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Gov. Bobby Jindal Appoints Rebecca Hamilton to the Louisiana Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission



Governor Bobby Jindal appointed Rebecca Hamilton to the Louisiana Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission. 2009 is the 200th anniversary of Abraham Lincoln's birthday.

The Louisiana Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission serves to develop, plan and coordinate statewide events that educate the public about the life and presidency of Abraham Lincoln and assist the state liaison to the national commission in overseeing and directing preparations for statewide programs and events.

"The very name 'Abraham Lincoln' is so iconic that it has almost become a monument itself," said Hamilton. "It is extraordinary that one man so changed the course of human history. I think it's important for us to take another look at his life and his presidency and learn from these. We all know that he epitomized honor, integrity and courage. But exactly what challenges did Lincoln meet in order to achieve this legacy? By serving on this commission, I hope to help expand the public's understanding about the 16th American President."

SLOL Gets Hooked on Phonics

Based on patron requests from public libraries, the State Library has purchased two copies of *Hooked on Phonics: Kindergarten to Second Grade*, a popular reading program for children. The kits are available through interlibrary loan. Because of the number of pieces, each kit has been broken down into a smaller subset. When placing a request for your patron, be sure to specify what kit is needed - Kindergarten, First Grade, or Second Grade.

We have also ordered three early literacy DVD series that will soon available: *Your Baby Can*

Read, Bridge to English: Fairy Tale Learning, and *Bridge to English: Read Before You Can Walk*. These series target young infants and toddlers in the early stages of language development as



well as pre-school children. Once received and cataloged, these will be available via ILL as well.

Surveys Being Conducted for Public Libraries

Two surveys are currently being conducted nationwide in public libraries.

The 2008 National Survey of Public Library Funding and Technology Access is done by John Bertot working with the Information Institute at Florida State University. The survey is funded by the American Library Association and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, and is part of a larger study managed by the American Library Association. More information on the overall study is available at <http://www.ala.org/plinternetfunding>.

U.S. Libraries Initiative: Broadband Assessment Project is funded by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, to collect data on the current state of library connectivity nationally, which will then be used to advocate for increased connectivity in public libraries.

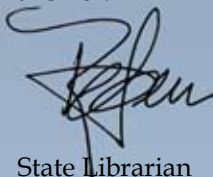
Viewpoint

As we all know, libraries have changed dramatically in the last 25 years. Today's libraries are bustling businesses serving as community centers that are technologically and customer service driven and that provide cutting edge services – for example, blogs, podcasts, coffee shops, teen rooms and distance education classrooms -- along with all the traditional services that they continue to offer. Our libraries have all embraced these changes and Louisiana has one of the strongest public library systems in the nation.

In order to better serve you and make the best use of existing resources, the State Library is changing along with you. Today we have a new interlibrary loan system, increased state aid, improved training offerings and, like you, are operating in more of business environment. The State Library boasts a lean staff with a leadership team that has earned executive certification and that has a proven track record of success in their area of expertise. Gone are the

days when you had to speak to a specific person to give you assistance.

Today, when you need any assistance you can call on anyone at the State Library and that person can get you to where you need to be – whether that be a library consultant, the reference desk or IT. Additionally, we no longer use geographic boundaries in library development to determine who serves you and our team is cross-trained in order to better serve you. Please let your staff members know that they can call on any of us at any time and we will make sure that you all will get the help that you need. If you are unsure which department to call, you can e-mail libdev@state.lib.la.us, and we will make sure your question is sent to the best person to answer.



State Librarian



SLOL Contributes to Civil Rights Digital Library

The struggle for racial equality in the 1950s and 1960s is among the most far-reaching social movements in the nation's history and represents a crucial step in the evolution of American democracy. The Civil Rights Digital Library promotes understanding by providing primary sources and other educational materials, online articles and unedited news film from throughout the South.

The State Library of Louisiana contributed to this endeavor by providing photographs covering the story of Louisiana segregation, Baton Rouge demonstrations and other civil rights battles, including the march from Bogalusa. The public can access this material through the click of a mouse at www.civilrightslibrary.org. The digital library can be searched by key events, topics, media type and places, using an interactive map powered by Google.

The Civil Rights Digital Library is an initiative of the Digital Library of Georgia and is the most comprehensive digital archive of the national Civil Rights Movement to date. The Civil Rights Digital Library is a partnership among librarians, educators, and public broadcasters. It is supported by a National Leadership Grant for Libraries awarded to the University of Georgia by the Institute of Museum and Library Services.

