



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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## HELP NEEDED



Do you have a  
green thumb?

The library could use your help. We would like to start a Green Team to help select and maintain some plants in the library.

For economic reasons, Harris County is discontinuing the plant service in all of its buildings effective July 1, so all of our greenery will be disappearing. The Barbara Bush Library Friends have offered to purchase a few plants, but first we want to be sure that we have a knowledgeable team in place who would commit to a regular schedule of care and maintenance.

If this is your passion, or if you belong to a garden club that needs a community project, contact the Librarian Nancy Agafitei at 281-376-4610 or e-mail [nancy.agafitei@hcpl.net](mailto:nancy.agafitei@hcpl.net).



Record  
Breaking  
June

Three times a year, the library system does a count of the patrons coming into the branches during a week's time.

The 2009 count at Barbara Bush was 12,555 visitors within the week of June 14 - June 20. This is the highest count ever recorded at this branch. Last year's count was 11,829, and the count ten years ago when we were still in the old building was 4,453.

The current numbers extrapolate out to more than half a million visitors per year!

## Book Sellers



Additional volunteers are needed to help staff the Barbara Bush Library Friends Book Store. Some of our dedicated volunteers are dealing with health issues that prevent their continued participation, so we have a number of slots open that need to be filled.

Can you donate a few hours of time each week for a good cause?

All items sold in the store come from community donations with 100% of the proceeds benefitting the library. Since those who donate books get a tax deduction, those who buy books get wonderful bargains, and the library gets the benefit of materials and programs, this is a WIN-WIN-WIN operation.

If you would like to be part of it, contact Librarian Nancy Agafitei at 281-376-4610 or e-mail [nancy.agafitei@hcpl.net](mailto:nancy.agafitei@hcpl.net).



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.

# “I HAVE A DREAM” Writing Contest Winners Chosen

Harris County Public Library recently participated in the Big Read, a community-wide reading program that focused on the book “To Kill a Mockingbird” by Harper Lee. As part of our local programming related to the Big Read, the Taiwanese Heritage Society and the Barbara Bush Library Friends co-sponsored a writing contest. Artist Yu-Ru Huang designed a mockingbird kite on which participants could write their dreams, and then fly the kite to let their dreams take wings.

Each winner in the writing contest received a certificate and a decorated kite. The six winners at the Barbara Bush Library were:

Ranma Kuma	Margot Prewitt	Naomi Prewitt
Kristi Vo	Tasia Gibson	Ashlyn Manley

The top of the kite began with a quote from the famous Martin Luther King speech: “I have a dream that one day this nation will rise up and live out the true meaning of its creed: that all men are created equal. I have a dream today. I have a dream that ...”



Here are excerpts from some of the winning entries:

I have a dream that ... people of all types, body size, color, creed, and intelligence will be seen as acceptable. That we will not be perceived or choose to perceive others as just man or woman, but as human. My dream is that people will cease to negatively judge others because of how they dress, how they speak, whom they love, their religious views, or their gender identity and presentation, but instead, consider them as an equal and beautiful human life.

I have a dream that ... my true feelings shall be expressed through canvas and paint, and everyone will understand what story is planned to be told to the world from the point of view of a child growing up in the United States.

I have a dream that ... our nation will rise to the occasion and seize the opportunity given by the waiting hands of our neighbors. To overlook this great, looming hand is to be of great ignorance, for it is there waiting for us to reach out and grasp it. To then clasp the poor and guilty's shoulders, so that in the end, all souls can drift towards happiness and virtue. I have a dream that we will come to realize that, yes, our eyes were created to see above the surface, but minds were created also, to join with the eyes and create a more powerful vision of what is underneath.

I have a dream that ... this dream of peace will come true and our troops will come home. When this happens, I dream that we will have no more enemies, only friends.

