



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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Thursday, Jan 21
1:30 to 4 p.m.

Rebranding Your Skills
Free job search seminar
at the Barbara Bush Library.

Baby Blanket Raffle

Thank you to the knitters of the Knowledge Exchange who donated four baby blankets to the Barbara Bush Library Friends for the winter raffle. The raffle raised \$90 to buy books for the library. Winning tickets were drawn December 21, and the winners were: Lauren Murphy, Mary Steinbach, Sandra Haddock, and Karen Olson. Congratulations!



Barnes & Noble Gift Wrap

The Barbara Bush Friends took time from their personal holiday preparations to wrap gifts at Barnes & Noble in exchange for donations. Wednesday, December 9 they earned \$75.21 and Saturday, December 19 they earned \$431.28, for a grand total of \$506.49.

These funds will be used to buy children's books and for programs for the library.

Thanks to our volunteer "wrappers", and to Barnes & Noble for giving us this opportunity.



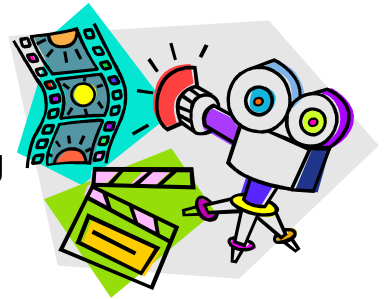
**Author Hosted
Writing Workshop
Thursday, January 21,
5-6 p.m.**

Published author William Hill is hosting a free writing workshop for teens.



New For Seniors at the Library

Senior Movie Morning
Thursday, January 7
10 a.m.



Starting in January the library will present a "Senior Movie Morning" on the first Thursday of each month.

The movie selection for January is from 1949 and stars Spencer Tracy, Katherine Hepburn, and Judy Holliday. It is a comedy which tells the story of a husband and wife lawyer team who clash when the wife defends a woman on trial for shooting her spouse. The lawyer-husband is the prosecutor.

Come and join us for a look back at a classic.

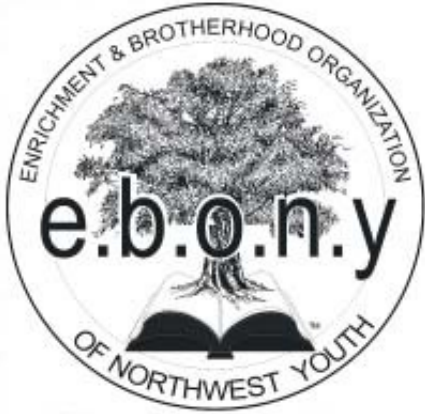


Make a Book Your Own

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.



E.B.O.N.Y. Invitation to the Community

Sunday, February 7, 2-4:30 p.m.

National African American Read-In

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 again join forces as official co-sponsors of this event locally. The goal is to make the celebration of African American literacy a traditional part of Black History Month activities.

Sunday, February 7, from 2-4:30 p.m. at the Barbara Bush Library and the Pearl Fincher Museum, activities are planned for adults, teens, and children. Authors Dr. Josie Carr, Takasha Francis, and Fon James will be some of the featured guests. Come, discuss, and hear excerpts from their works. Dr. Carr's titles include "iGod" and "inspire for teachers". Takasha Francis is the author of "The Diva's Diary" poetry book, and Fon James has penned a couple of teen books entitled "Back and Forth" and "Forward March".

The session for children will be hosted by library staff member Brenda Harris Williams in the Robin Bush Activity Room. Storyteller and author Kathy Culmer will be a featured presenter.

The Pearl Fincher Museum of Fine Arts will have an exhibition on the Wilson Potters, an African American Enterprise in 19th Century Texas. Tours of this exhibit will be conducted at 3:30pm. Refreshments will be served and the authors' books will be on sale in the museum lobby following the tours.

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.



Dr. Josie Carr



Kathy Culmer



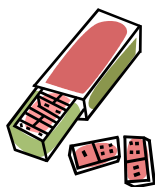
Takasha Francis



Fon James

Adult/Senior Game Day

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



Adult/Senior Games recently celebrated its second anniversary. Usually there is one traditional domino game and two Chicken Foot domino games going on simultaneously at the conference room table. Meet new friends or bring a friend. If you have another game you would prefer to play, please bring your deck of cards, domino set, etc. to share with the group. Coffee, tea, and light snacks are served.

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.



Reader's Advisory Database Demo Friday, January 15, 11 a.m. Second Floor Computer Lab



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 do not recall the author or the exact title?

Come see how to use Novelist, one of our licensed subscription databases, at our monthly Database Demos presentation. 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.

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

The Seventh Anniversary of the opening of the Barbara Bush Library
Holiday Open House Celebration was December 5.
The festive affair was enjoyed by all.



