

All library programs  
are free  
and open to the public

# The Barbara Bush Library Friends Book Report

Building a better library one book at a time

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## Reader Nation

### Adult Summer Reading Program

Register for the Reader Nation Adult Summer Reading Program at the library this summer. Read or listen to four books of your choosing and be eligible for prizes.

Three participants will be selected at random for prizes.

Prizes are: \$200 bookstore gift card  
\$150 bookstore gift card  
\$100 bookstore gift card

Barbara Bush Branch will also select a winner at random from the readers who participated at this branch for a \$50 gift card.

Call the library at 281-376-4610 for more information or stop at the Information Desk on the second floor. Adults 18 and older may register online at [www.hcpl.net](http://www.hcpl.net).

## Saturday, September 5 9 a.m. - 11 p.m. Book Fair



Barnes & Noble Booksellers at Champions Village will host a Book Fair benefiting the Barbara Bush Library Friends.

This is a great time to purchase books for your personal collection or books your children need for school and benefit the library all at the same time. In past years we have raised up to \$850 at the Barnes & Noble Book Fair.

To participate in this Book Fair, shop at the store and when you check out present a Book Fair voucher to the cashier. The Friends of the Library will receive a percentage of the sale. All Barnes & Noble merchandise is included in the Book Fair with the exception of gift cards and memberships. In addition, on September 5, there will be a display of children's and young adult items from the library's wish list which can be purchased and donated to the library.

A Book Fair voucher is inserted in this newsletter. Additional vouchers are at the library and online at [bblf.org](http://bblf.org).

## Barnes & Noble BOOKFAIR

Supporting  
Barbara Bush



Library Friends

Saturday, September 5, 2009  
9 a.m. - 11 p.m.

Barnes & Noble  
Houston Champions

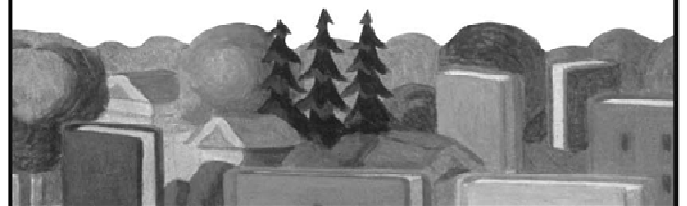
5303 FM 1960 West  
Houston, TX 77069

Please present this voucher prior  
to making your purchase.

A percentage of the net sale will  
be donated to your school/organization.\*

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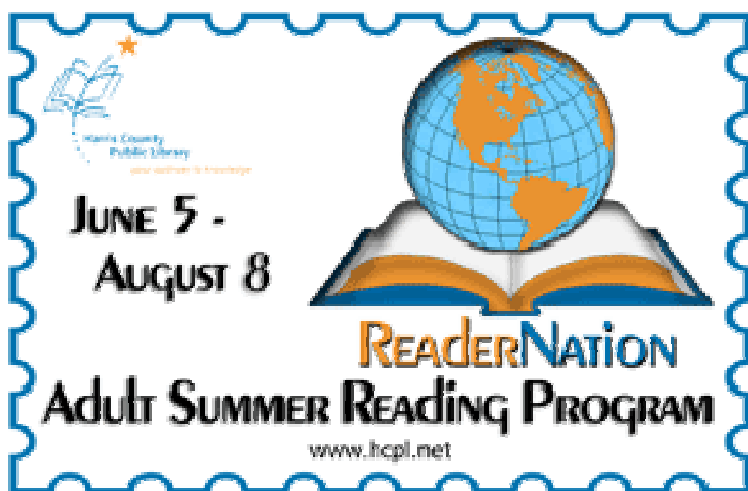
\*The purchase of gift cards, Barnes & Noble memberships, text books and magazine subscriptions are not included in bookfair totals. Our discount purchasing program may not be applied to bookfair purchases.



Travel Images  
by Judith Russell-Tooth  
Second Floor Gallery

Judith was born in Hungary and raised in Germany. She has traveled extensively and lived in various countries at different times in her life. While living in Australia she became interested in photography, you might say she fell in love with it.

Her subjects vary, however her favorite subjects are nature and wildlife. The photos on display at the library in August will give you an idea of the kind of images she is striving to create.



