

# News Release

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### Jefferson Parish Libraries to Close on October 11, 2010

All Jefferson Parish Libraries will be closed on Monday, October 11, 2010, Columbus Day. The purpose of this closure is to conduct mandatory staff training for all library staff members.

As part of the training, Toni Garvey, the director at Phoenix Public Library, will speak to library employees about improving customer service and enhancing library operations. Garvey was *Library Journal's* 2004 Librarian of the Year and is nationally renowned for her expertise in library training.

Garvey's appearance is made possible by the Friends of the Jefferson Public Library. The Friends also support training at the library by providing tuition scholarships to Jefferson Parish Library staff enrolled in master's degree programs in library schools accredited by the American Library Association.

“We truly appreciate the Friends of the Jefferson Public Library for the support they give to staff training at Jefferson Parish Library,” says Library Director Lon Dickerson. “The training opportunities they provide make us a better library and help us improve our ability to serve library patrons.”

To raise money for similar library activities, the Friends of the Jefferson Public Library will have their Fall Booksale at the Pontchartrain Center October 21-24, Thursday-Saturday 10am-8pm, and Sunday 12pm-5pm. The sale includes thousands of gently used books, DVDs, CDs, video tapes, music tapes, and records offered at very reasonable prices. All proceeds benefit the Jefferson Parish Library.

While the library is closed on October 11, customers may conduct library business online at [www.jefferson.lib.la.us](http://www.jefferson.lib.la.us), such as renewing and reserving materials, signing up for a temporary library card and accessing the Jefferson Parish Library's numerous databases, e-audiobooks, eBooks, newsletter and more.

All Jefferson Parish Libraries will re-open on Tuesday, October 12, 2010 as normally scheduled.

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