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## HOURS

Monday-Friday

8:00 a.m. — 4:30 p.m.

## ELIGIBILITY

Any Louisiana resident who is  
unable to read or use standard  
print materials as a result of a  
temporary or permanent visual or  
physical limitation is eligible to  
receive free library services.

## LIBRARY SERVICES

Recorded Books & Magazines

Braille Books & Magazines

Large Print Books

Descriptive Videos

## Summertime @ Your Library

While the kids are splishing and splashing as part of  
this year's Summer Reading Program theme,  
grown-ups can take a mini vacation with books filled  
with summertime adventure, intrigue or romance.  
Dive into these titles when the mercury rises and  
you head for the beach or lake, kick back by the  
swimming pool or simply sit under the sprinkler in  
the backyard. You can almost feel the sand  
between your toes and hear the waves lapping at  
the shore already. Best wishes for a happy, healthy  
summer!

## Adventure

**Beachcomber** by Karen Robards

BR 14931, RC 57271. Strong language and  
descriptions of sex.

**The Cat who saw stars**

by Lillian Jackson Braun

BR 12111, LP 9862, RC 47906

**Rostnikov's vacation** by Stuart Kaminsky

LP 11286, RC 35391

**Shooting at loons** by Margaret Maron

RC 39243. Strong language and violence.

**Sunset in St Tropez** by Danielle Steel

BR 14193, LP 17865, RC 45053

**Mystery**

**Body on the beach: a Feathering mystery**  
by Simon Brett  
LP 13617

**Cat on a beach blanket: an Alice Nestleton mystery**  
by Lydia Adamson  
LP 12296

**Death in a beach chair**  
by Valerie Wolzien  
LP 17485

**Murder makes waves: a Southern sisters mystery** by Anne George. Strong language.  
RC 49042

**Peril under the palms**  
by K.K. Beck  
RC 31408

**Romance**

**If you knew me** by Anne Roiphe  
LP 8221, RC 37584. Some sexual description.

**Message in a bottle**  
by Nicholas Sparks  
LP 9617, RC 46179. Some sexual description.

**Out of the Storm**  
by Grace Livingston Hill  
BR 08395, RC 32883

**Safe Harbour** by Danielle Steel  
BR 15104, LP 17860, RC 57100  
Some sexual description and strong language.

**Grab Bag**

**Against the tide: the battle for America’s beaches**  
by Cornelia Dean  
RC 49167

**The Beach house**  
by Georgia Bockoven  
LP 11539, RC 47815

**Scandalous summer of Sissy LeBlanc** by Lorraine Despres  
RCL 177

**Summer of rescue**  
by Barbara Nelson  
RC 43703

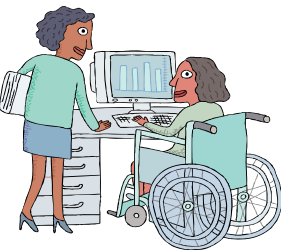
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**Rebecca Hamilton named new State Librarian**

On March 29, 2005, Lieutenant Governor Mitch Landrieu announced that Rebecca Hamilton will serve as the new State Librarian of Louisiana. Hamilton will follow longtime State



**You’re STILL In Charge!**



Services for the Blind and Physically Handicapped (SBPH) would like to remind our readers that our catalog of materials is now available on the State Library of Louisiana webpage. The WebPAC, or web-based public access catalog, allows you to search for RC, large print and descriptive video titles in the SBPH collection from any computer with Internet access. You can request books with the click of a mouse, check which items are charged to your account and see which are on their way to you. This new service is great for those folks with home computers who want to manage their own accounts. However, your friendly Reader Advisors will still be available to answer questions and assist in selecting books. The catalog is located on the library’s website <http://www.state.lib.la.us/> under the heading “Visually Impaired” then “Online Catalog.” Anyone can browse the catalog, **but a password is required to access your personal account information.** To set up your account and request a password, please call the library at (800) 543-4702 and ask for Emma, Margaret, Ray or Elizabeth.

**Holiday Closings**



Independence Day - July 4  
  
Labor Day - September 5

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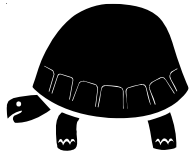
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**Make New Friends with Clovis Crawfish and his Pals!**



Cajun mudbug Clovis Crawfish and his bayou friends teach teamwork, problem solving and Cajun French language in 15 lively stories by Mary Alice Fontenot. For grades K-3. Available titles include:

**Clovis Crawfish and Bertile’s Bon Voyage**  
RCL 312



**Clovis Crawfish and Bidon Box Turtle**  
RCL 313

**Clovis Crawfish and the Big Betail**  
RCL 303

**Clovis Crawfish and the Curious Crapaud**  
RCL 307

**Clovis Crawfish And Echo Gecko**  
RCL 162

**Clovis Crawfish and Etienne Escargot**  
RCL 309



**Clovis Crawfish and Fedora Field Mouse**  
RCL 314

**Clovis Crawfish and His Friends**  
RCL 302

**Clovis Crawfish and Michelle Mantis**  
RCL 308

**Clovis Crawfish and the Orphan Zo-Zo**  
RCL 310

**Clovis Crawfish and the Petit Papillion**  
RCL 305



**Clovis Crawfish And Raoul Raccoon**  
RCL 315

**Clovis Crawfish and the Singing Cigales**  
RCL 304

**Clovis Crawfish and Simeon Suce-Fleur**  
RCL 311

**Clovis Crawfish and the Spinning Spider**  
RCL 306

**Help Us Help You!**

In order to provide you with quality service, SBPH staff asks that when you return a cassette player that you please remember to also contact your reader advisor. Cassette players returned without any indication as to why means our staff does not know if you need a replacement cassette player or if you want to cancel service.

