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are free
and open to the public

The Barbara Bush Library Friends Book Report

Building a better library one book at a time

April 2009

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Barbara Bush Library Friends Annual Meeting Monday, May 11, 2009, 7 p.m. Barbara Bush Library

Our Guest Speaker will be Jim Robertson, the Chairman of the Cypress Creek Greenway Project of the Cypress Creek Flood Control Coalition. He will address the vision for the Cypress Creek Greenway Project.

The plan will create a continuous linear greenway along Cypress Creek stretching from west of US 290 to the east where it will connect with the Spring Creek Greenway. The Cypress Creek Greenway will connect a series of existing and future anchor parks. The Greenway will include a hiking and biking trail system that will link to other trails within the parks and the adjoining local communities. His presentation will include an overview of the Cypress Creek Greenway project and an update on the numerous activities underway to make the vision a reality.

Our volunteers of the year will be announced at this time. We will also honor our many other library volunteers and staff. Officers for the upcoming year will be elected. Refreshments will be served.

Following is the slate of nominees for the BBLF board 2009 - 2010

President -- Susheela Beteet

VP - Membership -- Susan Greer

VP - Communications -- Diane Prewitt

VP - Ways and Means -- OPEN

Secretary -- Delores Moring

Treasurer -- Craner Ford



Win a Beautiful Hand Crafted Quilt

The Serendipity Quilters who meet regularly at the library have donated a beautiful quilt to the Barbara Bush Library Friends to be raffled. The proceeds of the raffle will be used to buy books for the library.

The group describes the quilt as a 78" x 66" hand-quilted patriotic sampler. The names of the blocks are: Nine Patch, Ohio Star, Kansas Dugout, Fan, Pinwheel, Arkansas Crossroads, Variable Star Crossroad, and Crazy Quilt.

Tickets will be on sale at the library during the month of April. The winning ticket will be drawn May 1.

Cost of the tickets is \$5.00 each or 5 tickets for \$20. The ticket included in this newsletter can be copied if more entries are desired or additional tickets can be obtained at the library.

The next meeting of the Serendipity Quilters will be Saturday, April 25, at 10:00 a.m. in the Robin Bush Children's Activity Room. Whether you are an experienced quilter or a beginner who wants to learn, you are invited to join them.

THE BIG READ 2009 To Kill a Mockingbird by Harper Lee

The Big Read is a community wide reading program that will take place in April and May 2009. Everyone in the Harris County Metro Area is invited to read Harper Lee's *To Kill a Mockingbird* and discuss it with your friends, neighbors and family!

From mid-April through the month of May, there will be programs, activities and book discussions that focus on *To Kill a Mockingbird*. Here's what will be happening at Barbara Bush Branch in the Earl Elliott Room.

Book Discussion Leader Training

If you would like to learn how to lead your own book discussion for your church, neighborhood, or other group, join Harris County library staff at a workshop at the library on Friday, April 24, at 10:00 am. Register by calling the library, or online on the Events calendar at <http://www.hcpl.net/branchinfo/cc/ccinfo.htm>. This session will include a model discussion of *To Kill a Mockingbird* so participants should read the book in advance. The techniques taught, however, are applicable to the discussion of any title.

Join a Book Discussion at the Library

Thursday, April 30, 1:30 p.m.

Read the book and drop in to talk about it.

View the Movie

A morning showing on
Friday, May 8, 10 a.m.

An evening showing and discussion
Wednesday, May 6, 6 p.m.

Special Programs

"To Fly a Mockingbird"-Saturday, May 2, 11 a.m.
an intergenerational kite program for families featuring artist Yu-ru Huang and kites provided by the Taiwanese Heritage Society, on

Author Visit-Thursday, May 7, 4 p.m.

A special presentation and book-signing by Charles Shields, author of "Mockingbird: a Biography of Harper Lee" and "I Am Scout", a young adult version of this biography in the Forum of the Community Center across from the library.

The Big Read is funded in part by a grant from the National Endowment for the Arts. To see special resources and other events that will be happening throughout the Harris County metro area, visit <http://www.bigreadtexas.org>.



The Writing Award NEA Big Read -Texas

The Big Read, an initiative of the National Endowment for the Arts, is a community-wide reading program that will take place in May 2009. We invite everyone in the Harris County metro area to read Harper Lee's *To Kill a Mockingbird* and discuss it with friends and family.

ELIGIBILITY: The contest is open to people who participate in the Big Read Texas 2009 events.

Deadline: May 31, 2009

Procedures:

First, read *To Kill a Mockingbird*.

Second, reflect on the speech of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. "I Have a Dream".

