

The Barbara Bush Library Friends

Book Report

Building a better library one book at a time

November 2009

Volume 15 Issue 6



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
(See Page 2)

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.

VISIT THE TECHNOLOGY PETTING ZOO Tuesday, November 17, 7 p.m. Earl Elliott Room

Chances are good that there is an electronic gadget out there that you have been thinking about buying for yourself or as a gift for someone else. But you are worried that the device will be too hard to use, or that it will cost too much for what it would be worth to you. The Barbara Bush Library Friends are here to offer help with this dilemma just before the holiday gift-giving season arrives.

The Friends will offer **adults** an opportunity to get some hands-on experience with some of these devices in a relaxed atmosphere. Experienced users who own these devices will be on hand to answer questions and show you how to work/play with them.

Refreshments will be served.

Here is the technology that will be available for "petting" with no fear of being bitten.

Amazon Kindle 2 e-book reader Apple iPod Nintendo DS Lite Nintendo Wii (game systems) Sony eReader Acer Aspire One Netbook Playstation Portable PSP





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Apple iPod



Nintendo Wii (game systems)



Nintendo DS Lite



Playstation Portable PSP

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



Everybody has fun at the library! New library volunteer, Murt Collier, takes a few moments out from her Patron Count Week duties to read to one of our younger customers.

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.

National Endowment for the Humanities "We the People: Picturing America"

The National Endowment for the Humanities has selected the Barbara Bush Library to receive the 2009 "We the People: Picturing America" bookshelf grant. As a recipient, the library has received a set of nineteen hardcover books.

"Picturing America" is inspired by the premise that a nation's literature, as well as its visual art, can be a window into its history, aspirations, and ideals.

Some of the titles included in this collection are

Kindergarten to Grade 3

- Walt Whitman: Words for America by Barbara Kerley
- The Midnight Ride of Paul Revere by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

Grades 4 to 6

- American Tall Tales by Mary Pope Osborne
- On the Wings of Heroes by Richard Peck
- The Captain's Dog: My Journey with the Lewis and Clark Tribe by Roland Smith

Grades 7 to 8

- The Life and Death of Crazy Horse by Russell Freedman
- Across America on an Emigrant Train by Jim Murphy
- The Adventures of Tom Sawyer by Mark Twain

Grades 9 to 12

- Founding Brothers: The Revolutionary Generation by Joseph J. Ellis
- Restless Spirit: The Life and Work of Dorothea Lange by Elizabeth Partridge



Bonus books for readers of all ages:

- Our White House: Looking In, Looking Out by The National Children's Book and Literacy Alliance
- 1776: The Illustrated Edition by David McCullough

These books will be on display and available for check out during November and December. Additional copies have been purchased by the Barbara Bush Library Friends.

Programs developed to highlight some of these titles during November include:

- Clay Pots children's craft program
 Nov. 4, 4:30 pm, Robin Bush Room
- Native American Craft for children Nov. 18, 4:30pm, Robin Bush Room
- Adult book discussion of "Travels with Charley": Nov. 19, 1:30pm. Earl Elliott Room; repeated Nov. 20, 2:30 in the WCR Conference Room
- Teens read "The Legend of Sleepy Hollow" by Washington Irving:November 30, 4:00pm.
- "Picturing America" Mural Quilt -- children add original artwork throughout November



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.



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.

Barbara Bush Library Friends

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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.



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, 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.

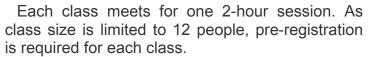
Please come by 4 p.m. if you want assistance in learning to knit or crochet.

Computer Classes at the Library

Dave Smith, c o m p u t e r i n s t r u c t o r , teaches seven different computer classes.



- MS Word
- [↑] MS Excel
- Computer Basics
- 1 Introduction to the Internet
- Powerpoint
- Publisher



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.



Opposing Viewpoints Database Demo Friday, November 20, 11 a.m. Second Floor Computer Lab



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 Demos presentation.

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.

