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are free
and open to the public

The Barbara Bush Library Friends Book Report

Building a better library one book at a time

November 2008

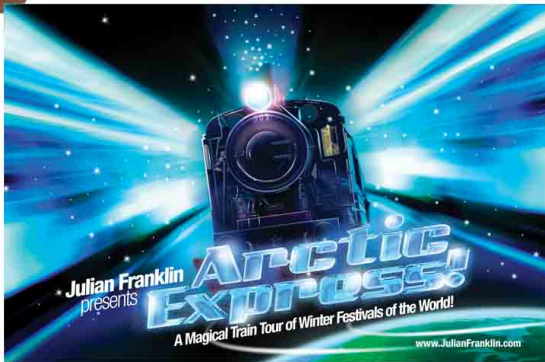
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Sixth Annual Barbara Bush Library Community Open House Saturday, December 6, 2 - 4 p.m.

Performances by local school groups from 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.





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 five choices (see the images):

- (1) An assortment of all four images, two each.
- (2) Eight copies of the reading tree, with Niki underneath
- (3) Eight copies of Little Red Riding Hood and the wolf
- (4) Eight copies of the pirate with the Treasure Island book
- (5) Eight copies of the "historic Klein" image of the mural

If you would like to purchase some of these cards, please submit your order by November 15. Place it online at bbbf@bbbf.org, or bring or mail it to Barbara Bush Library Friends, 6817 Cypresswood Drive, Spring, TX 77379.

Include your name, address and phone number, and the type and number of sets you would like to order. You will be notified when they are ready to be picked up, and can make payment at that time by cash or check payable to BBLF.



The Giving Spree
 Willowbrook Mall, Baybrook Mall, and First Colony Mall
 Supports the Barbara Bush Library Friends

The Giving Spree is an easy way to start your holiday shopping with big savings while supporting the Barbara Bush Library Friends. One-hundred percent of your donation will go to support the work of the Barbara Bush Library Friends.

Shoppers make a donation to the Barbara Bush Library Friends at TheGivingSpree.com between now and November 14, 2008. When you make a donation you receive exclusive offers from retailers such as but not limited to The Disney Store, Steve Madden, Aeropostale, New York & Company, and The Body Shop for use November 15, 2008 at Willowbrook Mall, Baybrook Mall, and First Colony Mall .

Support your community and save on holiday shopping—what could be better? Visit www.TheGivingSpree.com to donate and save.

Please pass this information on to your friends and family.

Lobby Showcase

Native American Heritage

In honor of Native American Heritage month, the library will exhibit art and artifacts of various Native American cultures. The library has obtained a portfolio from The Detroit Institute of Arts which includes 24 beautifully printed, unbound, full-color plates, *Art of the American Indian Frontier*. The portfolio opens the door to the rich world of North American Woodlands and Plains Indian art. The display will also include artifacts provided by various staff members as well as books about Native Americans.

Art Alcove - - Second Floor

Wilma Wethington to Exhibit Paintings

Artist Wilma Wethington born in Iowa, Wethington has had a varied art-related career. She worked for Boeing Airplane Co. as a commercial artist and illustrator. She also worked in the same capacity at McCormick-Armstrong Printing Co. in Wichita, KS. She can express herself in several art media, an excellent portraitist for one, but her greatest love and finest achievements are expressed in watercolors. The Wethington name is well represented in museums, corporations, institutions and private collections throughout the country and abroad. She has exhibited in most of the major museums in the country and has a painting in the permanent collection of the Smithsonian in Washington, D. C. Although Wilma lives in Kansas, she has family in the Spring area.

Book Clubs for Adults at the Library WCR Conference Room

November 11, 6:30 p.m. - The Evening Book Club will view a movie based on a book by Ian McEwan. "Ian McEwan's symphonic novel of love and war, childhood and class, guilt and forgiveness provides all the satisfaction of a brilliant narrative and the provocation we have come to expect from this master of English prose. On a hot summer day in 1935, thirteen-year-old Briony Tallis witnesses a moment's flirtation between her older sister, Cecilia, and Robbie Turner, the son of a servant and Cecilia's childhood friend. But Briony's incomplete grasp of adult motives-together with her precocious literary gifts-brings about a crime that will change all their lives." (HCPL Catalog). The December selection is *Portrait of an Unknown Woman* by Vanora Benett.