Third, write your words after "I have a dream that . . ." on the mockingbird sheet.

Fourth, submit the sheet with your contact information to the participating group. Winners will be chosen from each of the participating groups, and announced in June 2009. Each winner will receive a predecorated kite, a kite made by an award-winning kite artist, and a certificate.

All submissions will be included in the next public presentation of the "Echoes of Languages"* project.

This event is sponsored by The Taiwanese Heritage Society of Houston, in partnership with the Harris County Public Library, Bellaire City Library, Brazoria County Library, and the Barbara Bush Library Friends.

*"Echoes of Languages" is an ongoing and collaborative art project, funded in part by a grant from Harris County through the Cultural Arts Council of Houston/Harris County in 2006.



Please leave your contact information on the sheet if you wish to receive an invitation to view your "Wings of a Dream" in the next public presentation of this project.

AARP Tax Help
Barbara Bush
Library
Through
April 15, 2008



AARP volunteers will continue to provide tax preparation assistance to individuals. Assistance is on a first come first served basis and no phone calls are accepted by the AARP volunteers.

The hours are
Mondays 1-8 p.m.
Tuesdays 12-4 p.m.
Saturdays 12-4 p.m.

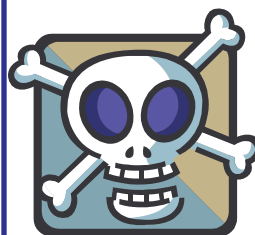


Make
a
Book
Your
Own

Local artist, Terri Barker donated her time to paint a mural of books and characters above the book shelves in the Children's Area. You can name one of the books for a contribution of \$100 to the Barbara Bush Library Friends.

Be creative - - Make your "title" approximately thirty letters or less. The Friends will choose the book that best fits your title.

You may send your contribution along with your name, address, and telephone number to Barbara Bush Library Friends, 6817 Cypresswood Drive, Spring, TX 77379. The Barbara Bush Library Friends are a 501c3 organization. Your contribution is tax deductible.



Poison Control

Caregivers
Keep Your Children Safe
Saturday, May 16
2 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

A workshop on Poison Control and safety issues caregivers should know when caring for children. Wendy Allen, Community Education Specialist, South East Texas - Poison Center is our speaker.

Register through the events calendar on the Barbara Bush branch web page

<http://www.hcpl.net/branchinfo/cc/ccinfo.htm>

or

E-mail president@bbbf.org

or

Telephone the Library at 281-376-4610

Young Adult
Author Visit
Cynthia Leitch Smith
April 3, 4 p.m.



Award-winning author Cynthia Leitch Smith, called a "rising star" by Multicultural Review, writes fiction for everyone, but she has a particular affection for young readers, from kids to twenty-somethings. To date, she

has published three children's books and looks forward to upcoming releases, including books for the YA/adult audience. Cynthia's fiction is noted for its diversity, humor, lyricism, and mid-to-southwestern settings. Still early in her career, she has shown tremendous range and loves to experiment.

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Chess and Go Club

Every Wednesday, 4:30-6 p.m.
April 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

Sam T's SAT Prep: Practice Test

April 4 & April 5, 1-3 p.m.
Must Register

Teen Movie Day

Thursday, March 12
2:30-5 p.m.

SAT Prep. Hosted by Princeton Review

Saturday, April 18, Part 1
Saturday, April 25, Part 2
Must Register

Home School Book Club

Thursday, April 16
10-11:15 a.m.

Up from Slavery

by Booker T. Washington

Workforce Solutions to Continue Seminars

The Barbara Bush Library will continue to host a Workforce Solutions Job Search Seminar Series on the first and third Thursdays of each month, April thru May, in the Earl Elliott Room from 2-4 p.m. Creating a Resume/Completing the Application will be held on April 2. Interviewing will be held on April 16. On May 7 Creating a Resume/Completing the Application will be given again. The May 21 seminar is yet to be determined.

“You may have the skills the employer is looking for and never get to the interview if your resume does not highlight those skills. Develop a professional resume that will match your skills and experience to the job and employer you are looking for. Most employers will ask you to complete an employment application, even if you have a great resume. Learn how to complete an application for employment thoroughly, accurately, and neatly.”

Workforce Solutions provides human resource services for businesses and residents of the 13-county Houston-Galveston Gulf Coast region. Their mission is to help employers meet their workforce needs and individuals build careers so both can compete in the global economy. Workforce Solutions is funded by state and federal tax-dollars that are redirected back into the Gulf Coast region.

For more information and to register for the free classes in April and May, please call the library at 281-376-4610 or register online by going to the branch library web page at www.hcpl.net/branchinfo/cc/ccinfo.htm and following the link to “Events and Programs.”

