



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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*You are Invited
Community Open House
Celebrating
Barbara Bush Library's
Seventh Anniversary
Saturday, December 5
2 to 4:30 p.m.*

*Hosted by the
Barbara Bush Library Friends*

For Children

"Winter Celebrations"
2 p.m.
performed by
Lisa Jastram & Mick Corley
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Make & Take Crafts
3 to 4 p.m.
Robin Bush
Activity Room

Performing

Earl Elliott Room
Strack Orchestra 2:00 - 2:30 p.m.
Bammell Choir & Handbells 2:45 - 3:15 p.m.
Strack Choir 3:30 - 4:00 p.m.
Kleb Pizazz Choir 4:00 - 4:30 p.m.

Second Floor
Kleb Quintet 2:00 - 2:30 p.m.
Home School Quartet 2:45 - 3:15 p.m.
Doerre Double Quintet 3:30 - 4:00 p.m.

Children's Entertainers - - Lisa Jastram and Mick Corley
 During Open House
 December 5, 2 p.m.



“Winter Celebrations” is a program highlighting winter holiday traditions from around the world. The duo of Lisa Jastram and Mick Corley will sing and dance as they open packages from different countries representing festivals such as Dewali, Hanukkah, Christmas, Santa Lucia, New Year’s Day and more. Countries highlighted in the program include India, Germany, Sweden, Mexico, and Japan. With a colorful map of the world as a backdrop and over 8 costume changes, this program is sure to keep the attention of children of all ages!

<http://www.oasisforchildren.com/wintercelebrations.html>

Now Available

Flash Drive 256 MB
 \$7 each
 Available at the Adult Services Information Desk on the second floor



Provided by the Barbara Bush Library Friends

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.

Special Visitor to the Library

Mrs. Barbara Bush made a stop at the library on October 27. She was in the neighborhood to dedicate the Klein ISD "Reading Express", a special school bus outfitted as a bookmobile to deliver books to children in areas where they are far from a library and without easy transportation.

She stopped by to see the special mural in the Children's Services area. Mrs. Bush was one of the models used in making the mural, as were Friends, staff members, and young library customers. This mural was commissioned by the Barbara Bush Library Friends as a memorial to Kathleen "Niki" Rogers, a former library staff member, volunteer and Friend who died of lung cancer in 2007. It was designed by artist Pat Rawlings in collaboration with a team of library friends and employees. It combines the history, wildlife and vegetation of the Cypress Creek area with allusions to classic and current children's literature. The mural hangs in the children's area and is over 7 feet tall and 31 feet wide.

Notecards featuring portions of the mural will be on sale at the Customer Service desk during December for \$8.00 for a packet of 8.

Mrs. Barbara Bush with the Children's Services Team. This was Mrs. Bush's fourth visit to our library since she helped to dedicate it February 2003.



Branch Librarian Nancy Agafitei points out some of the many details in the mural to Mrs. Bush.

An overview of the mural "Leaves: On the Banks of the Cypress Creek", designed by artist Pat Rawlings.

Mrs. Bush stands on the porch of the farm house on the left side of the mural.



Klein ISD Art Day Field Trip

During October and November, the Barbara Bush Library once again joined with its partners in the Cypress Creek Cultural District to host about 2,000 third graders from the Klein ISD Schools. The students arrive on their buses early in the morning. They started the day with a musical performance at the Centrum. They then divided into three groups and rotated through stations at the Pearl Fincher Museum of Fine Arts, the Cypress Creek Community Center, and the library.

At the library they were first treated to a DVD and a PowerPoint presentation about library materials and programs geared to their age level. They then moved through the Children's Services area on a "scavenger hunt" to identify important places in the library. For many children, this was their first introduction to these valuable cultural resources right here in their own community.

Climbing circulation statistics at the library (a record-breaking October that was up 11% over last year) show us that this (sometimes hectic) outreach is having a real impact!



Third graders pack the Earl Elliott Room to listen to Miss Debbie talk about library services.



Staff, volunteers, and teachers guide the students on a tour through the Children's Services area.

Spring ISD Book Fest

Members of the Barbara Bush Library Friends joined with some staff members of the Baldwin Boettcher Library to host a public library table at Spring ISD's Community Book Fest on November 14. This family event spotlights books and reading, and gives young children a chance to meet and interact with authors.

We made 51 new library cards that day, and donated books for a Book Walk that gave away books to some of the 59 adults, 31 teens, and 89 children who visited our table.



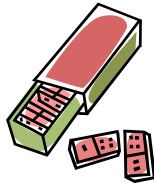
Margot Prewitt, David Prewitt, and Susan Greer, at the Friends' library table gave away library information and very popular "gator" finger puppets.



Vang Pham and Susheela Beteet from the Friends registered whole families for new library cards.



**Adult/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, 2:30 - 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 before 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.



