch**

Mon., 9th & 23rd at 10a.m., for adults—BINGO!  
Wed., 25th at 10a.m., for ages 18 and up—"Family Who, Where, When: Introduction to Genealogy with Ann Middleton  
Thur., 19th at 3p.m., for ages 12 and up—Teen Meeting  
Thur., 5th at 10a.m., for all ages—Playing Hooky Crochet Club  
Fri., 6th & 20th at 10a.m., ages 18 and up—Happy Hour with coffee, donuts, coloring, and games  
Sat., 7th at 1p.m., for all ages—Reading with Duke a licensed therapy dog  
Sat., 21st at 1p.m., for all ages—Saturday Matinee, popcorn and recently released DVD



## **History Center News**

**Hours of Operation:**  
**M-Th 9-8, F 9-6, Sat 9-5, Sun 2-5**  
**Contact: (318) 746-7717**



For those of you who remember the RELIC (Readings in Literature and Culture) the Louisiana Endowment for Humanities used to

provide libraries across the state, including the History Center where they proved very popular, pay attention.

And those of you who did not get to experience a RELIC, also pay attention. Though the LEH has ceased providing these programs due to budget cuts, the History Center will be offering a similar scholar-facilitated reading and cultural discussion series on **Thursday evenings, Jan. 19—Feb. 9 at 6:00 –7:30 pm.** We will be reading the highly acclaimed and timely book by John M. Barry, *Rising Tide: the great Mississippi flood of 1927 and how it changed America.*

The discussions will be led by historian and local history teacher **Rusty Beckham.** Graduating with a M.A. in History in May 2014 from Villanova University in Pennsylvania. He is currently pursuing a Ph.D. in History.

His goal is to spark curiosity in the hearts and minds of others, which he does currently as a social studies teacher at Benton HS. He has also presented historical topics to a wide array of age groups, from young children to older adults.

**Registration:** Space is limited. Call us at **318-746-7717** starting Fri. Dec. 9 to register and reserve your place.

—Pam Carlisle

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for programs.*

### **BPL Plain Dealing Branch**

Tues., weekly from 10 to 11a.m. for ages 18 and up—Adult Coloring  
Fri., weekly from 10 to 11a.m., ages 0 to 5—Story Time; registration required.

### **BPL Tooke Branch**

Tues., 10th from 1 to 2p.m., for ages 18 and up—Family Who, Where, When: Introductory Genealogy-Family Reunions with Ann Middleton  
Sat., 14th from 2 to 3p.m., for ages 5 to 17—Caddo Indian program with Pam Carlisle  
Tues., 17th from 4 to 5p.m., for ages 13 to 18—Careers About the Past with Pam Carlisle  
Mon., 23rd at 4p.m., for ages 4 to 12—Bowling at Tooke  
Thursdays, weekly from 10 to 10:30a.m., for ages 0 to 5—Story Time

## **CALENDAR OF EVENTS — February**



### **BPL Aulds Branch**

Mon., 13th & 27th at 3p.m., for ages 13 to 18—Club 318  
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Thur., 23rd at 5p.m., for ages 13 to 18—Did You Read That?

#### ***Adult's***

Mon., 6th for ages 18 and up—Valentine Card Making Program (TBA)

### **BPL East 80 Branch**

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Thursdays at 3:30p.m. for all ages—After School Story Time  
Sat., 18th from 12:30 to 1:30p.m., for ages 6 to 12—Kid's Board Game Day  
Sat., 25th from 11a.m. to 1p.m., for ages 13 to 18—TV Show Marathon

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Wed., 1st, 8th, & 15th at 10a.m., for ages 0 to 5—Preschool Story Time  
Wed., at 4p.m. for all ages—Workout Wednesdays, low impact  
Thur., 2nd at 10a.m., for all ages—Playing Hooky Crochet Club  
Thur., 16th at 3p.m., for ages 12 and up—Teen Meeting  
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**BPL Tooke Branch**

Mon., 20th at 4:30p.m. for ages 5 to 12—Picture Frame Decorating. Registration required.

Tues., 14th from 11:30a.m. to 12:30p.m., for ages 18 and up—Adult Coloring. Registration required.

Thursdays, weekly from 10 to 10:30a.m., for ages 0 to 5—Story Time

Thur., 2nd at 12p.m., for ages 18 and up—Groundhogs Know Weather and Movie Day.

Registration required.

Sat., 11th from 2 to 3p.m., for ages 6 to 15—The Future Is New with Pam Carlisle. Registration required.

**Patron Recommended Reads**

*The Wild Girl* by Jim Fergus: “It is listed as a western but is so much more than that. It is a coming of age story mixed with adventure and romance. It is based on actual historical events. It was another book that I just couldn’t put down.” A. Abston

*A Shade of Vampire* by Bella Forrest: “The series is awesome. I couldn’t put them down. The stories are amazing. There is so much going on without being too graphic. I want to read them all!” A. Abston

*Blanco County Series* by Ben Rehder: “This is an author who goes into great detail about a Texas game warden, John Marlin, in the hill country west of Austin, Texas. His books have my story and a lot of regional color and humor. I have read many western novels but he holds your interest to the very last page.” Anonymous

*Revising Reality: A Biblical Look into the Cosmos* by Anthony Patch, et al. “People should know what scientists are saying, could be the end of the world.” D. Aubuchon

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