Children's Author Responds to Letter

Lillie Brunet, Terrebonne Parish Library's preschool outreach coordinator, wrote a letter with one of her preschool classes to children's author Tomie dePaola. Tomie personally responded, telling the class his plans for the holiday and how much he enjoyed the picture of the class that Lillie sent. Tomie sent pictures of himself and stickers for Lillie to share with the over 2,000 children she reads to each month at the parish daycares and preschools.



The photograph that Lillie Brunet, Terrebonne Parish Library's Preschool Outreach Coordinator, sent to children's author Tomie dePaola.

At the State Library



Michael Golrick joined the State Library as a public library consultant and State Data Coordinator on December 1. He has a bachelor's degree in Religious Studies

from Brown University, a Master of Science in Library Science from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, and a Masters in Business Administration from the University of Arizona. He has served as a public library director in Wilton CT, Bridgeport CT, and Eau Claire WI. He also was the executive director of the Southern Connecticut Library Council, a multi-type library agency formerly in Hamden CT.

Lesli Gray has joined the State Library staff as the head of the Reference Department. Gray earned an MLIS from LSU in 2003. She worked several years in the State Library's

Technical Services department. For the past few years, she has been working in Fort Polk, but has now returned to Baton Rouge.

Emma K. Schroth, Services for the Blind and Physically Handicapped's Children and Teen Services Librarian, has been appointed to the Collaborative Summer Library Program's Diversity Committee. The committee is dedicated to creating a more inclusive community of summer readers and reading programs grounded in respect and appreciation for individual differences.

Around the State

Charlotte Trosclair is the new director of the Vermilion Parish Library, replacing Jackie Choate who retired in December. Trosclair was formerly the director at Cameron Parish Library.

Evangeline Parish Library Board President **Julia Fontenot** was selected as the Region 4 Secondary Technology Teacher of the Year for Louisiana Computer Using Educators. She will compete at the state level and attend a special awards luncheon.

Evangeline Parish Library Board Vice-President **Jennifer Vidrine** was a delegate at large for Democratic nominee Barack Obama. She attended the Democratic National convention in Denver and will attend the presidential inauguration in Washington D.C.

Plaquemines Parish Library Department has named **Patrisa Walker** as the new Assistant Director. The Buras, LA native has been employed at the Library for five years, serving in various capacities.

Longtime Allen Parish Library Trustee Passes Away

Memorial Services for **Minnie Lou Lynch** were held December 20, 2008, in Oakdale. Mrs. Lynch had a distinguished career, speaking on library affairs in 35 states and Canada. Her 52-year professional career also included that of a book reviewer for audiences, entertainment she called "Book Theater."

Lynch was the founder and organizer of the public library in Oakdale. During that time, she led the political effort to achieve library service for the entire parish which led to the creation of the Allen Parish Library System in 1957. She served on the library's Board of Control from its inception until her death. At the state level, Lynch presided as the Executive Director of Louisiana's two Governor's Conferences on Libraries. On the national level, she served as President of the American Library Trustee Association, a division of the American Library Association.

She received many honors during her lifetime of library service and advocacy, including the American Library Association's Trustee Citation and recognition by them as an "Extraordinary Library Advocate of the 20th Century," Louisiana's Outstanding Trustee Award, and The Southwestern Library Association's Honorary Life membership. In 2000, she received the Louisiana Endowment for the Humanities Award for her Lifetime Contribution to the Humanities. The Town Talk honored her as a Woman of Distinction in 2002.

In 2007, as part of the Allen Parish Library's 50th Anniversary, the library Board of Control established a lasting reference to Mrs. Lynch's 60-plus years of volunteer activity on behalf of libraries. They named a renovation to the Oakdale Branch Library "LynchPlaza."

Remembrances

Wayne P. Sutton died on Saturday, August 23 at his residence. Wayne was a founding member of Bienville Parish Library Board of Control, serving more than 44 years. He was presented the Modisette Award for Library Trustees in 2002 by the Louisiana Library Association for his many years of dedicated service.

Nolan Chaix, a volunteer who repaired talking book machines for the State Library's Services for the Blind and Physically Handicapped division for more than 20 years, passed away on October 24, 2008. Chaix was 85 years old. Chaix will be remembered for his hard work, his dedication to his volunteer work, and for his sense of humor. He was a special friend to SBPH and to the blind and visually impaired readers of Louisiana.