**Geneology Research
Database Demo
Friday, December 18, 11 a.m.
Second Floor Computer Lab**



Thinking of climbing that family tree and doing some family history research? Need to consult the US Census for past years? Come see how to use HeritageQuest and Ancestry.com, our genealogical databases, to do online research from your home. From the library you can access Ancestry.com.

Come to 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 & Internet sites. Database Demo presented by Margaret A. Davis, Reference Librarian.

Individual groups or clubs may call the Barbara Bush Branch Library at 281-376-4610 to schedule a Database Demo presentation just for their group.

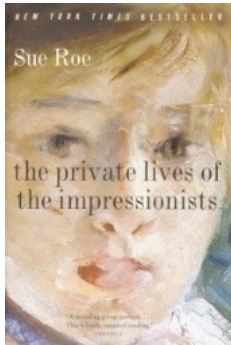
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MFAH Book Club

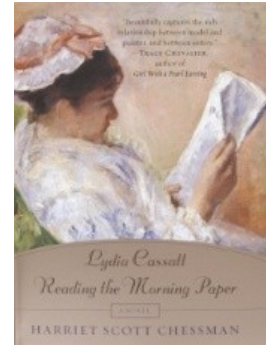
The Museum of Fine Arts Houston launches its new online book club! This web-based reading program—designed for existing book clubs—links works of literature to art at the museum. Participating in the MFAH Online Book Club is easy! To get started, go to www.mfah.org/bookclub. Then: Select one of the book selections and download the accompanying discussion guide.

- Read the book in your own book club, and use the discussion guide to facilitate your conversation.
- Bring the members of your book club to the museum for a guided MFAH Book Club Visit to look at works of art in connection with the book.
- Become a part of the MFAH Online Book Club community. Sign up for the Book Club e-newsletter through the website to receive information on related activities and announcement of new book selections.

Not in a book club? Feel free to read the books, use the guides, and sign up for the newsletter on your own!

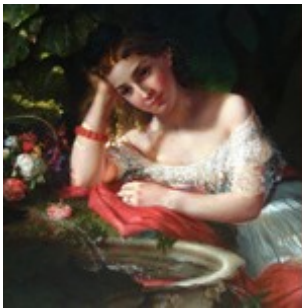


The books selected for Fall 2009 are *The Private Lives of the Impressionists: A Biography* by Sue Roe and *Lydia Cassatt Reading the Morning Paper: A Novel* by Harriet Scott Chessman. You can request copies of these books through the Barbara Bush Library.



The Pen & Paintbrush Book Club

The Pearl Fincher Museum of Fine Arts, in partnership with the Barbara Bush Library, sponsors the Pen & Paintbrush Book Club. The books selected for discussion connect the current museum exhibition to a literary counterpart.



An American View
The Hosek Collection of American Art
THROUGH DECEMBER 20

Wednesday, December 9

1:30-3:30 p.m.

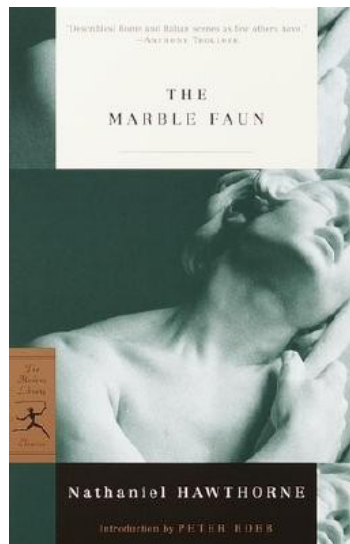
The Marble Faun

by

Nathaniel Hawthorne

The Book Club meets in the Northgate Forest Conference Room of the Pearl Fincher Museum of Fine Art (next door to the Barbara Bush Library).

Rosemary Hickman, Education Director at the Museum, will take participants on a tour of works by women artists from the Victorian period who are included in the museum's current exhibition entitled "An American View."



Hawthorne's final novel is a provocative look at American artists abroad and a groundbreaking exploration of the influence of European thought on American morality. The story of the mysterious, tormented Miriam; her friends Kenyon and Hilda; their alluring Italian acquaintance, the faunlike Donatello; and the crime that irrevocably links them all is a surprising drama.



Book Clubs for Adults at the Library

The Evening Book Club Tuesday, December 8, 7 p.m. Earl Elliott Room

This month share books you read in 2009. Please bring your favorite and tell us all about it. All are welcome, bring a friend.

The Great Books Discussion Group Monday, December 21, 7 p.m. WCR Conference Room

The selection for December is *The Persian Wars* by Herodotus. The selection for January is *Of Civil Government* by Locke. Please call Jeanne Henderson 281-288-8941 for more information.

The Afternoon Book Club Thursday, December 17, 1:30 p.m. Friday, December 18, 2:30 p.m. WCR Conference Room

This month Crow Lake by Mary Lawson will be discussed. The book club meets the 3rd Thursday (in November and December due to the holidays)



Workforce Solutions will present two free workshops at the Barbara Bush Branch during December.