November 17, 7 p. m. - The Great Books Discussion Group will meet in the WCR Conference Room. The selection for November is: *Antigone* by Sophocles. Please call Earl Bissex 281-955-9447 for the selection for December.

November 20, 1:30 p.m. - The Afternoon Book Club will discuss: *Blue* by Joyce Hostetter. This is a shorter book than our usual. Suggested related titles you might want to supplement your reading for November: *We are All Welcome Here*: by Elizabeth Berg. A young girl in Tupelo, Mississippi, helps care for her mother, a polio victim in an iron lung, with the help of their African-American housekeeper. *Polio: an American Story* by David Oshinsky. This Pulitzer-Prize winning history relates the gripping story of the polio terror and of the intense effort to find a cure, from the March of Dimes to the discovery of the Salk and Sabin vaccines-and beyond. (Worldcat). The selection for December is *Memory of Running* by Ron McLarty.

Opposing Viewpoints: Users Database Demonstration

November 21, 11 a.m.

Barbara Bush Library Friends Computer Lab, Second Floor

Do you need to give a short talk about being for or against gay marriage? Need to write a brief opinion paper on your stand regarding abortion or capital punishment? Looking for some background material to make up your mind about a controversial issue such as gun control? Come see how to use Opposing Viewpoints, one of our licensed subscription databases, at our monthly Database Demonstration presentation.

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 demonstrations 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>



Help!

Teen Scene

Wednesdays, November 5, 12, 19, 26

4:30-6 p.m.

Chess Club



Thursdays, November 6, 13, 20

4:30-6 p.m.

Go Club

Don't know what Go is?

Check out www.usgo.org

Friday, November 14

4:30-6 p.m.

Cooking Club



Friday, November 21

1-2 p.m.

Home School Book Club

Saturday, November 8

10 a.m.-2 p.m.

SAT Prep. A

1 p.m.

Book Club

The Book Thief

by Markus Zusak

3-4:30 p.m.

Black Light Games

Everything is more fun with black lights! Bring a neon yellow highlighter and wear comfortable shoes.



Saturday, November 15

10 a.m.-12 p.m.

SAT Prep. B

Saturday, November 22

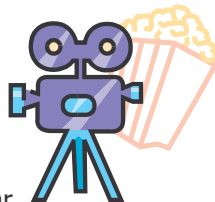
1:30-2 p.m.

T.A.B. Meeting

2:30-5 p.m.

Teen Movie Day

Pirates, Witches, and a Fallen Star



Teens must register for Cooking Club and SAT Prep

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. Please come by 4:00 p.m. if you want assistance in learning to knit or crochet.

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.

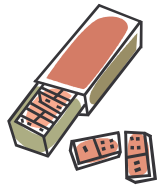


Happy Players

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.

Children's Services

Tremendous Tuesday Eight 2 Twelve Club

November 4, 4:30 pm

Recycling with plants crafts

Thanksgiving Craft

Tuesday, November 11

4:30 p.m.

Tremendous Tuesday Eight 2 Twelve Club

Silly Science!

November 18, 4:30 p.m.

Native American Craft

Wednesday, November 26

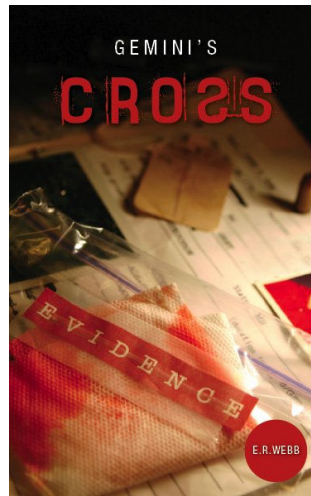
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A special craft honoring
Native American Heritage
Crafts best suited for children
ages 6 - 12

The Barbara Bush Library Friends support two events in our community

Saturday, November 8, the Friends will sponsor two programs as part of the Fabulous Fall Festival at the Cypress Creek Cultural District. Children ages 6 to 12 will create a fall craft in the Robin Bush at 2 p.m. Black Light Games for teens will happen at 3 p.m. in the Earl Elliott Room. Activities and refreshment booths will fill the community center from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., and musical programming will be offered in the Centrum throughout the day.