SLOL Workshops

2009 Teen Services Workshops

"Teen Programs that Work"

January 6, 2009 - State Library, Baton Rouge

January 8, 2009 - Lincoln Parish Library, Ruston

All teen services workshops are from 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. with registration beginning at 9:00 a.m., and a break for lunch.

RoseMary Honnold will be the Teen Services presenter. The workshop will focus on general teen programming, including teen library clubs and technology programs, plus ideas for the Teen Summer Reading Program.

Honnold is a nationally recognized advocate of teen services. She is the author of four books about teen services, including: *101+ Teen Programs that Work*, *MORE*

Teen Programs that Work, *The Teen Reader's Advisor*, and *Get Connected : Tech Programs for Teens*.

Honnold has had numerous articles published regarding teen services, including two articles in *VOYA* magazine. Honnold serves on numerous committees, presents teen service workshops across the country, and is the full time

Young Adult Services Coordinator at Coshocton Public Library in Coshocton, Ohio. Check out her website at www.cplrmh.com.

For registration information on the workshops, contact April Milton at (225) 342-4931.

2009 Children Services and Programming Workshops

February 17, 2009 - Lincoln Parish Library, Ruston

February 19, 2009 - State Library of Louisiana, Baton Rouge

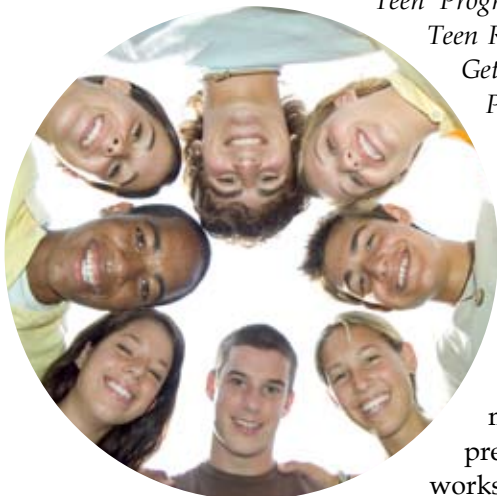
February 20, 2009 - Lafayette Parish Library, Main Branch, Lafayette

All children's workshops are from 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. with registration beginning at 9:00 a.m., and a break for lunch.

Because of the great positive response last year, we have invited Sherry Norfolk back again this year as the children's presenter. Norfolk's presentation will include materials, activities and information relating to the children's summer reading theme "Be Creative @ Your Library" for storytimes and programs for children ages 4-12 (Preschool - Grade 6). The workshops will also focus on a variety of other materials and programming ideas for fairy tale themes and children's services in general.

Norfolk has been a professional storyteller since 1981. She holds a Master's in Library Science and has been recognized with awards from the American Library Association and the Association for Library Service for Children. More information about Norfolk can be obtained at: <http://www.sherrynorfolk.com/>.

For registration information on the workshops, contact April Milton at (225) 342-4931.





David Farrar is New Director at East Baton Rouge Parish Library

David Farrar has accepted the position of Director for the East Baton Rouge Parish

Library and began working for the system on November 10. State Librarian Rebecca Hamilton had the opportunity to meet with the new director. "His enthusiasm and dedication to the mission of libraries really impressed me," she said. "While David is committed to maintaining and growing the outstanding reputation of the East Baton Rouge Parish Library system, he is also eager to create partnerships with all of our

public libraries. He is a tremendous asset to Louisiana's libraries as a whole," she added.

"The Board of Control has given me the honor to direct the largest library system in the state of Louisiana. I appreciate their confidence and look forward to many years of service," said Farrar. "This system is recognized throughout the country for its excellence in information service as well as its outstanding programming efforts. Numerous awards for architectural achievement also define this library system in no uncertain terms. This commitment to public service is inspiring. I

look forward to working with board members and staff to build upon these great achievements."

Farrar was most recently the library director of the Talladega Public Library in Talladega, AL since 2001. Prior to that position he served as System Library Director for Virginia College, LLC in Birmingham, AL from 1996 to 2001 and Library Assistant at Southern Progress Corporation in Birmingham, AL from 1991 to 1996. Farrar holds a B.A. in Political Science, History, a M.A. in Political Science, and a M.L.S., Library Science all from the University of Alabama.