Rockfish Grill
served
Shrimp Martinis



Friends President Susheela
Beteet, shown here with
Branch Librarian Nancy
Agafitei, was the hostess for



Barbara Bush Library Friends
members Lauren Murphy and
Susan and Chad Greer
welcomed guests to the Open
House.



Strack
Show
Choir



Duo Bicenium Home School Quartet



Strack Orchestra

Special thanks to our sponsors
Rockfish Seafood Grill
H.E.B. Pantry Foods
Kroger's
Randall's



Doerre Double Quintet



Gingerbread Houses for Christmas

Children's Services





Book Clubs for Adults at the Library

The Evening Book Club **Tuesday, January 12, 7 p.m.** **Earl Elliott Room**

The selection for January is an epic and breathtaking saga that spans generations as it sweeps through the heart of a century. Joyce Lebra's *The Scent of Sake* is a vivid and powerful entry into another world...and an unforgettable portrait of a woman who would not let that world defeat her. All are welcome, bring a friend.

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

The selection for January is *Of Civil Government* by Locke. The selection for February is *Gulliver's Travels* by Jonathan Swift. Please call Jeanne Henderson 281-288-8941 for more information.

The Afternoon Book Club **Thursday, January 28, 1:30 p.m.** **Friday, January 29, 2:30 p.m.** **WCR Conference Room**

The Ha-Ha: A Novel by Dave King explores familial bonds arising between people with no blood ties, and if the novel lingers too long on its notes, thematic and otherwise—Howard Kapostash a Vietnam veteran often ruminates on the nature of his injury and the things he'd say if he could; his days vary little—it does so with poise and heart. Drama arises with Sylvia's return and Howard nearly loses it, but life and healing are now forever possible.

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

Maria Duprey Art Exhibit Second Floor Art Alcove

Maria Duprey, a local artist, was born in Bronx, New York. She grew up in an artistic family and ventured from music to stories, including the art of painting and drawing. In 1995 she was awarded "Castle Point Winner" for the mural she painted for the VA Medical Center, Castle Point, when working there as a Nursing Assistant. In 2002 she moved with her husband to Puerto Rico where she became involved in various exhibitions and established herself as an emerging artist.

In April of 2008 Maria was awarded the "Best-in-Show" and made first-place in "oil and acrylics" in the Community Art show in Newburgh, NY. In 2009, the East End Art Guild chose 55 artists out of 195 participants to exhibit in the EEAG Tenth Annual Juried Show in January and Maria was included.

Today Maria continues to paint and draw in her home in Spring. Although her artwork consists of abstract expressionism, charcoal drawing, art deco, conceptual art, and portrait & land, she favors abstract impressionism the most.

Bob Kleeman Antique Clock Exhibit Foyer Showcase

Robert (Bob) Kleeman has always shown an interest in making and repairing things. He built model airplanes as a teenager. In preparation for retirement, he moved on to making clocks. He bought a few beginner clock repair handbooks, joined a local clock club, and started expanding his skills. Bob has been repairing clocks for almost 20 years now and still gets great satisfaction from restoring a timepiece to its original working condition. He has repaired all types and all ages of clocks, the oldest ones being from the mid 1800's. He found those clocks amazingly well designed and manufactured. He finds it satisfying that these clocks will be around hundreds of years from now.

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, January 2, 1-3 p.m.

Sunday, January 3, 1-3 p.m.

Sam T's SAT Prep

Learn tips and tricks for the SAT.

Call 281-376-4610 to register.

Saturday, January 16, 10 a.m.-2:15 p.m.

Saturday, January 23, 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. Call 291-376-4610 to register.

Saturday, January 2, 1 p.m.

Afternoon Movie

Teens' Choice.

Teen Winter Writing Contest
Entries due January 30, 3 p.m.

Intergeneration

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.

Thursdays 4:30 p.m.

Bilingual Storytime

(Spanish and English)

Wednesdays 1:30 p.m.

Toddler Times

(ages 16 mos.-3 years)

Wednesdays 10 a.m.

Thursdays 11a.m.

Preschool Storytime

(ages 3-6 years)

Mondays 7 p.m.

Tuesdays 11 a.m.

Tuesdays 2 p.m.

Wednesdays 11a.m.

5,6,7,8 Storytime

(ages 5-8 years)



Eight 2 Twelve Club

January 5, 4:30 p.m.

Storytubes: Be a Star

Tremendous Tuesday's

4:30 p.m.



January 12
Chinese New Year

January 19
Explosions!



Continues thru January 4

**For details ask at the
Children's Information Desk**

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**



New Year Holiday Closure

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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Branch Librarian
Nancy Agafitei

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.