INTERNET RESOURCES December 3, 2-4 p.m. Earl Elliott Meeting Room

Many job seekers spend time on the Internet. Is there really an employer on the other side of the screen? Learn how to use the Internet effectively in your job search and research labor market information to identify occupations that are growing and have openings.

COVER LETTERS December 17, 2-4 p.m. Robin Bush Activity Room

You may have the skills the employer is looking for and never get to the interview if your cover letter and resume do not highlight those skills and give the employer a reason to interview you. Come and learn how to write an effective cover letter.

Call 281-376-4610 for more information.
No registration required.

Jerrie Glidden Art Exhibit Second Floor Art Alcove

During December the library is proud to present art by Jerrie Glidden in the second floor Art Alcove.

Glidden says, "What do Weslaco and Spring, Texas; Singapore and Scotland; flora and fauna and oil industry junkies have in common? All provide inspiration for my art. From my favorite florals to my Scottish landscapes to my cocky roosters and abstract/collage artwork the line that flows through all is my love of color. Soft pastels or oil or acrylic find their way onto my canvas or paper or boards.

My years of organized study with inspiring teachers such as John Holloway here in Houston or with other artists in Singapore or Scotland have presented new ways to express my love of nature and its beauty. My years of self-directed study enable me to experiment and discover new ways to capture beauty in a vivid and visually seductive form.

My husband's career in the oil industry has enabled me to not only travel the world but also to experience life and cultures in-depth in Asia and Europe. My paintings pepper the globe in countries as diverse as Japan, Norway, Spain, Australia, Great Britain, Singapore and in many U. S. cities. For a Rio Grande Valley girl from Weslaco and now living in Spring, Texas my career in the world of art has truly been a reaffirmation of Henry David Thoreau's belief that "the world is but a canvas to the imagination".



Teen Scene

Wednesdays, 5-6 p.m.

Chess & Go Club

Join us for weekly games of Chess and Go!

All levels welcome.

Don't know how to play? We can teach you.

Don't know what Go is? Check out www.usgo.org.

Saturday, December 5, 1-3 p.m.

Sunday, December 6, 1-3 p.m.

Sam T's SAT Prep

Learn tips and tricks for the SAT.

PLEASE REGISTER ONLINE.

Saturday, December 12, 10 a.m.-2:15 p.m.

Saturday, December 19, 10 a.m.-2:15 p.m.

Princeton Review SAT Prep

Princeton Review hosts this two-part SAT Prep.

Course. In session one teens take a practice test. In session two teens get their results and troubleshoot problem areas.

Registration required and must attend both sessions

Please enter e-mail EMAIL when registering.

Saturday, December 19, 1 p.m.

Afternoon Movie

Tim Burton Classic

Monday, December 28, 3 p.m.

Afternoon Movie

Teen's choice



Intergen Gardening Club

First meeting
Wednesday,
January 13
4:30 p.m.

For people ages 0-99+

CHILDREN'S SERVICES

Lapsit Storytime

(ages 0-5 months)

Mondays 2 p.m.

Toddler Times

(ages 16 mos.-3 years)

Wednesdays 10 a.m.

Thursdays 11a.m.

5,6,7,8 Storytime

(ages 5-8 years)

Thursdays 4:30 p.m.

Bilingual Storytime

(Spanish and English)

Wednesdays 1:30 p.m.

Preschool Storytime

(ages 3-6 years)

Mondays 7 p.m.

Tuesdays 11 a.m.

Tuesdays 2 p.m.

Wednesdays 11a.m.

Eight 2 Twelve Club

December 1, 4:30 p.m.

Faux Gingerbread Houses

Tremendous Tuesday's

4:30 p.m.



December 8
Snow Globes

December 15
Bouncing Polymers



December 18 thru January 4

For details ask at the
Children's Information Desk



Baby Blanket Raffle

Win one of four knitted baby blankets, hand-made and donated by members of the Knowledge Exchange and on display at the Barbara Bush Library from Dec. 1 - 21. Tickets will be sold starting November 1. The winners will be drawn at random on Monday, Dec. 21 (in time for holiday gift-giving) and notified by phone or e-mail. First winner to come to the library will have first choice of the blankets, second to arrive will have second choice, and so on.

Barbara Bush Library Friends

Baby Blanket Raffle Ticket

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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 December 21, 2009.



\$3 per ticket or

2 tickets for \$5

The Cypress Creek Friends of the Library (dba Barbara Bush Library Friends) is a 501 (c)(3) organization. This receipt acknowledges your charitable contribution. No goods or services were provided with this gift, with the exception of the winners of the blankets.

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**



Holiday Closures

Close Wednesday, December 23, 5 p.m.
Reopen on Monday, December 28, at 1 pm.

Close Thursday, December 31, 5 p.m.
Reopen Saturday, January 2, 10 a.m.

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

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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2009-2010

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Hours

Sunday	1 p.m.-5 p.m.
Monday	1 p.m.-9 p.m.
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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.