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



Adult/Senior Games Wednesday Mornings **Celebrates Second Anniversary**

The Adult/Senior Wednesday Games Mornings group recently

celebrated its second anniversary of meeting mid-week in the WCR from 10:30 a.m. to Each Wednesday morning there is usually one traditional domino game and two Chicken Foot domino games going on simultaneously at the conference room table.

If you have another game you would prefer to play please bring your deck of cards, domino set, etc to share with the group.

Meet new friends or bring a friend. Light snacks provided. Questions? -- call Annette 281.376.4610

The recent book fair sponsored by the Barnes & Noble Bookstore in Champions Village was a success. the book fair, \$219 was raised by the Barbara Bush Library Friends for the library. In addition six books from the Library's Wish List were donated to the library. The Friends Board is thankful for everyone that participated by using a BBLF voucher when they shopped at Barnes & Noble.

Special thanks to Lillian Reitz, the Community Relations Manager of Barnes & Noble; Debbie, Children's Assistant for conducting a story time; and the Friends' volunteers for conducting a bookmark craft time and staffing an information table at the store.

/nce upon a time: telling stories through clay the beginning of time. In fact, it's one of the main

Exhibit continues through November 22

People have been creating art to tell stories since reasons why people make art - to communicate ideas that sometimes can't be expressed any other

way. Both museums and libraries are repositories of stories.

The Museum of Fine Arts, Houston (MFAH) has created a special traveling exhibition, titled "Once Upon a Time: Telling Stories through Clay," to bring original art from the MFAH collection to eight Harris County Public Libraries. It features nine objects from the Garth Clark and Mark Del Vecchio Collection of contemporary ceramics at the MFAH. The Barbara Bush Branch Library is the first host, with the exhibit currently on display through November 22.

In addition to the exhibit, the museum is providing the Barbara Bush Library with a free bus to bring customers to the museum for a tour of the collection that tell stories. The bus will leave from the library at 10:00 am on Wednesday, October 14, and return by 4:00 pm. Reservations are required and can be made by calling the library at 281-376-4610.

We are grateful to the Museum of fine Arts Houston for providing us with this fine exhibit. The museum also partners with libraries by providing free admission on weekends to any student under 18 with a public library card. For more information about the museum, visit www.mfah.org or call 713-639-7300.



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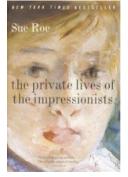
MFAH Book Club

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.





An American View The Hosek Collection of American Art Through December 20

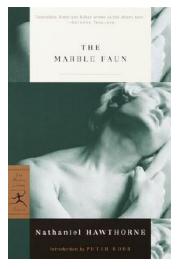
The Pen & Paintbrush Book Club

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. Book Club sessions include a special tour of the exhibition by Education Director Rosemary Hickman that highlights parallels between the selected book and the artwork on display.

Wednesday, Nov. 18 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).



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, November 10, 6:30 p.m. Earl Elliott Room

View a movie based on the book by Kim Edwards about a twin born with Down syndrome and the conflict between her parents and the woman who raises her. All are welcome, bring a friend.

The Great Books Discussion Group Monday, November 16, 7 p.m. WCR Conference Room

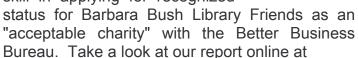
The selection for November is *The Knight of Faith* by Kierkegaard. The selection for December is *The Persian Wars* by Herodotus. For more information please call Earl Bissex at 281-955-9447.

The Afternoon Book Club Thursday, November 19, 1:30 p.m. Friday, November 20, 2:30 p.m. WCR Conference Room

The groups will discuss *Travels with Charley: In Search of America* by John Steinbeck. This discussion is part of the "We the People: Picturing America" bookshelf grant sponsored by the National Endowment for the Humanities, in cooperation with the American Library Association.