Read four books this summer and be eligible for prizes. Call Barbara Bush Branch Library, 281-376-4610 for more information.

American Sewing Guild  
Spring Chapter  
Entry Foyer Display Case

Members of the Spring Chapter of the American Sewing Guild will provide a display of the handiwork of their members during the month of August.

As a member of the American Sewing Guild you can make new friends and learn new skills, attend neighborhood meetings and attend classes throughout the year, participate in community service sewing programs, receive discounts at local and national retail stores.

In the Houston area, to receive a sample newsletter and a membership application,

e-mail your name and address to [membership@asghouston.org](mailto:membership@asghouston.org) or write to us at

PMB 876, 9639 Hillcroft, Houston, TX 77096



**Now Available**

Book totes \$3 each or two for \$5 available at the Customer Service Desk on the first floor.

Flash Drive 512 MB \$5 each

Available at the Adult Services Information Desk on the second floor

Provided by the  
Barbara Bush  
Library Friends





## 2009 Summer Intern Young Adult Services Aly Dicker

Aly Dicker was selected for the Young Adult 2009 Summer Intern position because of her enthusiasm, her experience with teens and her positive attitude. She is very energetic and dependable and the Young Adult Summer Reading



Program would not have run as successfully without her hard work.

Aly's jobs were rather varied this summer. She assisted with and helped to run the majority of the teen summer programs; including Intergenerational Wii, Teen Game Days and our first ever overnight Teen Lock-In. The YA Intern is responsible

for helping set up and tear down programs, as well as come up with creative input for various events. When not aiding the Young Adult Librarian with programming, Aly helped at the second floor information desk where she assisted customers in making computer reservations, finding the customers' assigned computers, looking up books and helping customers physically find books in the stacks. She also shelved books as needed and assisted in keeping the Young Adult area in order. Aly proved invaluable this summer going above and beyond what was required while maintaining a positive and energetic attitude.

Aly's last day with the library is July 31st after which she will attend Soccer Camp in California before returning to Louisiana Tech for the fall semester. She is pursuing a major in Family and Child Studies. An avid soccer fan, Aly also plays on the Louisiana Tech Women's Soccer Team and is looking forward to an active game season. Aly also takes time to volunteer with organizations such as the Boys and Girls Club of Louisiana and Habitat for Humanity. When not practicing her soccer skills or studying for class she enjoys reading fiction about ordinary people, except for the Harry Potter novels which she could read over and over!

## 2009 Summer Teen Intern Children's Services Kati Rollinson

Kati Rollinson was selected as the children's services 2009 Summer Teen Intern because of her love of children, her prior experience working with children and experience working other jobs. She is very motivated as demonstrated by attending school full time and her involvement in extracurricular activities at school, all while working part time jobs.

Kati assisted us in many ways this summer. She helped families register their children for the summer reading club. Throughout the summer she assisted with various

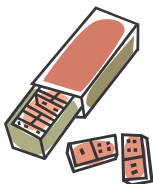


children's programs, particularly by helping prepare and set up for programs assisting during the program and helping with clean up after the program was finished. Kati was responsible for various other tasks like labeling books in our storytime collection and breaking down storytime packets. She then integrated and organized our immense collections of craft kits which was heretofore scattered here and there. Kati also helped with craft kit assembly for various storytimes and programs. She assisted with shelving too.

This fall Kati will be a senior at Klein High School. She is the Senior Lieutenant for Colorguard and co-editor of the student magazine Perspectives. Kati is an active volunteer at her church Faithbridge. She leads worship every Sunday for kindergarten-third grade. She will continue to work as a hostess at Peli Peli, a restaurant in Vintage Park and plans to become a waitress in October. Kati plans to attend Texas A & M pursuing a degree in English Literature. In her free time Kati likes to read, spend time with friends and watch movies.



**Senior Game Day**  
**Wednesday's**  
**10:30 a.m. to noon**  
**WCR Room-Second Floor**



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.

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 (281) 376-4610.