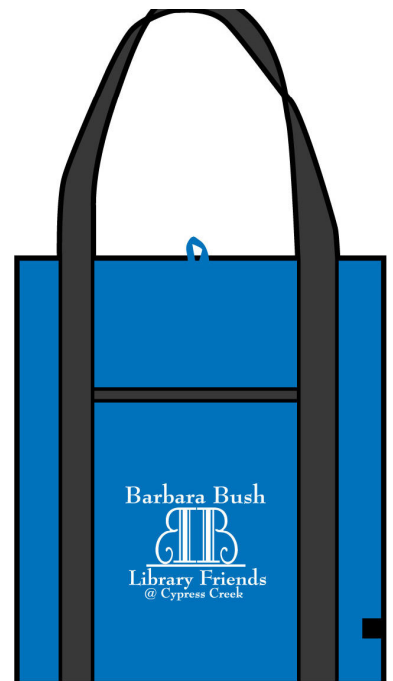
## Coming Soon



The Friends of the Library will soon have available for the patrons of the library two handy items.

The Friends will be providing the library 512 MB flash drives to sell to customers who need them. The cost is \$5. The flash drives will be available in blue and burgundy. This should be a big help to customers who need to save large files.

Book totes will be available for purchase at the Circulation Service Desk.

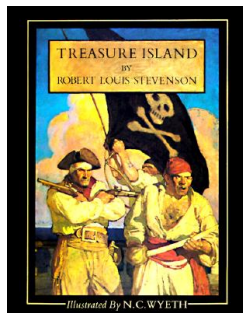




**Wednesday, July 1, 1:30 p.m.**

The Barbara Bush Library and the Pearl Fincher Museum of Fine Arts are launching a new book discussion group as a joint venture, called the "Pen & Paintbrush" Book Club. The

books selected for discussion will connect works in the Pearl's current exhibition to their literary counterparts, highlighting parallels between the selected book and the artwork on display. Other book-related events will include lectures and movie screenings at the library and the museum.



The first book featured for this new group will be "Treasure Island", the classic by Robert Louis Stevenson. The meeting will be held at the museum in the Northgate Forest Conference Room. Education Director Rosemary Hickman will begin with a tour of the exhibition "Legend of Texas Maritime: Art and Artifacts from the Texas Seaport Museum."

**Wednesday, July 8, at 6:00 p.m.**

There will be a 75th Anniversary screening of the classic 1934 black and white movie version of the book, *Treasure Island* starring Wallace Beery and Jackie Cooper, in the Earl Elliott Room at the library.



CURRENT EXHIBITION  
**Legends of Texas Maritime**  
*Art and Artifacts from the Texas Seaport Museum*

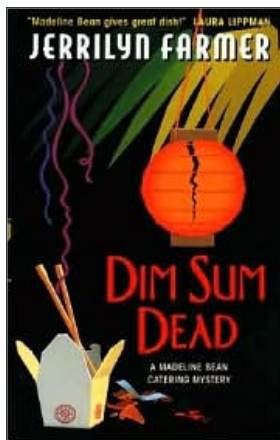
**Thursday, July 9, 6:30 p.m.**



To bring the pirate theme to a local setting, Jim Nonus, President of the Laffite Society of Galveston will speak on "Laffite: A Lifelong Obsession" in the Northgate Forest Conference Room at the Pearl Fincher Museum.

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

Thursday, July 9, 1 - 3 p.m.



The selection for July is *Dim Sum Dead* by Jerilynn Farmer. Come join our group as we follow crime sleuth Madeline Bean into the world of mah-jongg, dim sum and, of course, murder. Seating will be limited and registration is required. The first 10 people to register in person at the Adult Information Desk on the second floor of the library will receive a free copy of the book, *Dim Sum Dead*. Registration is open now.