Saturday, November 15, the Friends will take part in the Second Annual Spring Independent School District book fest "Re(a)d, White, and Blue" to be held at Wunsche High School from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. This year's guest authors will include Brian Anderson, Reshonda Billingsley, Matthew de la Pena, Kimberly Willis Holt, Ralph Masiello, and Susan K. Mitchell. The Friends will staff a table to provide information about the library and will accept applications for new library cards for attendees. Last year, 66 people got library cards during the festival.



Spotlight on Local Author

E. R. Webb
Saturday, November 15
2 - 4 p.m.

The Barbara Bush Public Library is pleased to present local author E. R. Webb in an open forum, Spotlight on Local Authors session on Saturday November 15 from 2:00-4:00pm at the library. Mr. Webb will be signing

books and discussing his two mystery-thriller novels Gemini's Cross and The Pallium Project published by Tate Publishing. There will be a question and answer period related to the novels along with a discussion with aspiring authors regarding the rigors of getting published. Webb and his wife Vicki are parents of four grown children, grandparents of nine and great-grandparents of four. Webb is currently writing his third novel, The Beginning of Sorrows.

Al Johnson dedicated ESL Tutor - - More than 2,000 hours of teaching



Al Johnson has received recognition for the many hours he has devoted each week since 2001 helping adults learn English, but it is his impact on his students' lives that stands out most.

Often, whether it is how to speak with a contractor about a new roof or how to get a start a career anew their field of expertise here in the United States, Al helps students with needs for English skills unique to them at a particular point in their lives.

For example, as a retired engineer, Al used that experience to help Julian Sosa, a civil engineer in his native country, learn the English necessary to eventually manage an office on FM 1960 for an engineering firm.

"The English that I know is thanks to him," says Julian Sosa, one of more than 100 adults that Al has assisted in English. Julian joined Al's class one month after coming to the United States from Columbia in 2003, knowing only some words.

Now Julian communicates with clients in Latin America using his Spanish, but also speaks regularly with customers in the Caribbean islands and in the United States. Al gave him articles and books to read in order to help him learn the vocabulary and knowledge to build a career in engineering here in the United States.

"He was like a university teacher to me," Julian says. "I have no idea what I'd be doing now without his help."

Al has helped students in several careers, building special vocabularies necessary for areas such as welding, helping students with practice interviewing, and helping them to pass exams for careers in the United States. However, students have asked him for help with many other barriers involving language, customs or resources, such as how to buy a good refrigerator and how to take defensive driving.

In addition to two ESL classes on Tuesdays at Barbara Bush Branch Library, Al teaches a German class on Mondays and a Spanish class on Friday. He has frequently taught a class at Doss Community Center near Beltway 8. Last spring, it became a class in which many of the students were learning various other European languages. While Al was familiar with some of the languages because of his work experience in Europe, the class relied on other students' knowledge and a travel book translated into six languages.

It's not surprising that Al's own experience learning language goes back to age 11, when his grandfather started teaching him German. Al continued learning German in the army as a newsreel photographer in Germany during the 1950s. He also lived in Germany and other countries in Europe for several years working as a chemical engineer, and in Puerto Rico for more than six years.

In addition to teaching, Al has shared his experience at training sessions and in-services, mentors new tutors, and shares teaching materials that he has prepared.

"He takes great pride in the success of his students and has given up many Saturdays to help a student prepare for a life-changing career move," says Nancy Pearsall, reference assistant and ESL coordinator at Barbara Bush Branch Library. "His high standards, work ethic and compassion make him a role model for all of us."



Over two thousand students from 105 third grade classes in the Klein ISD visited the library and other cultural district sites during the first two weeks of October. For many students, this was their first introduction to a library, a musical production, and a museum. The logistics were daunting, but the rewards were outstanding. The children and teachers had a fun and exciting "Art Day" field trip, and learned a lot about the cultural treasures available to them right here in our own community.



Students began their tour with an orientation and slide show in the Earl Elliott Room.



A Scavenger Hunt in the Children's Collection allowed the students to explore the many resources at the library.



The Community Center gym was transformed in pink for the "Pinkilicious" Tea Party. Library staff and volunteers took photos of the children with the "Pinkalicious" character from the musical.
Tea Party Photos by Thomas Nuygen



Susan Greer, President of the BBLF, helped promote reading to children at the book sale display in the Centrum

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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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Persons with Disabilities**

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