



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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Sixth Annual Barbara Bush Library Community Open House Saturday, December 6, 2 - 4 p.m.

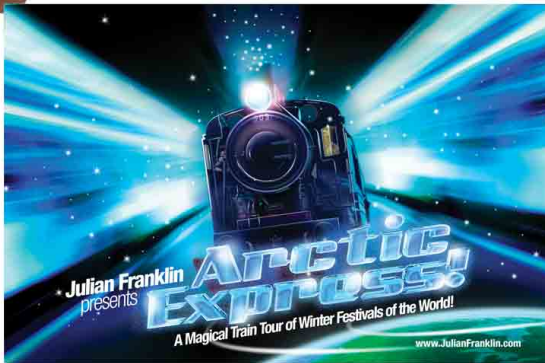
Performances by local school groups from Bammel, Strack, Doerre, and Kleb Intermediate Schools will be featured.

A children's program, *The Arctic Express*, will be presented. The Overdrive Digital Bookmobile will make an appearance in our parking lot. Refreshments will be served courtesy of the Barbara Bush Library Friends and local businesses.

The Pearl Fincher Museum of Fine Art is also hosting a Family Day at the museum on December 6. They will have activities coordinating with their exhibition "State of Grace."



The Arctic Express



Treat the kids to "The Arctic Express:" a free program that is trainloads of fun, filled with puppets, magic, storytelling, music, and audience participation. This imaginary train ride guided by Julian Franklin magically takes kids around the world to learn about winter holidays like Diwali, Kwanzaa, Solstice, Lunar New Year, Ramadan, Hanukkah and of course, Christmas. Performances will be held at 2:00 pm and 3:00 pm in the Robin Bush Room.

Overdrive Digital Bookmobile

This year's Community Open House will have a new feature. Our library is scheduled for a visit from the Overdrive Digital Bookmobile which is traveling the nation to promote our downloadable audio and video collections. Inside the high-tech 18-wheeler Digital Bookmobile, customers will experience five interactive stations that demonstrate the new multi-media opportunities now available through the library. More details of the timing of this visit that day will be coming soon, but we guarantee you can not miss finding the Digital Bookmobile in our back parking lot.



Wii Got It

Teen Game Day

December 30 and January 3

Thanks to the generosity of several members of our community, the Barbara Bush Library now has a full Nintendo Wii console, complete with a truckload of accessories and games. Some of the games are Guitar Hero, Big Brain Academy, Mario Party, Carnival Games, and various sport competitions.

Children, teens, and even adults will now have a new opportunity to gather together to learn, interact, and have fun at the library. The new system includes controllers, nunchuks, guitars, and steering wheels.



Come Play With Us

December Teen Scene

Teen Movie Day

Monday, December 22, 2 p.m.

Black Light Games

Monday, December 29, 3-5 p.m.

Teen Craft Day: Scrapbook

Tuesday, December 30, 1-2 p.m.

Chess Club

Wednesday's, 4:30-6 p.m.
December 3, 10, 17

Go Club

Thursday's, 4:30-6p
December 4, 11, 18

Home School Book Club

Friday December 19, 1-2 p.m.
"A Christmas Carol" by C. Dickens

Community Open House

Saturday, December 6, 2- 4 p.m.

Cooking Club

Saturday, December 13, 2- 4 p.m.

Sam T's SAT Prep: Practice Test

Saturday, December 13, 1-3 p.m.

Saturday Book Club

"Ender's Game"

by O.S. Card

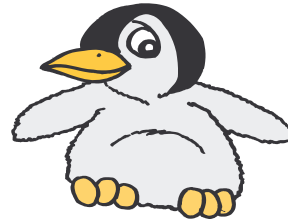
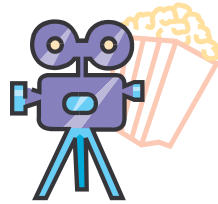
Saturday, December 20,
1-2 p.m.

Teen Craft Day: Stockings

Saturday, December 20, 2:30- 4:30

Sam T.'s SAT Prep: Results Discussion

December 14, 1-3pm



Holiday Reading Club Penguins Read

December 20 - January 5

Register at the children's
information desk.