Dessert and coffee will be served.  
Paperback books provided by the Barbara Bush Library Friends.  
Call 281-376-4610 for more information

**Book Clubs for Adults at the Library**

**Tuesday, July 14, 7 p.m.**

**The Evening Book Club  
Second Floor Conference Room**

The book for July is *The Friday Night Knitting Club* by Kate Jacobs. The New York Times bestselling sensation that's "*Steel Magnolias* set in Manhattan". In August we will view a movie based on a book by Khaled Hosseini where two boys are torn apart by war. Movie nights start at 6:30 pm and are held in the Earl Elliott meeting room on the 1st floor. All are welcome, bring a friend.

**Monday, July 20, 7 p.m.  
The Great Books Discussion Group  
WCR Conference Room**

The selection for July is *Origin of Government* by Hobbes. The selection for August is *Billy Budd, Sailor* by Melville. Please call Earl Bissex 281-955-9447 for information.

**Thursday, July 23, 1:30 p.m.  
The Afternoon Book Club  
Earl Elliott Room**

The book selection for July is a riveting family saga. *The Story of Edgar Sawtelle* by David Wroblewski. explores the deep and ancient alliance between humans and dogs, and the power of fate through one boy's epic journey into the wild. 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.

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**JUNE 5 - AUGUST 8**

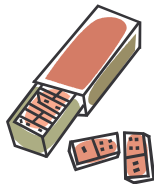
**READER NATION**  
**ADULT SUMMER READING PROGRAM**

www.hcpl.net

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



**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.



**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.

**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.



**Database Demo**  
**Legal Research**  
**Friday, July 17, 11 a.m.**  
**Second Floor Computer Lab**



Can you get a marriage license for free in Texas? Do I have to show a photo ID to vote? Come see how to use Texas Statutes online and Gale Legal Forms at our Legal Research Database Demo, one of our monthly Database Demo presentations.

Need some help using HCPL licensed databases or sites on the HCPL Databases pages? 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

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

Thrilling Thursday  
Father's Day Craft

Over 300 Mom's and children created  
a special surprise for Dad



Tremendous Tuesday's  
Eight 2 Twelve Club  
3 p.m.

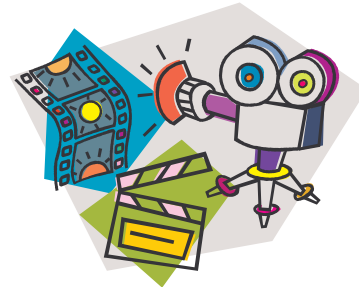
July 7-Design and Make  
Your Own Jigsaw Puzzle

July 14-Imagination Station  
Texas Reading Roundup

July 21-Incredible Insects

July 28-Safety First

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



July 1-Disney story of a bell  
ringer who helps a gypsy  
dancing girl

July 8-It is a world of cats and Danny goes to  
Hollywood to film star

July 15-Classic Disney story about Captain Nemo  
and the Nautilus

July 22-Young immigrant Russian mouse is  
separated from his family

July 29-A pig raised by sheepdogs, learns to herd  
sheep with a little help from Farmer Hoggett.

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

Recommended for Ages 6-12

Thrilling Thursday's  
3 p.m.

July 2-Fourth of July Party

July 9-CAP Animal Safety & Rescue

July 16-Dinosaurs Rock! Fossil Adventure

July 23-Oasis Party

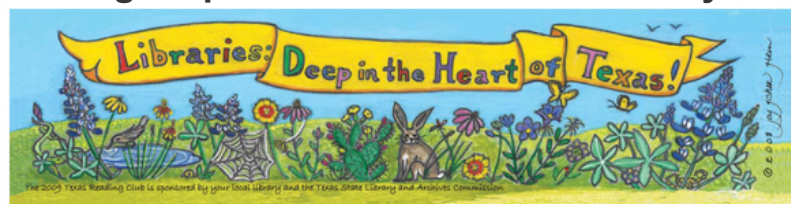
July 30-Decorate Your Denim

Summertime Crafts  
3 p.m.

Tuesday, July 7

Thursday, July 30

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



# Teen Scene

## July

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### Movie Monday's, 4 p.m.

Join us for a different film and yummy snacks.