Second Floor Art Alcove

“FOOTworks” Photography Exhibit is an exercise in creativity by a group of local, serious, amateur photographers called Lightcatchers. Having exhibited their work annually in art galleries, bank lobbies and libraries, this group is no stranger to the Barbara Bush Branch Library. The group formed in 2004 with the purpose of enhancing their knowledge and skills in photography, using this medium to capture light through the camera lens in a creative fashion. We are pleased with the variety of images that emerged within this display and we hope that all who view it find enjoyment.



Barbara Bush Library Staff to attend Texas Library Association Conference in Houston

Congratulations to Lorelei Espinola, Shelving Assistant at the Barbara Bush Library, for winning a Texas Library Association District 8 Stipend to attend the TLA Annual Conference in Houston March 31 - April 3. Lori has completed a bachelor's degree, done some work in journalism, and attended a book publishing institute in Denver. Her plans now include attending library school at the University of North Texas with the intent of becoming a children's librarian or a young adult librarian. She has taken a part-time job with our library in order to gain practical experience while still allowing time and providing funds toward her continuing education.

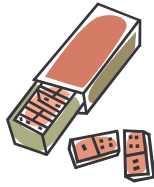
By attending the TLA conference in nearby Houston, Lori will see first-hand some of the best aspects of the library profession, obtain valuable training, and make some solid professional contacts. District 8 will benefit from Lori's youth, enthusiasm, and skills.

Six additional staff members from the Barbara Bush Branch will also be attending the Conference. Valerie Sandham, Reference Librarian, and Rebecca Denham, Young Adult Librarian, will attend with funds provided by the Harris County Public Library. Karen Lagarde, Asst. Librarian for Children's Services; Terry Domino, Children's Librarian; Akhila Bhat, Children's Librarian; and Debra Hudson, Children's Assistant, are receiving support from the Barbara Bush Library Friends.





Happy Players Wednesday's 10:30 a.m. to noon Earl Elliott Room



Seniors take a mid-week break at the library to enjoy games, coffee, and conversation. Cards, checkers, chess, and dominos are provided or bring your own games.

Coffee, tea, and light snacks are served. Drop-in and share a relaxing morning.



Knowledge Exchange Friday's, 3 - 4:30 p.m. Earl Elliott Room



All ages welcome to this knitting, crocheting, and conversation group. Come help us make lap blankets for veterans.

Help us make lap blankets for Veterans and chemo caps for M.D. Anderson patients. We are also collecting items for a soldier we have adopted in Afghanistan. Please bring cards, books, toiletries or hard candy. For more information call Shawn or Val at 281-376-4610.

Please come by 4 p.m. if you want assistance in learning to knit or crochet.

Computer Classes at the Library

Dave Smith, computer instructor, teaches seven different computer classes.



- ☞ Email
- ☞ MS Word
- ☞ MS Excel
- ☞ Computer Basics
- ☞ Introduction to the Internet
- ☞ Powerpoint
- ☞ Publisher

Each class meets for one 2-hour session. As class size is limited to 12 people, pre-registration is required for each class.

Registration is on a first-come, first-served basis. Please call the library at 281-376-4610 for more information and to register for a class.

The classes are held in the Barbara Bush Library Friends Computer Lab.

Check out the on-line registration on the HCPL website <http://www.hcpl.net/calendar.php>.

Please call 24 hours in advance if it is necessary to cancel registration for a class (218) 376-4610.

Library Catalog Users Guide Demonstration Friday, April 24, 11 a.m. Computer Lab

Help!

Ever wished there was a user's guide to the library? Come learn how to use the new AquaBrowser catalog and see how to find books, DVDs, Web sites, government documents, databases, and more at our Library Catalog Users Guide Database Demo in the 2nd floor Barbara Bush Library Friends Lab. Learn how not only to find the item you need but to place it on hold or renew it from home if you have already checked it out!

In addition, the HCPL Databases pages links to a number of good medical, legal, and science sites on the Internet. Need help using HCPL licensed databases or sites on the HCPL Database pages? Come to the Database Demos, a series that demonstrates a different database or subject area each month. Learn how to get the most out of each of these HCPL databases and Internet sites. The database demos are presented by Margaret A. Davis, Reference Librarian, at the Barbara Bush Branch Library at 6817 Cypresswood Drive in Spring.

Please call 281-376-4610 to register or go to this website: <http://www.hcpl.net/calendar.php>

Tremendous Tuesdays

April 7, 4:30 p.m.
Eight 2 Twelve Club

Spinning and Weaving: Textiles

April 14, 4:30 p.m.
Crafts

Build a Bird Feeder

April 21, 4:30 p.m.
Silly Science

Eggsotic Eggs

Robin Bush Children's Activity Room

To Fly A Mockingbird

Saturday, May 2, 11 a.m.

