

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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ESL Workshop  
Saturday, January 24  
9:00-3:30

The Barbara Bush Library is seeking volunteer tutors to help adults learn to read, write, and speak English. A free training workshop will take place at the library.

You need not speak another language nor have teaching experience. At the workshop we will introduce you to teaching techniques and materials which will allow you to communicate with non-English speaking students. After training you will be matched with a student or small group of students meeting at the library at a mutually convenient time. For more information or to register for this workshop, please call Nancy Pearsall at 281-376-4610.



## AL WEAVER HONORED

In 2006, Al Weaver received the Barbara Bush Library Friends "Volunteer of the Year" award for contributions he made to the library, especially for managing the Friends used book store. On December 10, 2008, Al received another award – one with a \$5,000 prize attached. He was the second place winner in the "Recycle Ike" contest which tested the ingenuity and creativity of Houston's residents in devising new ways to recycle the tree debris left behind after the recent hurricane.

The City of Houston insisted that wood debris from Ike not be sent to landfills. Much of it was being chipped for mulch and compost, but there was just too much of it. The idea behind the "Recycle Ike" competition was to generate new ways to use this wood waste.

Al is a retired chemical engineer who worked at Shell Oil. This background served him well in developing his proposal, which involves putting the wood waste into abandoned sand pits around Harris County, covering them, and drawing off the methane gas that would be produced as the wood decays.

Details of his winning proposal are posted at [www.recycleike.com](http://www.recycleike.com).

African American Read-In  
Sunday, February 8, 2009

Over a million readers of all ages and ethnic groups across the United States are expected to participate in the twentieth annual African American Read-In. The Barbara Bush Library and the E.B.O.N.Y. organization will join forces as official sponsors of this event locally. The goal is to make the celebration of African American literacy a traditional part of Black History Month activities.

Activities are planned for adults, teens, and children. Authors ReShonda Tate Billingsley, Gwen Richardson, and Oswald Scott are some of the featured guests for this event. Come, discuss, and hear excerpts from their various novels. Some of Ms. Billingsley's titles include *Can I get a Witness?* and *Let the Church Say Amen*. Some of her teen books are *Nothing But Drama*, *Blessings in Disguise*, and *Fair-Weather Friends*. Mrs. Richardson is the author of *Why African Americans Can't Get Ahead* and *How We Can Solve it with Group Economics* (Richardson) and Mr. Scott has penned *The Promise: A Black Man's Guide to Money, Power and Respect*.

The session for children will be in the Robin Bush Activity Room. Kathy Culmer, author and storyteller, will be our featured guest for the children. She will tell African and African-American folk tales. There will also be other activities for the children. Ms. Culmer is also the author of a devotional book called *Yes, Jesus Loves Me*.

Check out some of these books prior to the event so that you may participate in the discussions. Refreshments will be served and books will be on sale by the Barbara Bush Library Friends.

E.B.O.N.Y. (Enrichment and Brotherhood Organization of Northwest Youth) has had a longstanding and mutual relationship with the library. The group was founded to promote unity among neighbors through opportunities for members and their families to learn, teach, and socialize with other community members. They especially encourage children to take pride in their cultural identity by securing a greater knowledge of their heritage and its relationship to other cultures.

For more information, contact  
Barbara Bush Branch Library  
6817 Cypresswood Drive  
Spring, Texas 77379  
(281) 376-4610

## January Teen Scene

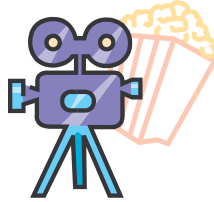
### Chess and Go Club

Every Wednesday, 4:30-6 p.m.  
January 7, 14, 21, 28



### Teen Movie Day

Friday, January 2, 11 a.m.  
Saturday, January 17, 3 p.m.

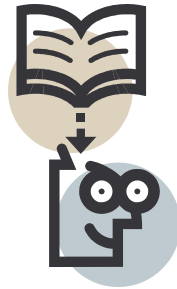


### Teen Arcade

Saturday, January 3, 2 - 3 p.m.  
Join us for video game fun in celebration of the Library's new Wii!

### Teen Advisory Board Meeting

Saturday, January 3, 3:30-4:30 p.m.  
Do you have ideas for Teen Events?  
This is the meeting to attend!



### Home School Book Club

Tuesday, January 6, 1-2 p.m.

### Note Taking Skills and Techniques

Wednesday, January 7, 6:30 - 8 p.m.  
Get more out of class lectures and readings \*Must Register\*

### Saturday Book Club

Saturday, January 17, 1-2 p.m.  
*City of Bones* by Cassandra Clare

### Midwinter Masquerade

Saturday, January 31, 2 - 4 p.m.  
Teens are invited to attend the Library's first ever Midwinter Masquerade. Masks are required and costumes are encouraged. Come dressed as your favorite character from any book, comic or graphic novel! Games, Prizes, Music and Fun! Costume Contest will start at 3 p.m. Questions? Contact YA Librarian, Rebecca, at ccteen@hcpl.net or 281-376-4610.

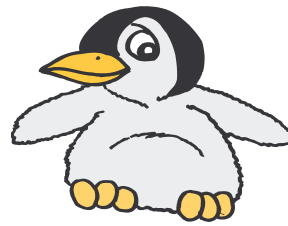


### SAT Prep. Hosted by Princeton Review

Saturday, January 3, Part 1 and Saturday, January 10, Part 2  
\*Must Register\*

### Sam T's SAT Prep: Practice Test

Saturday, January 10 & 11  
\*Must Register\*



## Holiday Reading Club Penguins Read

Through January 5

Register at the children's information desk.