Children's Services

Tremendous Tuesday Eight 2 Twelve Club

December 2, 4:30 pm

Winter Craft

Tuesday, December 9
4:30 p. m.

Silly Science!

December 16
4:30 p.m.

Applause Company

Players Choir

Wednesday, December 3
7 p.m.

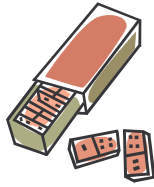
Children's Musical Theatre
group performs selections
from popular shows & a few
holiday songs too!

Teens must register for Cooking Club and SAT Prep



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.

Book Clubs for Adults at the Library WCR Conference Room

December 9, 7 p.m. - The Evening Book Club

Portrait of an Unknown Woman by Vanora Benett. "At the center of *Portrait of an Unknown Woman* is Meg Giggs, Sir Thomas More's twenty-three-year-old adopted daughter. Intelligent, headstrong, and tender-hearted, Meg has been schooled in the healing arts. And though she is devoted to her family, events conspire that will cause Meg to question everything she thought she knew - including the desires of her own heart. As the danger to More and his family increases, two men will vie for Meg's affections: John Clement, her former tutor and More's protege who share Meg's passion for medicine, but whose true identity will become unclear; and the great Holbein, whose artistic vision will forever alter her understanding of the world."(HCPL Catalog). The January selection is *The Last Town on Earth* by Thomas Mullen.

December 15, 7 p. m. - Great Books Discussion Group

The selection for December is *Antigone* by Sophocles. Please call Earl Bissex 281-955-9447 for information. The selection for January is *The Crito* by Plato. Due to the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday the group will meet the January 25.

December 18, 1:30 p.m. - The Afternoon Book Club

Memory of Running by Ron McLarty. "Smithson Ide is 43 years old and weighs 279 pounds when his parents die in an accident. Lost in memories of childhood, Smithson uncovers his old Raleigh bicycle in the garage and begins a cross-country journey to find his beautiful, but tragically psychotic sister. Keenly aware of how ridiculous he must appear, Smithson nonetheless perseveres through a journey that is hilarious and horrifying. It is a trip, he soon realizes, that might provide his last chance to become the person he has always wanted to be." (HCPL catalog). The January selection is *Interred With Their Bones* by Jennifer Lee Carrell.

Geneology: Users Database Demonstration

Friday, December 19, 11 a.m.

Barbara Bush Library Friends Computer Lab, Second Floor

Thinking of climbing that family tree or doing some family history research? Need to consult the U.S. Census for past years? Come see how to use HeritageQuest and Ancestry.com, our genealogical databases, to do online research from your home or at the library. Need help using HCPL licensed databases or sites on the HCPL Database pages? Come to the Database Demos, a monthly 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>

Help!



THANK YOU BARBARA BUSH LIBRARY

This year during National Friends of the Library Membership Week, library staff members took a few moments to write notes of appreciation for the many wonderful ways in which the Friends support the Barbara Bush Library. Here are just a few excerpts from the many kind words received:

"Thank you for your support of our children's services programming, including ongoing story times, summer reading programs, after-school programs and special events. It would certainly not be possible to offer such high quality programs without your support. Children and parents appreciate library programs more than you know."
– Karen L., Asst Branch Librarian for Children's Services

"While the staff members benefit from the generosity of the Friends, I believe the public stands to benefit the most. The Friends are a true (and much needed) asset to the entire community that uses our library."
– Phyllis T., Circulation Assistant

"The Friends help us to take the library from good to great!"
– Susan G., Library Assistant

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"We get great comments from our library visitors who come in search of the book store and can buy those books they wanted for such low prices!"
– Yolanda B., Circulation Assistant



"Your support fosters a love of libraries in the hearts of our teens that will lead them to become to lifelong library users."
– Rebecca D., Young Adult Librarian

"It takes a dedicated group of people to make a library successful. I'm glad we have such a group supporting us!"
– Sunni V., Children's Assistant

