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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

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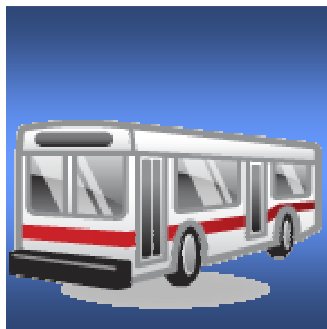
Early Voting



Oct. 19 - Oct. 23, 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Oct. 24, 7 a.m. - 7 p.m.
Oct. 25, 1 p.m. - 6 p.m.
Oct. 26 - Oct. 30, 7 a.m. - 7 p.m.

There will be 11 issues related to amending the Texas Constitution on the ballot. Klein, Spring, and Cy-Fair Independent School Districts will be electing trustees to several positions. Those who live within the city limits of Houston will also be voting on mayoral and city council candidates.

Museum of Fine Arts
Houston
October 14,
10 a.m. - 4 p.m.



Join us for a free trip to the
Museum of Fine Arts,
Houston,

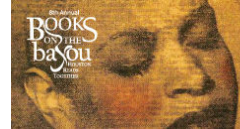
From Sept. 14 though Nov. 22, the Barbara Bush Library is hosting a Museum of Fine Arts Houston exhibit of ceramics called "Once Upon a Time: Telling Stories Through Clay."

In conjunction with this exhibit, the museum is providing us with a bus for a free trip.

The itinerary is:

9:45 a.m. Board bus at library
11 a.m. - 1p.m. "Own time" at the
museum (Have lunch at Cafe
Express)
1 - 2 p.m. "Narratives in Art" Tour
2 - 3 p.m. More time on your own
3 p.m. Board bus back to library-
4 p.m. Arrive back at library

Please register at the second floor
Information Desk - 281-376-4610



8th Annual Books on the Bayou

October 1 - October 31, 2009

Their Eyes Were Watching God

Every year a book is chosen for a Houston-wide emphasis in the fall as part of the "Books on the Bayou" program.



Janie Crawford, an attractive, confident, middle-aged black woman, returns to Eatonville, Florida, after a long absence. The black townspeople gossip about her and speculate about where she has been and what has happened to her young husband, Tea Cake. They take her confidence as aloofness, but Janie's friend Pheoby Watson sticks up for her. Pheoby visits her to find out what has happened.

Their conversation frames the life story that Janie relates. Finally Janie releases Pheoby to tell that story to the others. She tells them that Janie has "done been tuh de horizon and back." She has learned what love is; she has experienced life's joys and sorrows; and she has come home to herself in peace."

Books on the Bayou discussion will be

Saturday, October 31, 1 - 3 p.m.

Earl Elliott Room.

Barbara Bush Library Friends
will provide light refreshments for this meeting

You can find possible discussion questions for the
book at

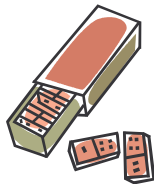
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<http://cctl.umassd.edu/resourcesinstruct3h.cfm>

[http://www.galesburglibrary.org/BookClub/
TheirEyesWereWatching.pdf](http://www.galesburglibrary.org/BookClub/TheirEyesWereWatching.pdf)



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.



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.



Medical Research
Database Demo
Friday, October 9, 11 a.m.
Second Floor Computer Lab



Want to find out if it's snake oil or really the latest wonder drug? Or if a drug has significant safety warnings? Need to research a particular medical condition? Looking for a list of side effects for that new prescription or which herbal medicine to use for what? Come see how to use resources on our HCPL Database Pages such as Consumer Health Complete and Internet sites such as MedlinePlus at our monthly Database Demos presentation

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.

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

SHAKESPEARE CROSS-EXAMINATION PART TWO: "THE REST IS SILENCE?"

Sunday, October 11, 2 - 4 p.m.



Did the man from Stratford-upon-Avon write the works of William Shakespeare? Battalions of scholars think so, yet doubts about his authorship have persisted through the centuries. In "Shakespeare Cross-Examination, Part One" Bonner Miller Cutting explored the case for the man to whom the authorship of the Shakespeare Canon is historically attributed. The audience was asked to be the Jury, evaluate the documentary evidence, and decide if there is "room for reasonable doubt" that the traditional story may not be true. However, if the facts do not support the official story, then the next question is: "IF NOT 'SHAKESPEARE' -- THEN WHO?" In this follow-up presentation, Ms. Cutting will

examine the case for the candidate whose name has "been buried where his body is," and in doing so, we can perhaps discover "the outstanding story of the cultural history of the English language."

