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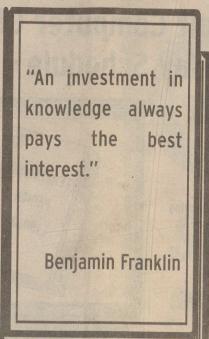
Ground breaking ceremony, September 11, 2001. From left to right: Margaret Schaffer, former library director; Charles Davidson, Library Board President; Mary Cosper-LeBouef, current Library director.

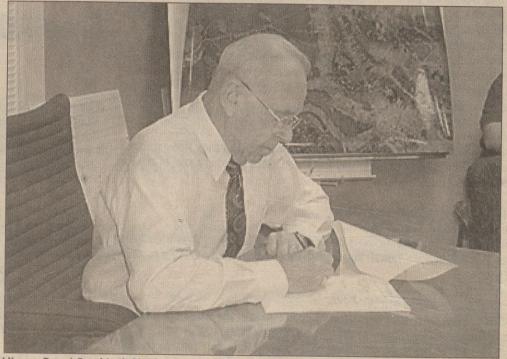


The Library Board at the Ground Breaking Ceremony for the new main library, September 11, 2001. From left to right: Mary Cosper LeBouef, Harold Lapeyre, Peter Bourgeios Sr., L.P. Bordelon, Pam Lemoine, Andrea B. Lawson, Charles Davidson, Mary Royston, Mike Flynn. Missing from photo is J.J. Buquet.



Bruce Harris, Sr., a constructin worker for Trible B Construction and Fence of Vacherie, uses an air compressed post driver to anchor a galvanized steel fence post into the ground, as his son Burce Harris, Jr. helps out. Tuesday, September 4, 2001, marked the first day of construction of the new Terrebonne Parish Main Library.





Library Board President Charles Davidson signs the construction documents for the new Main Library.



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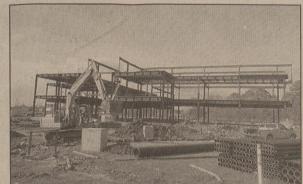
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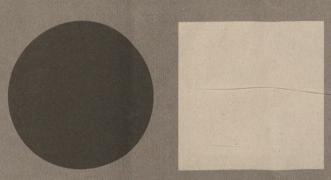
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Page 6 Photos: ■1. John Thompson, left and Paul Gard, of SPL Integrated Systems from Ohio test the video conferencing system in the Distance Learning Center of the new library. Marty Mumphrey in Knapp Hall at LSU in Baton Rouge is seen on the wide theater screen in the background. The center will enable local high school students to take pre-college courses. (KRISTY MAY/THE COURIER) ■2. Lighting fixtures reflect in the large windows in the Lobby of the new library. (JOEL A. OHMER/THE COURIER) ■3. The highlight of the new library, the children's section includes three sailboats that children can sit in and enjoy a book. The department also includes a story time room with a built-in puppet stage as well as an arts and craft room. (KRISTY MAY/THE COURIER) ■4. Patrons can enjoy reading outdoors on the library's second story patio. (JOEL A. OHMER/THE COURIER) ■5. Offering far more than just books, the new library also has an extensive collection of DVD titles, as well as books on tape and books on CD. (JOEL A. OHMER/THE COURIER) ■6. The Teen Zone features several computers, as well as anextensive collection of teen-oriented magazines and periodicals. (KRISTY MAY/THE COURIER) ■7. Peering through bubbled windows in the Arts & Crafts Room in the Children's section. (JOEL A. OHMER/THE COURIER) ■8. The Children's Section boasts an aquatic theme, which features fish-shaped lighting fixtures, sea creatures on the carpeted floor as well as a wall flowing with water bubbles. (JOEL A. OHMER/THE COURIER) ■9. Tina Freeman places the final touches on a mural in the Genealogy Section. The mural, which features familiar sights, landmarks and wildlife of Terrebonne Parish, has been in production for months, involving Freeman's children, grandchildren and family. (JOEL A. OHMER/THE COURIER)

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## History of the Terrebonne Parish Library System

By Mary Cosper LeBoeuf

Terrebonne Parish Library had its beginning when the Terrebonne Library Club was organized on August 4, 1927 as a social club. There were six charter members and the name of the club was B.E.S.T.W.S., initials of each member. However, on April 11, 1929 the name was officially changed to the Terrebonne Library Club. The thirteen founding members were Mrs. F. Floyd Bourg, Miss Effie Breaux, Miss Vie Breaux, Mrs. Ernest D. Dupont, Mrs. Claude Ellender, Mrs. Helen Calhoun Ellender,

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Miss Harriet Elster, Miss Alice continued to house the Houma Gaty, Mrs. Adele St. Martin Holcombe, Mrs. Edna Beuker Amann Landry, Mrs. Helen Millet Seibert, Miss Helen S. Smith, and Mrs. Ruth Smith Vogt.