**Database Demo**  
**Magazine and Journal Research**  
**Friday, August 28, 11 a.m.**  
**Second Floor Computer Lab**

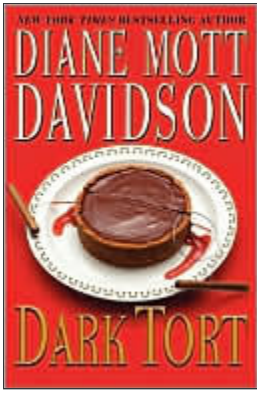


Ever felt like there must be a better way to get your magazine research done more quickly? Does the library even have the journal you need? What's the difference between a magazine and a journal, anyway?

Come to Database Demos, a monthly series that demonstrates a different database or subject area each month and find out how to get the most out of each of these HCPL databases & Internet sites.

The database demos are presented by Margaret A. Davis, reference librarian

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



### **Crime, Cake, and Coffee Summer Culinary Mystery Club**

Thursday, August 13, 1 - 3 p.m.  
*Dark Tort* by Diane Mott  
Davidson

So what do Strong-Arm Cookies, Blue Cheesecake & Dark Tort have to do with solving a murder? Caterer Goldy Schulz can be relied upon to whip up an absolutely irresistible dessert, or two, or three and take on the case of a murdered neighbor at the same time. She is Super Chef in the kitchen and Super Sleuth on the streets.

Dessert and coffee will be served.  
Please register in person  
or by telephone at 281-376-4610

## **Book Clubs for Adults at the Library**

**Tuesday, August 11, 6:30 p.m.**

### **The Evening Book Club**

#### **Earl Elliott Room**

This month the club will view a movie based on a book by Khaled Hosseini where two boys are torn apart by war. The September selection is *So Brave, Young, and Handsome* by Leif Enger.

All are welcome, bring a friend.

**Monday, July 20, 7 p.m.**

### **The Great Books Discussion Group**

#### **WCR Conference Room**

The selection for August is *Billy Budd, Sailor* by Melville. The selection for September is *Wealth of Nations* by Smith. For more information please call Earl Bissex at 281-955-9447.

**Thursday, July 23, 1:30 p.m.**

### **The Afternoon Book Club**

#### **Earl Elliott Room**

The August selection is *Loving Frank* by Nancy Horan. "Despite the title, this is not a romance, but a portrayal of an independent, educated woman at odds with the restrictions of the early 20th century. The September selection is *The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society* by Mary Ann Shaffer.



## **Book Buddies Bringing Families Together**

Kids, do you find yourself trying to explain to adults why "The Lightning Thief" is amazing? Adults, are you looking to discuss the newest best sellers? And wouldn't it be great to share your love of books with other families? If you feel the way I do, we have the book club for you

Book Buddies is a brand-new reading club for families. We only have two rules:

1. You have to be 8 years of age or older, and kids must bring an adult
2. Adults must bring a kid.

So kids, bring any adult you enjoy reading with whether a parent, grandparent, uncle or aunt. The purpose of the club is to get kids and adults reading and sharing together. Kids are better readers when they have an adult cheering them on.

This club also allows adults and kids to talk about books in a mixed setting. Adults can talk about adult books, kids can talk about kids books and everyone learns about new and exciting books. Another aspect of this club is that we will not have a set reading list. We will have a theme each month.

The theme for August is Animals. The central theme of your book should revolve around animals. One of my favorite animal themed books is *Not Left Behind: Rescuing the Pets of New Orleans* which is about the Katrina Animal Rescue from the point of view of Best Friends Animal Sanctuary. It is a great non-fiction animal book. But you might like the Thoroughbred series if you are a horse fan.

I am very excited about this new club and I look forward to hearing about all the great books you are reading and meeting all the great families who will attend. If you have any questions, feel free to ask at the Children's Services Desk.