**Thank you !**

Librarian Thomas Jaques, who will retire in July. The selection of Hamilton is the result of an extensive national search conducted by the State Library Board of Commissioners, chaired by Paulette Holahan.

Hamilton of Baton Rouge comes to this position after having served as Associate State Librarian since July 1, 2003. Here, she provided leadership and management assistance to the state’s 67 public library systems and managed state and federal grants to public libraries. Hamilton earned a master’s degree in library and information sciences from Louisiana State University. She served as Director of the St. Mary Parish Library and Assistant Director of the Audubon Regional Library.

“I am honored and pleased to accept this responsibility,” said Hamilton. “I believe that there will be many opportunities to increase the effectiveness of the State Library, and I look forward to the challenges.”

The State Librarian serves as the Assistant Secretary of Libraries under the Secretary of Culture, Recreation and Tourism in the Office of the Lt. Governor. As the chief librarian and chief executive officer of the State Library, the State Librarian is the director of library development and service throughout the state.

**Travel Guide: “The Lord of the Rings Motion Picture Trilogy – The Exhibition”**

By Emma K. Schroth, Youth Services Librarian

A friend of mine recently suggested I might be interested in going to “The Lord of the Rings Motion Picture Trilogy – The Exhibition.” Many of my readers are Tolkien fans so I thought I’d pass along the information. As of this writing the exhibit has not yet opened so what I can share with you comes from what the box office told me and what I have read from the Internet. Developed by the Museum of New Zealand in partnership with New Line Cinema, this exhibit toured Australia, New Zealand, and Europe and will appear at only three U.S. venues. Lucky for us, one of these venues is Houston, Texas

The Houston visitor’s website states, “With each new release, people lined up for blocks to see the latest installment of The Lord of the Rings trilogy. This exhibition is an amazing opportunity to go beyond the movie, and discover how this extraordinary film was conceived, cast, created, filmed and ultimately, brought to life. “The Lord of the Rings Motion Picture Trilogy – The Exhibition” provides a riveting behind-the-scenes exploration of the Oscar-winning film’s groundbreaking technology, special effects, costumes, jewelry



and armor. The exhibit immerses visitors in Middle-earth, through film props; cast, crew and director interviews; and special effects.” I have read online from past visitors that swords can be touched and picked up and costumes can be felt.

The exhibition will show from June 5 to August 28, 2005 at the Houston Museum of Natural Science. The price is \$17.50 for adults and \$14.50 for seniors and children. Your ticket is good for a specific date and on that date they allow people into the museum every 15 minutes. Once inside, you can stay as long as you like.

For more information contact the museum at (713) 639-4629 or TTY (713) 639-4687, or visit the web site at <http://www.hmns.org>

#### For further reading:

**The Hobbit**  
BR 11595, LP 15220, RC 48978

**The Fellowship of the Ring**  
BR 09745, LP 15228, RC 47486

**The Two Towers**  
BR 09747, LP 15438, RC 47487

**The Return of the King**  
BR 09749, LP 15618, RC 47488

## Students Choose 2005 Winners Of The Louisiana Young Readers' Choice Award



Nearly 20,000 students across the state in grades 3-5 and 6-8 have chosen two books as winners of the 2005 Louisiana Young Readers' Choice Award. **Dear Mrs. LaRue: Letters from Obedience School** (RCL 336), written by Mark Teague, was the top choice of third, fourth and fifth graders. **Coraline** (RC 54845, LP 15798, BR 14469), authored by Neil Gaiman, received the most votes from youngsters in grades 6, 7 and 8.

The Louisiana Young Readers' Choice Award is a reading enrichment program of the Louisiana Center for the Book in the State Library. The 2005 awards will be presented on October 29 during the fourth annual Louisiana Book Festival in downtown Baton Rouge.



**It's a Splishy Splashy Summer!**

Put on your flip-flops, let down your hair and hit the beach now that school is out for

summer vacation! This year's summer reading program, "Splish Splash: READ", is for children and young adults up to age 19 (or those who are older with special needs) who are registered with SBPH. It will run from June 20 to August 8, 2005. There will be lots of cool prizes and fun books to read! It's never too late to join so please call or email Ms. Emma to sign up! Call **1-800-543-4702** or email **sbphkids@state.lib.la.us**



**Travel Back in Time .... Louisiana Voices offers Summer Suggestions for our Junior and Senior High School Readers**

**The Chalk Cross**  
by Berthe Amoss.  
**RCL 267**

Underprivileged but talented Stephanie immerses herself in the art program at a prestigious New Orleans boarding school. While researching local city life of the early 1800s, Stephanie unearths a mysterious connection to Sidonie, daughter of Voodoo Queen, Marie Laveau. For grades 5-8.

**Dancing in Cadillac Light** by Kimberly Willis Holt.  
**RCL 181, LP 14217**  
In 1968 eleven-year-old Jaynell Lambert's small town life changes forever when her feisty Grandpap moves into their home with his emerald green Cadillac convertible. When Grandpap dies suddenly, Jaynell is faced with learning about loss and redemption. For grades 5-8.

**Lost Magic**  
by Berthe Amoss.  
**RCL 358**  
Young Ceridwen is taught the healing arts by a wise woman, obtaining her a place in the castle as companion to Elinor, the Lord's daughter. While there, a jealous rival accuses Ceridwen of practicing black magic, forcing her to flee and rely on her knowledge of herbs to protect her from danger. For grades 6-9.

**The Year of the Sawdust Man** by A. Lafaye.  
**RCL 209**  
In 1934, when her mother leaves her and her father, eleven-year-old Nissa tries to cope with the gossip of her small Louisiana town and the changes in her own life. The first in a series of three books. Other titles in the series include Nissa's Place (RCL 233) and The Strength of Saints (RCL 252). For grades 3-6.