The doors of a free public library opened on May 5, 1929 in the People's Bank Building with 428 volumes of books. The library was opened to the public three days a week with two club members serving as librarians. Sylvia Ray Johnson was hired as the first librarian. Her salary was paid with over-due fine money and dues of club members.

In 1933, the library was moved into one room in the Houma Central School. When school commenced in the fall the library was moved to the Daspit Building where it remained until June 8, 1934. In a short time this site became inadequate, the club asked assistance from the Louisiana State Library and Louisiana Library Commission. The state agreed to operate the library for a one year demonstration, and if suc-

> to continue its operation. The Terrebonne Parish Library was opened as a demonstration

cessful, then the parish

would have to find means

November 5, 1939 in a building on the corner of Roussell and Verret Streets. Patricia Mott was selected as the librarian. The following year a one-mill property tax was passed to support the library. Terrebonne Parish

Library Board of Control then assumed control of the library.

In November 1951 a contract was signed with D. D. Pittman and Company for the construction of a stone and brick building. This building was dedicated on August 2, 1953 and is located at the corner of Roussell and Verret Streets. It

Branch and the administrative offices until April 7, 2003.

Just a short time after the opening of the main branch in 1940, area branches were established. Among areas where branches have been established include, Schriever, Chauvin, Bourg, Montegut, Gibson, and Grand Caillou (Dulac). These branches continued to operate for a while, but eventually all were discontinued except for Montegut and Bourg. Bookmobile service was substituted where branches were closed.

The Carver Branch was established in 1951 at 918 Roussell Street to serve African-American citizens; it was moved to the Dumas Auditorium in 1957. The branch was closed in 1993.

On January 12, 1965 residents of the East Houma section of Terrebonne Parish were provided with a branch library at 1609 East Main Street. In April 1969, the branch moved to its current 12,000 square foot location at 778 Grand Caillou Road. This branch was constructed with funds from the Terrebonne Parish Police Jury and federal funds from the Library Service and Construction

In January 1969, the Chauvin Branch was opened for service. This branch has flooded a number of times from rising water related to hurricanes and burned to the ground, but was rebuilt. In 1976, on the banks of Bayou Terrebonne, the North Terrebonne Branch, 14,000 square foot, was opened.

In 1985, two branch libraries were dedicated, the Gibson Branch and the Grand Caillou Branch, located in Dulac. These two branches were closed in 1997 due to the library's financial restraints. The Gibson Branch reopened in 1999 with the Grand Caillou Branch re-opening in 2002. The final branch to be added to the library system is the Dularge Branch, which was opened in July 1995.

Bookmobile

Terrebonne Parish dates back to together to form the Friends of a local bank. After the robbery, library was a demonstration library under the Louisiana Library Commission. In 1961, a second bookmobile was purchased to provide more service to the areas of the parish. Today bookmobile service is not provided to parish residents since branch libraries serve this need.

Today, the library system consists of the main library, North Terrebonne, East Houma, Bourg, Chauvin, Dularge, Gibson, Grand Caillou, and Montegut Branches.

The library system was funded by a 3.03 mill property tax until

1983. This advocacy group promotes reading and library usage, by providing programs, craft workshops, library equipment, and other library needs. The videocassette and books-on-tape collections were started with funding from the Friends. The Friends also sponsor an annual scholarship to a Terrebonne Parish student obtaining a master's in library science. The group was the recipient of the American Library Association John Cotton Dana Award in the 1980s.

In November 1997, to portray



The end of an era: Terrebonne Parish Main Library on the corner of Roussel and Verret Streets was home for 50 years.

quate and an attempt to increase millage failed in January 1997. On April 4, 1998, the voters of Terrebonne Parish successfully passed a quarter cents sales tax to fund the library system while revoking the property tax. With this increase in revenue, the library board of control built a main library. The funds are allowing the system to renovate branches, implement automation and bring the book, magazine, video, and audio collections to state standards.