SLOL Presents First Statewide Staff Day

The State Library will present the first statewide Staff Day on Thursday, January 15th at the West Baton Rouge Conference Center in Port Allen. The State Library will combine various training and user group sessions and also provide an opportunity to network.

This year's program includes several timely and worthwhile presentations. Staff Day will bring together front-line staff in reference, ILL, technical services, and computer services, including both State Library personnel and presenters from our own public library community.

The keynote presentations will be "Dealing with Difficult People," Rebecca Hamilton, State Librarian, on "State of the State Library," and Riley Bordelon and David Rainey on Wimba, an online and interactive training platform. There are also several noon sessions from which to choose.

To register, call (225) 342-4931 or email amilton@slol.lib.la.us. Registration deadline is Thursday, January 8. The \$25 fee per person will cover a continental breakfast, boxed lunch, and afternoon refreshments.



Larose Branch of Lafourche Parish Public Library System Opens

The Larose Branch of the Lafourche Parish Public Library System opened in late August, 2008. The ribbon cutting ceremony was postponed due to Hurricane Gustav. The community was finally able to cut the ribbon on November 14, 2008. The building is 4,500 sq. feet with a public meeting room, children's department, six public access computers and wireless service. The library has a staff of three, serving a community population of 7,306.



“Beauregard Parish Library Presents...”

The Beauregard Parish Library kicked off “Beauregard Parish Library Presents...,” an eight month long series of cultural and artistic programs for all ages, with a visit from Marcelle Bienvenu, author of *Who’s Your Mama*, *Are You Catholic*, *Can You Make a Roux?* and several other titles.

Along with a presentation at the main library branch on November 7, Bienvenu spoke to an enthusiastic crowd at La Cuisine de Beauregard, the first annual food festival in DeRidder that same day.

“Beauregard Parish Library Presents...” is supported by a grant from the Louisiana Division of the Arts, Office of Cultural Development, Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism in cooperation with the Louisiana State Arts Council as administered by The Arts and Humanities Council of Southwest Louisiana.



Left to right are: Marcelle Bienvenu, Asst. Admin. Librarian Erin Chesnutt (seated), Director Lilly F. Smith and Public Relations Coordinator Celise Reech-Harper.

Evangeline Parish Library Signs Agreement with Pine Prairie Correctional Center

Evangeline Parish Library has signed an agreement with Pine Prairie Correctional Center to lend books to the Center. According to Library Director Mary Foster-Glasso, the program will increase library outreach by assisting inmates in obtaining educational and recreational reading materials.

A long-term goal is to help inmates increase their literacy skills and improve their chances for a better life after incarceration. Foster-Glasso thanks Michelle Gahn, Educator Supervisor for PPCC, for suggesting the program, and Allen Parish Library Director Karen Teigen for guidance in developing the agreement. The program began in December and will be coordinated by Ms. Gahn and Pamela Guillory, branch manager for Evangeline’s Rev. Leslie Prescott Branch in Pine Prairie.

South St. Landry Dedicates New Wing

On October 18, South St. Landry in Sunset dedicated a new adult wing. The dedication, hosted by the Friends of Community Library, was held in honor of the late Rep. Charles Hudson. Hudson was instrumental in obtaining the capital outlay funds that were used for construction of the 3,000 + square foot addition.

Speakers for the event were Rebecca Hamilton, State Librarian, and Donovan Hudson, Special Assistant for Urban Affairs in the office of the Lt. Governor. Hudson is the son of the late Rep. Charles Hudson. Also in attendance were state library consultants Dorothy White, Jerome Cummings and State Library Board of Commissioners member Paulette Holahan. The new addition houses the adult fiction and non-fiction collection, patron workstations, a reading area and a meeting area with kitchenette and restroom facilities.



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The State Library of Louisiana is one of our state’s greatest resources for research information, government documents, genealogical data, books in Braille, audiobooks and more.

The State Library’s mission is to build an informed, literate and democratic society by ensuring access to informational, cultural and recreational resources, especially those resources unique to Louisiana.



George Rodrigue Prints: A Catalogue Raisonne 1970-2000

Contributor: George Rodrigue
 Publisher: Harry N. Abrams, Incorporated
 Publication Date: 2008
 ISBN: 0-8109-9517-4
 Pages: 256
 Price: \$50.00

George Rodrigue Prints: A Catalogue Raisonne 1970-2000 is a unique glimpse of the prints of George Rodrigue, as well as a biographical piece of the man as an artist. Contributors to the work are George Rodrigue, Wendy Wolfe Rodrigue and Harry N. Abrams, all of which create a better understanding of the artist known for his *Blue Dog*. The Blue Dog has become an artistic icon, easily recognizable as the work of artist George Rodrigue. The prints of George Rodrigue are perhaps some of his most popular pieces and *George Rodrigue Prints: A Catalogue Raisonne 1970-2000* offers viewers over six hundred lithographs and silkscreens, some never before published.