# DINOSAURS ROCK



Walt Whittington and a set of dinosaur horns



A fossilized dinosaur egg

## PARTY AT THE LIBRARY



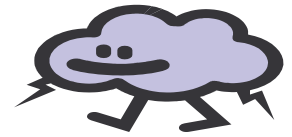
Party Revelers with Lisa Jastram of Oasis for Children



**Tremendous Tuesday's  
Eight 2 Twelve Club  
4:30 p.m.**

**August 11  
Racing Critters!**

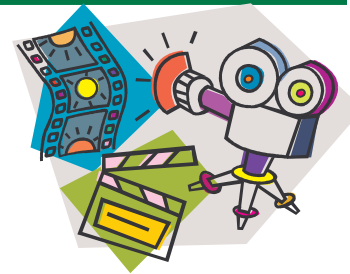
**August 18  
Silly Science  
Wacky Weather!**



**September 1  
Healthy Snacks**



**Wednesday's  
at the movie  
2:30 p.m.  
Earl Elliott Room**



**August 5-** A Disney animated classic. A collection of interpretations of Western classical music.

Recommended for Ages 6-12

**Thrilling Thursday's  
August 6, 3 p.m.**



**End of Summer  
Celebration**

**It's a Hoedown!**

Square dancing, face painting, balloon art & refreshments.

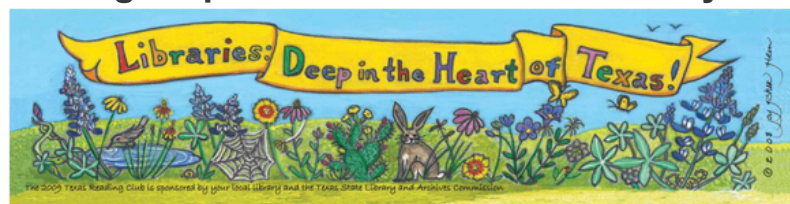
**Community Center Activity Room**

**Summertime Crafts  
3 p.m.**

**Tuesday, August 4  
Friendship Bracelets**



**Summer Reading Program  
Sign-up in the Children's Library**



# Teen Scene

## August

### Chess & Go Club, Wednesday's, 4:30 p.m.

Strategy is the name of the game! All levels welcome. Don't know how to play? We can teach you!



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**Saturday, August 1, 1-3 p.m. Sam T's SAT Prep-Part 1.** On Saturday take a practice test then troubleshoot on Sunday. \*Must register\* Call 281-376-4610 or go to [www.hcpl.net](http://www.hcpl.net) -events and programs.

**Saturday, August 1, 2-4 p.m. Decorate Denim:** Bring an old pair of jeans and give them a new life with paint, patches, and buttons.

**Sunday, August 2, 1-3 p.m. Sam T's SAT Prep-Part 2.** On Saturday take a practice test then troubleshoot on Sunday. \*Must register\* Call 281-376-4610 or go to [www.hcpl.net](http://www.hcpl.net) -events and programs.

**Movie Monday, August 3, 4 p.m.** Join us for a "creepy claymation" film and yummy snacks.

**Wednesday, August 5, 6:30-7:30 p.m. Mother/Daughter Book Club.** Grades 6-12. The book is *On Pointe* by Lori Ann Grover

**Thursday, August 6, 2-4 p.m. Arcade Games (Wii and PS2)**

**Thursday, August 6, 5-6:30 p.m. Intergenerational Wii** – for teens of all ages.

**Thursday, August 6, 6-7 p.m. Father/Son Book Club.** Grades 6-12. The book is *The Lightning Thief* by Rick Riordan

**Saturday, August 22 and 29, 10 a.m.—2 p.m.- Princeton Review SAT Prep.** \*Must register and attend both sessions.\* Take practice tests on first day and review them at the second session.

**Monday, August 31, 4-5 p.m. -Teen Afternoon Book Club**

A monthly Afternoon Book Club for Teens! The last Monday of every month we will meet for a lively discussion about a good book. We will read everything from popular teen literature to classics and poetry. Our first book is "Elsewhere" by Gabrielle Zevin. Make sure and place a hold on your copy today! If you have a suggestions email YA Librarian Rebecca at [ccteen@hcpl.net](mailto:ccteen@hcpl.net).

Time Twisters Teen Summer Reading Program  
Ends August 8, 5 p.m.

Register and log your books online at [www.hcpl.net](http://www.hcpl.net). After five books, or 600 minutes of reading have been completed, teens receive a certificate and free book while supplies last.

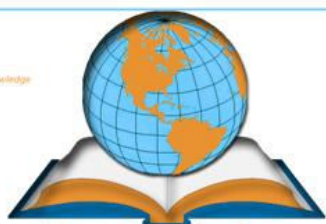
Each book read and each program attended gives you a chance for a drawing for mystery gift bags and books signed by authors.