Under the direction of Library Director Margaret M. Shaffer, a group of interested citizens joined the early 1970s. A woman robbed

1998. Funds were very inade- to the public the dire straits that the library was facing, a dog march was held in downtown Houma. This idea was the brain child of local attorney and library advocate Michel Claudet: The theme, "Don't Let the Library Go to the Dogs" was promoted on tshirts, book bags, and posters. The parade was a success with prizes being given out in a number of categories and the library receiving local and state publicity. The parade is such a hit that it has become an annual event for the

One of the most unusual happenings in the library occurred in

January 8, 1940 when the parish the Terrebonne Public Library in she came to the main library and used the public restroom to change clothes. She then proceeded to ask the desk clerk to use the telephone to call a taxi. When the woman was eventually caught by police, the front desk staff had to testify in court that she came into the library wearing one set of clothes and left in a taxi wearing another set of clothes. Unfortunately, the money was not hidden in the library and found years later.

> The library staff takes services beyond the walls of the library. Outreach services have been provided for years to area residents. Staff members visit schools throughout the year to promote library service. An outreach service "Learn Thru Love" provides birth mothers in the two local hospitals with a children's book and pamphlets on how to read and what library services are available. Another program "Baby Bookworm" dedicates a children's book in honor of a Terrebonne Parish child's birth.

Today, the library system has a collection of 218,898 volumes of books, 3,552 audio books, 4,673 videos, 790 magazine subscriptions, and employs sixty-three employees. The library is currently establishing a DVD collection. The library system has 75 computers available for public usage. The nine library branches are opened to the public for a total of 388 hours per week. During 2002, the library system conducted 704 activities and 249,240 people used the services. Reference service continues to grow with 66,697 questions being asked during 2002. Today, the library's paper card catalog is computerized with completion of the project from paper to automation taking place in 2000.

The Terrebonne Parish Library System is not just four walls filled with books, but an educational and recreational service oriented institution.

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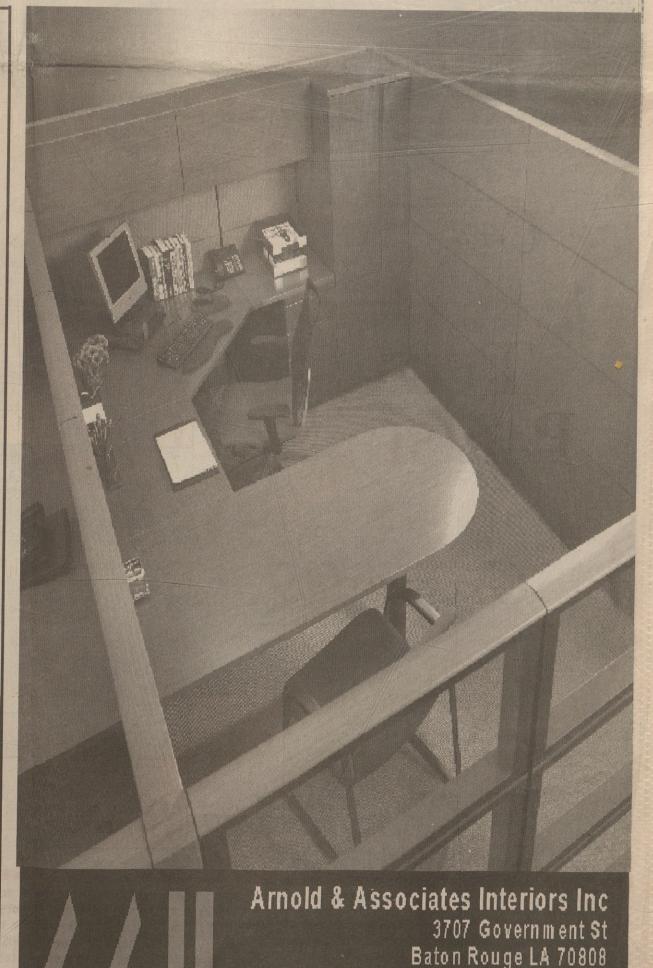
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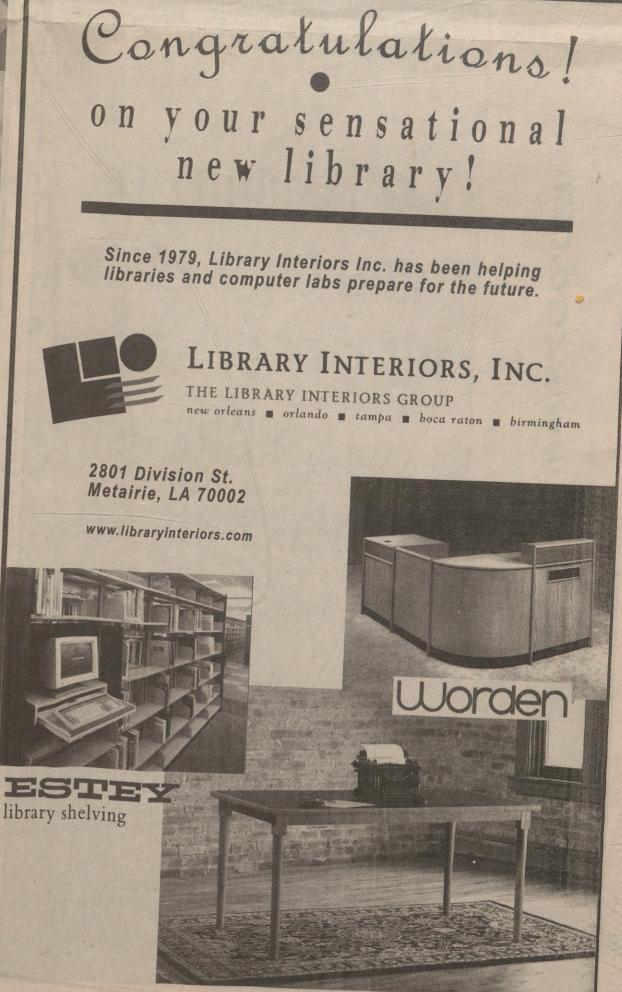
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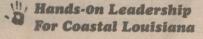