Many thanks to Vice President of Ways and Means, Susan Greer for her persistence and skill in applying for recognized



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Art Exhibit Presented by Janice Graham Smith

Janice has been interested in art since the 3rd grade. She is now seventy and approaches art with the same energy as always. Janice spent many years working with traditional art, until she had to take care of her father-in-law from 1994 to June of 2008. During that time, dry brushes and paint were too difficult to work with so she started working with the camera and the computer. This allowed her to get up and take care of Marvin's needs and get back to her camera or computer without worrying about the paint drying out or having to clean her brushes. Janice has a basic understanding of many areas of art, but she never feels like she knows enough. However, she has been blessed with the opportunity to work with line, shape, color and the beautiful light from above. Janice has a heart for encouraging all people at any age to develop time for the arts.

Ceramics Artist Exhibit Lobby Showcase

Jeff Forster, artist in residence and ceramics instructor at Lone Star College-North Harris, will have a ceramics exhibit at the Barbara Bush Branch Library in November. A native of Minnesota, Forster now lives in Kingwood. Growing up in rural Minnesota he was exposed to painting and photographing wildlife when he was in high school. He turned to ceramics as an undergraduate and earned a master's degree in ceramics from Southern Illinois University. The library is hosting this exhibit in conjunction with the "Once Upon a Time: Telling Stories through Clay" traveling exhibit from the MFAH which will remain at the library until November 22.





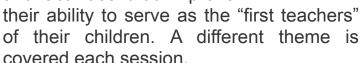
CHILDREN'S SERVICES

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)

Para los Niños
Tuesday, 7 p.m.
November 10 (English)
November 17 (Spanish)
Para los Niños is a program
designed to help parents
gain access to resources,
and activities that improve



Robin Bush Activity Room



Thursdays 4:30 p.m.

<u>Bilingual Storytime</u>
(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 November 3, 4:30 p.m. Holiday Painting

Tremendous Tuesday's 4:30 p.m.



November 10 Crafts Holiday Window Clings

November 17 Silly Science! Scooby Goo





HOME SCHOOLERS

Mondays

November 2 & 16

3:30 p.m.

Robin Bush Room

Children's Services has a book club for home school students ages 8-12. We read and discuss current Texas Bluebonnet Award nominated books as well as other notable books. Come join the fun and meet other interesting homeschoolers your age. We will meet twice month until May 16.

Call the Children's Information Desk at 281-376-4610 or come by to talk to any member of the Children's Services Staff for more information.

A snack is provided.



We the People Picturing America Events Craft Programs

Clay Pots

Wednesday, November 4, 4:30 p.m.

Native American Craft

Wednesday, November 18, 4:30 p.m.

Children Add Your Artwork to the Mural Quilt

Children are encouraged to bring in their original artwork to add the library mural quilt in the Children's Room during the month of November.

Submit artwork on 8 1/2 by 11 sheet of paper.

Fire Marshall Officer Thomas Petty and his arson dog Hunter recently visited the library to the delight of the young children and their parents.



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, November 7, 1-3 p.m. Sunday, November 8, 1-3 p.m. Sam T's SAT Prep

Learn tips and tricks for the SAT. PLEASE REGISTER ONLINE.

Saturday, November 14, 10 a.m.-2:15 p.m. Saturday, November 21, 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, November 21, 1-2:30 p.m. Teen Craft

Holiday Stockings - Make your own holiday stocking!

Monday, November 30, 4-5 p.m. Teen Afternoon Book Club

This month's selection is "The Legend of Sleepy Hollow" by Washington Irving.

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



Attention Sci-Fi Fans

The Barbara Bush Library Friends Book Store has a great stock of Science Fiction books that will be on sale during November for one half of their already low bargain prices

SALE PRICES

Hardbacks - \$1.50 Large Paperbacks - \$1.00 Regular Paperbacks - 50¢

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

Address

Phone Number E-mail

New Membership

Renewal Membership

\$25 (minimum)

\$50 \$100

Other \$____

I am interested in

Name

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

Barbara Bush



Close -- Wednesday, November 25, 6 p.m.

Reopen -- Monday, November 30, 1 p.m.

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

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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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.

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. Additional information is also available at 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

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