### 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!

### Game Day, Thursday's, 2 p.m.

Different themes each week - arcade, black light and more.

### Intergenerational Wii, Thursday's, 5 p.m.

Teens bring your Grandparents.  
Grandparents bring your grandkids for some interactive gaming fun!

**Wednesday, July 15, 6:30-7:30 p.m. - Mother-Daughter Book Club** - Join us for a book discussion for mothers and daughters (grades 6-12). The selection for July is *Unwind* by Neal Shusterman. Six free copies of the book are available at the second floor Information Desk, limit one per family.

**Thursday, July 16, 6-7 p.m. - Father-Son Book Club** - This is a book discussion for fathers and sons (grades 6-12). The selection for July is *Crispin: The Cross of Lead* by AVI. Six free copies of the book are available at the second floor Information Desk, limit one per family.

Friday, July 17, 11:00am-12:30pm - Teen Craft: Beading - We supply the beads and you use your imagination! Make a bracelet, pendant, or bookmark.

Saturday, July 18, 10:30-11:30am - Indian Dance Workshop - Learn traditional Indian dance techniques as taught by Rathna Kumar.

**Saturday, July 18, 12n-1:30 p.m. - Teen Henna** - \*\*MUST REGISTER\*\* Use henna paste to make temporary designs on your skin. \*\*Teen must be 12-17 years old and have a parent/guardian signed permission form to participate in this event\*\*

**Thursday, July 23, 6-8 p.m. - Midsummer Masquerade** - Life is a Masquerade! Masks required & Costumes encouraged.\* Costume Contest prizes include posters and author signed books (Cassandra Clare, Melissa Marr & more). Music, Food, Games and Prizes – the Event of the Summer! \*Come dressed as a character from your favorite book, comic or graphic novel – see YA Librarian Rebecca for contest details.

**Wednesday, July 29, 6:30-8 p.m. - Writing Workshop** - \*\*MUST REGISTER\*\* Learn techniques for different styles of writing such as poetry and short stories. Register Online.

**Friday, July 31, 12n-1:30 p.m. - Teen Craft: Scrapbooking**  
Bring your photos and create fun scrapbook pages.

### Time Twisters Teen Summer Reading Program

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.



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Time Twistin' '08 Texas Teens Read!

## 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**

### Houston Art Car Parade New Feature - - ART CARTS

Every year the Orange Show Center for Visionary Art ([www.orangeshow.org](http://www.orangeshow.org)) hosts the Houston Art Car Parade. This year for the first time, several "art carts" from the Harris County Library participated in the event as well. Staff used their creative and artistic skills to decorate book trucks that were displayed along the parade route. Hosts and hostesses from the library handed out information about the Big Read and about the library system to the thousands of people who attended the parade.

Barbara Bush staff members Carina Arredondo, Mary Pomeroy, Darcey Rhoads, Gina Macala, Jennifer Nandlal, and Rebecca Denham followed a literary theme in designing a Mad Hatter's Hat, based on the book "Alice in Wonderland." The Harris County Public Library was very proud of the way these groups represented the library in a positive and fun way, and hope to expand participation in the parade in the future.

### Art Cart 101



Conception  
Darcey creates artwork



Construction  
Confined chaos



Completion  
Carina and the Mad Hatter's Hat



## Save the Date 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.

Book fair vouchers will be available in August in our newsletter, at the library, and online at [bbf.org](http://bbf.org).



Summer Reading Club opened to a packed house! There is still time until August 8 to register. Don't miss out on great programs and incentives.




**Independence Day Closure**  
Friday, July 3  
and Saturday, July 4

Open  
Sunday, July 5, 1-5p.m.

Location & Phone	Hours
6817 Cypresswood Drive Spring, TX 77379 281-376-4610	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.
Branch Librarian Nancy Agafitei	

**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  
6817 Cypresswood Drive, Spring, TX 77379  
281.376.4610 [www.bblf.org](http://www.bblf.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