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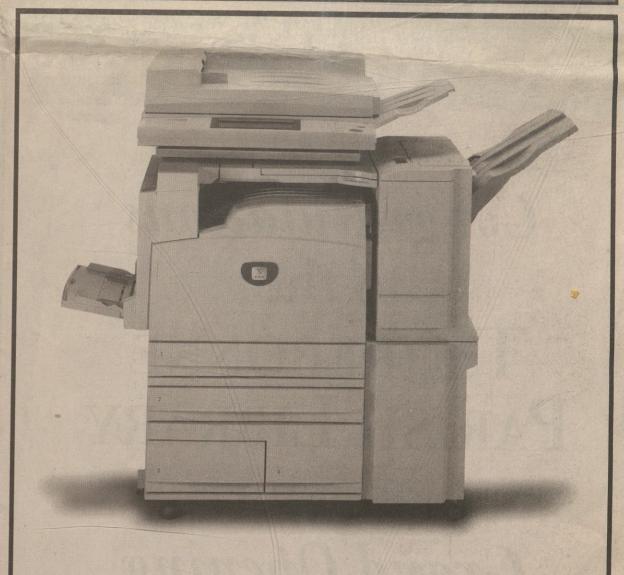
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### May 2003 **Activity Schedule**

#### Children's Craft Workshop

Montegut Branch: Children of all ages will make decoupage flower pots and magnet photo frames on Saturday, May 3 at 10 a.m. (594-4390)

Chauvin Branch: Children in pre-school - 3rd grade will plant a flower in a cup they decorate on Thursday, May 8 at 3:30 p.m. (594-9771)

Gibson Branch: Scented sachets & Mother's Day badges will be made by pre-k - 4th graders on Friday, May 9 at 3 p.m. (575-2639)

East Houma Branch: Children of all ages will create a special card for Mom on Saturday, May 10 at 3 p.m. Registration is required. Limit 25. (876-7072)

#### **Family Activities**

Metropelican Opera presents Evangeline

Only opera can fully recreate the stirring tale of the Acadians' deportation from Nova Scotia and their journey to Louisiana, as depicted in the poem of Henry Wadsworth Longfellow. Seven singer-actors in authentic costume are featured in this 45-minute adaptation of Keith Gates' tuneful work. Meet Gabriel and Evangeline and a host of colorful characters as you enjoy our musical version of Cajun History! Main Library Saturday, May 24, 10 a.m.

#### Mother/Daughter Tea Party North Terrebonne Branch Saturday, May 10, 2 p.m. RSVP (868-3050) Limit 30

#### Mental Health Awareness Family Day

Terrebonne General Medical Center, co-sponsored by Terrebonne Parish Library System, has planned a day of fun for families to provide awareness for mental health services in our parish. The event will be held at the Main Library on Saturday, May 10 at 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. Topics that will be covered include self-defense, nutrition, depression screening, yoga, and guest speakers. Author Jo Huey will speak on

Children will be entertained with storytime, games, and arts and crafts projects. Casey Hebert will give a Yoga for Kids class. Teens can take part in self-defense and yoga classes, along with a special contest using an empathy belly. Call 876-5861 for more information.