# Summer Reading 2009



**READER NATION**  
Adult Reading Program



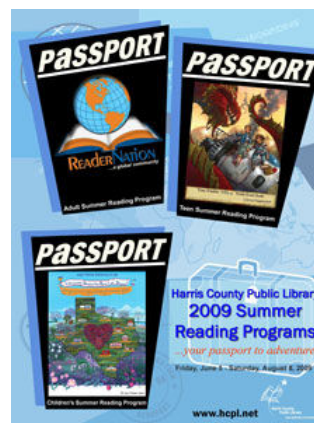
Children's Reading Club!

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Texas Teens Read!



## 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.

### 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.

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281-376-4610

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### Hours

Sunday 1 p.m.-5 p.m.  
Monday 1 p.m.-9 p.m.  
Tuesday 10 a.m.-9 p.m.  
Wednesday 10 a.m.-9 p.m.  
Thursday 10 a.m.-9 p.m.  
Friday 10 a.m.-6 p.m.  
Saturday 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

## 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  
6817 Cypresswood Drive, Spring, TX 77379  
281.376.4610 [www.bb1f.org](http://www.bb1f.org)



# Attention Kroger Shoppers



With your help we received over \$400 from the Kroger Neighbor to Neighbor Donation program this past year. Thank you.

Each year you must renew your participation in this beneficial program which runs July 2009 - April 2010. Please present the letter which follows on this page with your Kroger Plus Card to the cashier the next time at checkout.

Every time you shop at Kroger and use your enrolled Kroger Plus Card, Kroger will contribute a percentage of your eligible purchases to the Kroger Neighbor to Neighbor Donation fund. Once a card is scanned with the barcode, it will be active for the remainder of the program year.

## Customer Letter

### Step One:

Read through this letter to understand the advantage of being a part of the Kroger Neighbor to Neighbor Donation Program.

### Step Two:

Take the letter with you to your neighborhood Kroger store the next time you go shopping.

### Step Three:

Present the letter with **your organization's barcode** to your cashier upon checkout. After they have scanned your Kroger *Plus* Card you will be enrolled for the current year of the Kroger Neighbor to Neighbor Donation Program. Every time you shop at Kroger and use your enrolled Kroger *Plus* Card, Kroger will contribute a percentage of your eligible purchases to the Kroger Neighbor to Neighbor Donation fund. Once a card is scanned with the barcode, it will be active for the remainder of the program year.

## Q & A

### How many Kroger Neighbor to Neighbor accounts can an organization have?

One bar code per organization. (Example: ABC HIGH SCHOOL account could represent: PTA, cheerleaders, football, basketball, band, etc. Unless they can provide a copy of their 501(c)(3) letter for their organization.)

### Can a household "link" their Kroger Plus Card to more than one organization at a time?

No, the system allows for one organization per household. To change organizations, you must present your Kroger *Plus* Card and the new organization's barcode to the cashier.

### How much can my organization earn?

The Kroger Neighbor to Neighbor Donation Program will donate \$1 million annually. Each organization will earn a portion of the \$1 million equal to the percentage of total earned contributions attributable to that organization.

### How are the funds distributed and when?

Contributions will be paid **annually** via check in mid May 2010 and mailed to the organization's address and primary contact identified on the organization application form. For schools, it will be mailed to the principal and the funds distributed at their discretion.

### All organization's and participants must re-enroll each new program year.

Please feel free to contact a Kroger Neighbor to Neighbor Donation Program Representative with any additional questions at 866-995-7643 or email to [neighbortoneighbor@kroger.com](mailto:neighbortoneighbor@kroger.com). Additional information is also available at [www.krogerneighbortoneighbor.com](http://www.krogerneighbortoneighbor.com).

BARBARA BUSH LIBRARY FRIENDS



**Kroger cashier:** Please scan customer's Kroger *Plus* Card at the beginning of the order, and then scan the above barcode. The customer's Kroger *Plus* Card is now enrolled in the Kroger Neighbor to Neighbor Donation Program

## 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

\$25 (minimum)

\$50

\$100

Renewal Membership

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**



Barbara Bush Library  
2009  
First Teen Lock-In