Bonner Miller Cutting has studied the question of the authorship of the Shakespeare Canon for several decades. Mrs. Cutting is a member of the Board of Trustees of the Shakespeare Fellowship and President of the Lone Star Shakespeare Roundtable. She has recently presented papers on the authorship question at Concordia University in Portland, OR, at the 2008 conference on authorship studies held in White Plains, NY; and, the Shakespeare Authorship Roundtable in Los Angeles, CA.

Refreshments provided by the Barbara Bush Library Friends.

Exhibit continues
through November 22

Once upon a time: telling stories through clay

People have been creating art to tell stories since the beginning of time. In fact, it's one of the main 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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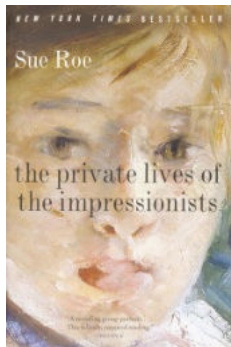
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MFAH Book Club

This October, 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.



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

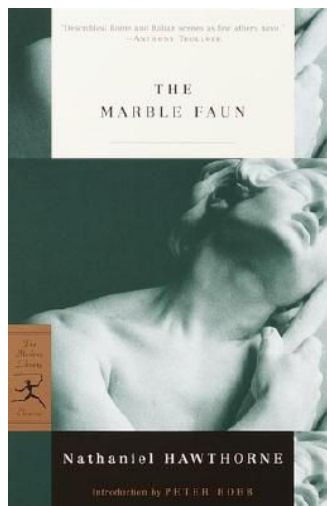
1:30-3:30 p.m.

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, October 13, 7 p.m.
Earl Elliott Room

The October selection is *Land of Marvels* by Barry Unsworth. All are welcome, bring a friend.

The Great Books Discussion Group
Monday, October 19, 7 p.m.
WCR Conference Room

The selection for September is *Anthony and Cleopatra* by Shakespeare. For more information please call Earl Bissex at 281-955-9447.

The Afternoon Book Club
Thursday, October 22, 1:30 p.m.
Friday, October 23, 2:30 p.m.

WCR Conference Room

The Afternoon Book Club has grown so large it is adding a second session.

The additional session will always meet on the Fridays following the Thursday session, at 2:30pm in the Women's Council of Realtors Conference Room. The same book will be the topic at both sessions, and participants are welcome to attend either one. The October selection for discussion is *Olive Kitteridge* by Elizabeth Strout. The November selection will be *Travels with Charley: In Search of America* by John Steinbeck.

Art Exhibit Presented by

The Garden of the Dragonfly Gallery

During October the Barbara Bush Branch Library is pleased to present an exhibit of the works of Hispanic and Native American artists.



Wanda Caro, who has lived in mainland USA since 1981, received a BBA degree from The University of Puerto Rico. Her preference for bright, bold, and sunny colors of the tropical isles often sneaks into her paintings.

Lorena Fernandez's paintings feature bold swaths of saturated colors and figures with sweeping lines. She was born and raised in Venezuela and has studied and worked in Texas, Singapore, and Switzerland as an Industrial Engineer, Artist, and as a facilitator of Expressive Arts Therapy. She currently resides in Katy.

Josue Misael lives in Houston and California. He is a painter of portraits, landscapes, and abstracts. He also creates dry mount etchings on metal.

Sorange Castillo is also from Venezuela and is currently working on a series of paintings of individual women interacting with their inner selves. She dreams of being an active part of society and a role model for women, especially Hispanics.

Mary A. Chimarusti is a Native American.

Adult Summer Reading Program Winner

Beverly Watkins is a commuter student at Sam Houston University in Huntsville, majoring in theater studies and secondary education. Her 6-year-old niece lives with her, and she brings her niece to the Barbara Bush Library to encourage her to develop her reading skills. Their first visit was during the Winter Reading Club, when they read books together to build their snowman. This summer they brought along three other young children, and attended movies, story times, and other children's programs.