#### **Candy Making Workshop**

Learn from expert confectioner Evelyn Billiot how to make candy flowers. North Terrebonne Branch on Wednesday, May 7 at 11 a.m. Limit 12. Bring a mug to make a candy arrangement. (868-3050)

#### **Adult Programming Book Discussions**

Eager Readers Book Discussion Group

Enjoy an afternoon with booklovers discussing: Grand Avenue by Joy Fielding and Bayou Farewell by Mike Tidwel. Dularge Branch on Monday, May 5 at 1 p.m. (851-

#### Thinking Out Loud Book Discussion

The Thinking Out Loud Book Discussion Group will meet at the Main Library to discuss A Prayer for Owen Meany by John Irving on Tuesday, May 20 at 3:30 p.m. Dr. Olivia Pass will be the facilitator. Supported by a grant from the Louisiana Division of the Arts, Office of Cultural Development, Department of Culture, and Recreation and Tourism in cooperation with the Louisiana State Arts Council as administered by the Houma-Terrebonne Arts and Humanities Council.

### May we help you?

The front desk staff are the first employees you will see when you visit Main or use the drive-up window. Gina Hebert, a native of Houma, with 16 years experience at the library, heads this department. Her staff includes Jacintha Duthu, Miriam Ertell, Theresa Pontiff, Gail Tobias, Dora LeBouef, Meghan Scott and Sara Stewart. This department is responsible for opening and closing the library each day, checking materials in and out, booking the meeting rooms, filling requests, issuing library cards, shelving books, and seeing that the photocopying equipment used by the public is running properly.

Special features at the new library that the staff will be helping the public with are the drive-up window and booking the meeting rooms that are located on the first floor. The drive-up window located on the left-hand side of the library (facing the library) and will be opened at 8:30 a.m. Library material can be requested ahead of time and picked

There are two meeting rooms available for public use. Non-profit organizations may use the rooms free of charge to conduct meetings or workshops; business groups will be charged a nominal fee to use the rooms for training or educational purposes only. The maximum capacity of the larger room is 150 people, while the smaller room can accommodate 12 people. Each organization who books one of the rooms will be required to fill out an application form.

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- Monday, May 12: **Computer Fundamentals** 9:30 a.m. - 12 noon
- Wednesday, May 14 Surf's up 9:30 a.m. - 12 noon
- Friday, May 16 Efficient Internet searching 3:30 p.m. - 5 p.m.
- Monday, May 19 9:30 a.m. - 12 noon
- Wednesday, May 21 **Computer Fundamentals** 9:30 a.m. - 12 noon
- Wednesday, May 28 Microsoft Word 9:30 a.m. - 12 noon



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### May 2003 Schedule

Date	Branch	Event	Time
1—Thursday	Main	Terrebonne Parish School Tours	
	East Houma	Pre-school Storytime	10 a.m.
	Dularge	Sew/So Good Quilting Group	10 a.m.
3-Saturday	Montegut	Mother's Day Craft Workshop	10 a.m.
5-Monday	Dularge	Book Discussion: Grand Avenue by Joy Fielding & Bayou Farewell by Mike Tidwell	1 p.m.
6—Tuesday	Gibson	After School Program	3 p.m.
	Grand Caillou	Cajun Ladies Needle Work Class	5 p.m.
7-Wednesday	N orth Terrebonne	Pre-school Storytime	10 a.m.
	N orth Terrebonne	Adult Candy Making Workshop (registration required)	11 a.m.
	Dularge	Dominoes	1 p.m.
	Grand Caillou	T.O.P.S.	5:45 p.m.
8-Thursday	East Houma	Pre-school Storytime	10 a.m.
	Dularge	Sew/So Good Quilting Group	10 a.m.
	Chauvin	Mother's Day Craft Workshop (pre-school-3rd grade)	3:30 p.m
	Grand Caillou	Memories for Life Scrap Book Workshop	5 p. m.
9-Friday	Gibson	Mother's Day Craft Workshop (pre-school—4th grade)	3 p.m.
10-Saturday	Main	Partnership for Mental Health Day (co- sponsored with the library)	9 a.m 2 p.m.
	N orth Terrebonne	Mother-Daughter Tea Party (1st-3rd grade) (registration required)	2 p.m.
	East Houma	Mother's Day Craft Workshop (registration required)	3 p.m.
13—Tuesday	Gibson	After School Program	3 p.m.
	Grand Caillou	Cajun Ladies Needle Work Class	5 p.m.
14—Wednesday	N orth Terrebonne	Pre-school Storytime	10 a.m.
	Dularge	Dominoes	1 p.m.
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	Dularge	Sew/So Good Quilting Group	10 a.m.
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24-Saturday	Main	Metropelican Opera will perform Evangeline	
26-Monday	ALL BRANCHES	Memorial Day Observance	10 a.m.
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