George Rodrigue was born in 1944, the son of a bricklayer from New Iberia, Louisiana. He painted what he knew, the Cajuns and life in rural South Louisiana. As his fame grew, he often created posters for Louisiana festivals, such as *Festivals Acadiens*, *Louisiana State Fair* and *Breaux Bridge Crawfish Festival*. In 1976, he published *The Cajuns of George Rodrigue*, which contained one hundred fifty-six reproductions of his paintings. His Cajun paintings were becoming more and more popular, as were the series of portraits of famous Louisianians. His most popular creation is the *Blue Dog*, which first appeared in 1984 in the book *Bayou* by Chris Segura, and then

silkscreen prints appeared in 1990. The *Blue Dog* is based on Tiffany, a terrier owned by Rodrigue, who had passed away some years before. As the years passed, the *Blue Dog* could be seen in almost all of Rodrigue's paintings and prints. For example, the painting *Morning Glories Blonde*, a silkscreen done in 1988 had the *Blue Dog* added in 1991 and titled *Morning Glories Blonde with Tiffany*.

George Rodrigue Prints: A Catalogue Raisonne 1970-2000 is a coffee-table size book with an appealing cover of the *Blue Dog*, though he is a bit more gray than blue. Through the years, the dog becomes a more vibrant blue, or green, yellow or red, painted singly or in multiples reminiscent of Warhol. The dog is painted on a tree stump, tomb, box, amid flowers, trees, bayou scenes, in the desert, in a Campbell's soup can, draped in the American flag, decked out for Mardi Gras and oodles more. He is a dog that Rodrigue aficionados love and one that has highlighted the career of George Rodrigue. Almost every page of this 256 resource is covered with colorful imagery. The *Forward* and *Introduction* offer biographical insight into George Rodrigue. Other chapters include *1970-89 Bayou Scenes & Event Posters*, *Blue Dog I*, *Blue Dog II*, *Blue Dog III*,

Blue Dog IV, *Blue Dog V*, *Blue Dog VI*, *Commemorative & Special Editions*, *Bodies and Remastered Digital Prints*,

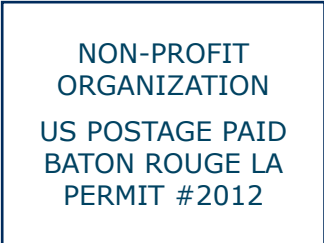
and *Blue God VII*. There is an excellent Chronology of the artist and his works, as well as an index to help locate desired pieces.

George Rodrigue Prints: A Catalogue Raisonne 1970-2000 would be a fine addition to any library's collection on art, as well as make a wonderful gift.

Charlene Bonnette is a Reference Librarian in the Louisiana Section of the State Library of Louisiana

Good Books, Good Friends @ Jackson Parish Library

"Good Books, Good Friends" is the new adult reading group at Jackson Parish Library. The group meets on the fourth Wednesday afternoon of the month for book discussions that are led by Jackson Parish Library staff members Carol Massey, Tommie Overman and Robin Toms. With an average attendance of 22, the group is growing both in size and interest as members have begun recommending titles and expressing interest in leading future discussions. Good books, good friends, good food and good conversation can all be found at the Jackson Parish Library.



Calendar Notes

January

Teen Reading Program Workshop	Baton Rouge, State Library	January 6
Teen Reading Program Workshop	Ruston, Lincoln Parish Library	January 8
E-rate Forms 470 Due	Statewide	January 15
MLK Holiday, SLOL Closed.....	Statewide	January 19
ALA Midwinter Meeting	Denver, CO	January 23-28

February

LA Young Readers Choice Ballots Due	Statewide	February 11
E-rate Forms 471 Due	Statewide	February 12
Children's Services Workshop	Ruston, Lincoln Parish Library	February 17
Children's Services Workshop	Baton Rouge, State Library	February 19
Children's Services Workshop	Lafayette, Lafayette Public Library	February 20
Mardi Gras Holiday.....	Statewide	February 24