Beverly was pleased to discover that adults could join the Summer Reading Club, too, and she quickly signed up. That turned out to be an excellent decision, as Beverly was chosen at random to win a \$50 gift card from Amazon.com from among all adults signed up for the Adult Reading Club at the Barbara Bush Branch who had read at least four books this summer.

Her favorite read was Rue McClanahan's memoir entitled *My First Five Husbands and the Ones Who Got Away*. Rue played Blanche in the television series "The Golden Girls," and it seems her real life was much like that of her on-screen character. Rue included a lot of tips in her book about succeeding in a theatrical career, and these have been especially helpful for Beverly. For fun, Beverly loves books that make her laugh out loud, like Janet Evanovich's Stephanie Plum series and the Nerd series by Vicki Lewis Thompson (e.g. *Nerd in Shining Armor*).

Summer is the only chance that Beverly has to read things purely for enjoyment. During the school year she is totally occupied with academic reading. Her prize will pay part of the cost of the last item remaining on her textbook list for this semester – a \$75 anthology of plays.





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)

Thursdays 4:30 p.m.
Bilingual Storytime
(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.

Para los Niños

Tuesday, 7 p.m.
October 13 (English)
October 20 (Spanish)



Para los Niños is a program designed to help parents gain access to resources, and activities that improve their ability to serve as the "first teachers" of their children. A different theme is covered each session.

Robin Bush Activity Room

Eight 2 Twelve Club

October 6, 4:30 p.m.
Flip Books

Tremendous Tuesday's
4:30 p.m.

October 13 - Crafts
Juggling Pumpkins



October 20 - Silly Science!
Fire Safety

October 27
Game Day
Play Board Games
with your Friends



HOME SCHOOLERS

Mondays
October 5 & 19
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 home schoolers your age. A snack is provided.

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.

Monday, October 19, 3:30pm

Opera to Go Musical

How Nanita Learned to Make Flan!

Community Center
Forum





Folio to Film
Monday,
October 12, 6 p.m.
Young Adult
Discussion

The library is hosting a special program for Teens in conjunction with the traveling art exhibit "Once upon a time: telling stories through clay" provided by the Museum of Fine Arts, Houston and in celebration of Teen Read Week.

This program is Folio to Film and will provide teens with the opportunity to discuss the how different artistic mediums affect storytelling. "Coraline" by Neil Gaimon is the example we are using to prompt the discussion. Teens will watch the film version of the book then discuss differences between the story depicted in the novel and the film interpretation. Any teens planning to attend are encouraged to read the Hugo award winning novella on which this film is based.

The Folio to Film program also carries the theme presented in the MFA exhibit currently on display in the library. The film "Coraline" was made using stop motion animation which is created using clay figures. The figures are moved in very small increments between individual frames; when the frames are played together, the object appears to move on its own. "Coraline" was a giant undertaking by director Henry Selick, the movie took over eighteen months to shoot and that was after two years of pre-production.

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



Teen Scene

Wednesdays 4:30-6:00 p.m.

Chess & Go Club

Strategy is the name of the game! All levels welcome. Don't know how to play? We can teach you!

Saturday, October 3, 1-3 p.m.

Sunday, October 4, 1-3 p.m.

Sam T's SAT Prep

On Saturday take a practice test then troubleshoot on Sunday.

Must register for both sessions.

Call 281-376-4610 or go to www.hcpl.net -events and programs.

Saturday, October 24, 10 a.m.-2:15 p.m.

Saturday, October 31, 10 a.m.-12:15 p.m.

Princeton Review SAT Prep

Preparation for the SAT. Teens should register for and attend both sessions.

Thursday, October 8, 6 p.m.

Teen Homework Night

Need to work on a group project? Have a paper due? This is the place for you!

Saturday, October 10, 2:30 p.m.

Sugar Skull Decoration

Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month with a traditional Mexican craft. **Must Register**

Monday, October 12, 6 p.m.

Teen Read Week: Folio to Film

Using "Coraline" by Neil Gaimon as an example, we will discuss the differences between storytelling in print and in film.

Monday, October 26, 4 p.m.

Teen Afternoon Book Club

This month's title is "Dracula" by Bram Stoker.



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**

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.bb1f.org

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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.

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.

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