A program for the entire family

Build a kite

Write your dreams on the kite and fly it!

This program sponsored by the
Taiwanese Heritage Society.

Earl Elliott Room



Children's Book Swap



May 1-16 children earn "Book Bucks" by bringing gently used children's books to the Children's Information Desk.

May 17, 1:30-4:30p.m. children spend their "Book Bucks" for new to them gently used children's books!

Pinocchio

Saturday

April 18

2:30 p.m.

A play with
live actors



Robin Bush Room



Puppeteers Carol & David Carranza
with The Little Rabbit Who Wanted Red Wings



Bird House
Building was a
packed house
happening.



Volunteer Opportunities Available

The Barbara Bush Library Friends need volunteers to assist with Special Events such as: Book Fairs, Open House, Gift Wrap at Barnes & Noble, and more.

If you have an hour or two to spare we welcome your assistance. Please contact Susan Greer at the Library 281-376-4610. The best time to call is in the afternoon between 12 - 4 p.m.

Barbara Bush Library Friends Membership Application



Name _____

Address _____

Phone Number _____ E-mail _____

New Membership

Renewal Membership

\$25 (minimum) \$50 \$100 Other \$ _____

I am interested in BBLF Volunteer Special Events Publicity Fundraising
 Book Store Library Volunteer (Shelving, Mending) ESL Program

Please make checks payable to BBLF and mail to
Barbara Bush Library Friends, 6817 Cypresswood Drive, Spring, TX 77379

Book Clubs for Adults at the Library

Tuesday, April 14, 6:30 p.m.

The Evening Book Club will view a movie starring Robert Redford based on the book by F. Scott Fitzgerald. This movie will be important in the book selection for May which is *Double Bind* by Chris Bohjalian. The book club meets in the WCR Conference Room. All are welcome, bring a friend.

Monday, April 20, 7 p.m.

The Great Books Discussion Group will meet in the WCR Conference Room.

The selection for April is *Politics by Aristotle*. The selection for May is *Notes from the Underground* by Dostoevsky.

For information call Earl Bissex 281-955-9447.

Thursday, April 30, 1:30 p.m.

As part of The Big Read The Afternoon Book Club will host a book discussion of *To Kill a Mockingbird* by Harper Lee and *Mockingbird: a portrait of Harper Lee* by Charles Shields. This group will meet in the Robin Bush Activity Room.

Barbara Bush Library Announces Two Summer Intern Positions

Young Adult Services is looking for an enthusiastic, highly motivated **college student** to help with the Teen Summer Reading Program. If you enjoy working with teens, gaming, crafting, reading and having fun – this is the job for you! This is a 20 hour-a-week position for 8 weeks; working hours are flexible and to be determined upon hiring. Please contact YA Librarian Rebecca at 281.376.4610 or ccteen@hcpl.net for details.

Children's Services is looking for an enthusiastic, highly motivated **high school student** to help with the Children's Summer Reading Program. The applicant must be 16–18 years old and have completed their junior year. This is a 20 hour-a-week position during June and July, Monday through Friday from 1-5 p.m. Please contact Assistant Branch Librarian Karen at 281.376.4610 for details.



\$5 per ticket or
5 tickets for \$20

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Quilt Raffle Ticket

Win a Patriotic Quilt, hand-made and donated by the Serendipity Quilters and now on display at the Barbara Bush Library. Tickets will be sold through the month of April, 2009. The winner will be drawn at random on May 1 and notified by phone, or e-mail.

Name _____

Address _____

Daytime Phone _____ E-Mail _____



Mail or bring the completed ticket(s) with the appropriate dollar amount to: Barbara Bush Library Friends, 6817 Cypresswood Drive, Spring, TX 77379. Tickets must be received before May 1, 2009.

Your
donation will
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further
enhancement
of programs
within
the library.

Thank you

Barbara Bush



Library Friends

Cypress Creek Friends of the Library
dba Barbara Bush Library Friends

The BBLF is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization established to promote the development of library facilities; to augment the services of such facilities; and thus to enrich the cultural opportunities available to residents of the Cypress Creek area.

The Barbara Bush Library is located at
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281.376.4610 www.bbllf.org



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Information for Persons with Disabilities

Harris County Public Library will make reasonable accommodation for persons with disabilities. To make a request please notify the Branch Librarian or call the Harris County ADA Coordinator at 713-755-4396 (voice) or 713-755-5005 (TDD) or 1-800-RELAYTX.