## Children's Services

### Tremendous Tuesday's Eight 2 Twelve Club

3-D Snowflakes  
January 6  
4:30 p.m.

### Winter Craft

Clay Pot Snowman  
January 13  
4:30 p.m.

### Silly Science!

Attractive Magnetism  
January 20  
4:30 p.m.

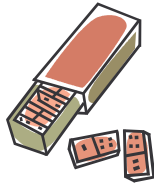
### Texas Homeschool Bluebonnet Club

January 5, 3:30 p.m.



## 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.



## Book Clubs for Adults at the Library

**January 13, 7 p.m.** The **Evening Book Club** will discuss *The Last Town on Earth* by Thomas Mullen. "Deep in the forests of the Pacific Northwest, a mill town called Commonwealth votes to quarantine itself in the wake of the 1918 flu pandemic, setting up guards to prevent anyone from coming in or out, but a violent confrontation with a tired, hungry, and cold soldier will have devastating repercussions for the entire town." (Novelist)

**January 22, 1:30 p.m.** The **Afternoon Book Club** will discuss *Interred With Their Bones* by Jennifer Lee Carrell. On the eve of the Globe's production of *Hamlet*, Shakespeare scholar and theater director Kate Stanley's eccentric mentor gives her a mysterious box, claiming to have made a groundbreaking discovery. Before she can reveal it to Kate, however, terrifying echoes of the past break through to the present: The Globe burns, and a body is found inside - murdered in the strange manner of Hamlet's father. Opening the box Kate finds the first piece in a Shakespearean puzzle that sets her off on a deadly, high-stakes treasure hunt, racing from England to Spain to America. On the trail of a four-hundred-year-old mystery, she soon realizes that the prize at the end promises to unlock literary history's greatest secret" (from book jacket). The February selection is *Three Cups of Tea* by Greg Mortenson.

**January 26, 7 p.m.** The **Great Books Discussion Group** The selection for January is *The Crito* by Plato. The selection for February is *The Vitues* by Dewey. Please call Earl Bissex 281-955-9447 for information.

## 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.

## Reader's Advisory Database Demo

Friday, January 16 - 11:00 am

Barbara Bush Library Friends Computer Lab, Second Floor

Read everything by your favorite author? Looking to discover new authors you might like? Trying to remember that book you read and enjoyed last year but don't recall the author or the exact title?

Come see how to use Novelist, one of our licensed subscription databases, and see the Reader's Advisory Resources on our HCPL Web site at our monthly Database Demos.

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

**Help!**

## Buy Groceries and Help Support Our Library

Our local grocery stores have been excellent community partners in supporting the Barbara Bush Library. The Kroger "Neighbor to Neighbor" program and the Randall's/Safeway "Good Neighbor" program have each donated about \$10,000 to our library over the past ten years.

The Barbara Bush Library Friends thanks them for their generous support. But they also thank YOU! The donations have come as a percentage of the shopping you have done at these stores. When you register for these programs, the library earns funds each time you present your KrogerPlus Card or Randall's Remarkable Card when you buy groceries. Here's how you can sign up:



The current Neighbor to Neighbor program runs from May 1, 2008 to April 20, 2009. Even if you have been a part of this program in the past, you must re-register to continue participating by presenting a letter with **the Barbara Bush Library Friends' barcode (1-0000-80373)** to the cashier upon checkout. You can pick up this letter at the library, or print it out from <http://www.krogerneighbortoneighbor.com/pdf/10000080373.pdf>

After the cashier has scanned your KrogerPlus 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 KrogerPlus 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.



The Randall's program operates somewhat similarly. You can designate an organization to receive your donations at any time by completing a Remarkable Application Form at the Courtesy Booth. Fill in the top portion and the "Good Neighbor Program" section, indicating what account number to link or delink on your card.

The Good Neighbor Number for the Barbara Bush Library Friends is 1362. If you already have a card, ask the cashier to link it to 1362.

Once your Remarkable card is linked to our organization, that's it! Every time you make a purchase using your Remarkable card, your purchase will be automatically credited to the Barbara Bush Library Friends. Current cards are still active, and re-registration is not needed for the Randall's program.

You can read more about this program by going to [www.randalls.com](http://www.randalls.com), and clicking on "Community Caring."

Thank you for taking the time to help support the Barbara Bush Library Friends in this easy and effective way.

## 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**

### Computer Classes at the Library

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

Computer Basics	Introduction to the Internet	
Email	MS Word	MS Excel
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.

### 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.

### 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](http://www.houston.bbb.org).

# Sixth Annual Barbara Bush Library Community Open House December 6, 2008

Music entertainment was provided  
throughout the afternoon by local  
intermediate school music groups

Bammel Choir and Handbells



Kleb Quintet



Kleb Pizazz



Doerre Quintet



Strack Show Choir



Strack  
Orchestra

# Sixth Annual Barbara Bush Library Community Open House December 6, 2008



## Rockfish Staff Working Hard

A highlight was the visit of Rockfish with their delicious shrimp martinis



Friends of the Library hostesses served a wide array of appetizers and sweets provided through the generosity of local merchants

## Overdrive's Digital Bookmobile visited Barbara Bush Library on its national tour



A customer listening to an audio book at one of the interactive display centers.



Customers learned how to download books, audios and videos free from the Library.



Barbara Bush Library Friends made the event more festive with popcorn and water



### 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](mailto: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.

Barbara Bush Library Friends Board 2008-2009	
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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  
 6817 Cypresswood Drive, Spring, TX 77379  
 281.376.4610 [www.bblf.org](http://www.bblf.org)**