"Thank you so much for purchasing the new projector for the Barbara Bush Library Friends Computer Lab. The Lab has given me a venue to teach a monthly Database Demo class for both the staff and the public. Thanks also for providing funds to replace lost/missing/damaged materials, and to purchase new materials needed by our customers."
– Margaret D., Reference Librarian

"I was lucky that the Barbara Bush Library Friends were willing to sponsor the very first Teen Cooking Club in Harris County. This allowed me to teach teens the fundamentals of cooking every month. It gave me enough

cooking experience that I could be accepted into the Art Institute of Houston's culinary program."
– Jennifer N., Circulation Assistant

"Thank you for all that you do for our library, and especially for financing the computer lab. Computer skills have become a necessity in searching and applying for jobs, and having this facility to accommodate free, daily classes is an invaluable community resource."
– Nancy P., Reference Assistant



"Over \$70,000 was donated to the library by the Friends in 2007-2008! My favorite project last year was the fabulous Niki Rogers memorial mural in the Children's Services area given in memory of our dear Friend, volunteer and co-worker."
– Nancy A., Branch Librarian



"I sure had fun shopping at the book store for paperbacks to add to our well-used collection. Because of the generosity of the Friends, we are able to provide a good selection of both fiction and romances."
– Valerie S., Reference Librarian

"We really appreciate the summer help you provide each year. We couldn't manage to stay ahead of our busy circulation without it. Many of the other branches are envious of us at Barbara Bush for having such wonderful Friends!"
– Evelyn W., Circulation Assistant

"Thanks so much for the nice new chairs for the public and staff, the good times of the yearly Christmas party, and the special gift cards during National Library Week. Your efforts with Harris County have resulted in a much-needed, beautiful and spacious library for our ever-growing community of users."
– Brenda W., Shelving Assistant



"As I present weekly programs for the children, I am very aware that many of the resources we use come from the generosity of the Friends. There are literally two to three hundred children a week that benefit from your gifts. How lucky we are to have your support!"
– Debbie H., Children's Assistant

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**

Friends meet Charity Standards

The Barbara Bush Library Friends recently went through a Philanthropy review with the Better Business Bureau of Houston. They determined that our group meets the Better Business Bureau's "Standards for Charity Accountability". Their report can be viewed online at www.houston.bbb.org.



Barbara Bush Library Staff and Friends
Bonnie Langan, Susan Greer,
Nancy Agafitei, and Jennifer Wilson
at Spring ISD Book Festival where they
registered 62 new library patrons.

Art Alcove -- Second Floor

Bammel Middle School

Students from Bammel Middle School will exhibit their art during December. The art was on display at the Barnes and Noble Bookstore in November and we are pleased to have it come to the library in December.

ONLINE EDUCATION FORUM

Saturday, January 10, 2009, 1 - 4 p.m.

Have you ever wondered about the pros and cons of the online education experience? What types of degrees are offered? How long does the whole process take? Are online degrees fully recognized by potential/prospective employers? What is the cost of an online degree as opposed to a more conventional college degree?

Listen to presentations by representatives from online college programs, including the University of Houston; a student currently enrolled at American InterContinental University; as well as a recent graduate from the University of North Texas online program. Then have a chance to ask your own questions to explore whether or not this method of learning can work for you.

Come join us on _____ in the Earl Elliott Room as we present and discuss online education in the Barbara Bush Branch's first Online Education Forum.



Note Cards For Sale

The Barbara Bush Library Friends will sell note cards made from four images in the Niki Rogers Memorial Mural in the Children's Services area. The cards will be shrink-wrapped in packages of eight, and will sell for \$8 a package. The inside is blank, so they can be used for Christmas cards, birthday cards, thank-you notes, or anything else you wish.

There are three package choices:

- (1) Two each of all four images
- (2) Eight copies of the reading tree
- (3) Eight copies of the "historic Klein" image

To purchase sets of the cards, you can either place an order online at bblf@bblf.org or purchase from the Friends Bookstore within the library. If you order online you must make payment and pick-up at the Barbara Bush Library Friends, 6817 Cypresswood Drive, Spring, TX 77379. Payment can be made with cash or check.



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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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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