



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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Saturday, 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.

Please use the adjacent Book Fair voucher. Additional vouchers are at the library and online at bbbf.org.

Barbara Bush Library Tops in Circulation



Congratulations to the Barbara Bush Library on being number one in circulation for the Harris County Public Library system for both June and July.

July figures were our highest ever for that month -- 132,021, Combined figures for these two months were our highest ever for the summer --268,053.

Kudos to the library staff, volunteers, and Friends for their great success in serving the increasing number of patrons. Great Job!

Barnes & Noble BOOKFAIR Supporting Barbara Bush Library Friends

Saturday, September 5, 2009
9 a.m. - 11 p.m.

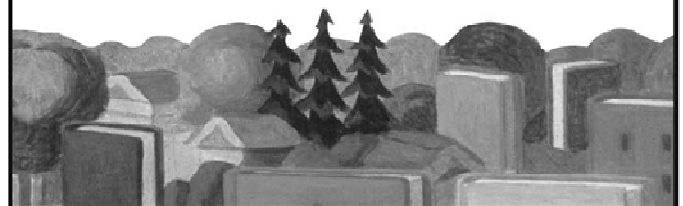
Barnes & Noble
Houston Champions

5303 FM 1960 West
Houston, TX 77069

Please present this voucher prior
to making your purchase.
A percentage of the net sale will
be donated to your school/organization.*

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*The purchase of gift cards, Barnes & Noble memberships, text books and magazine subscriptions are not included in bookfair totals. Our discount purchasing program may not be applied to bookfair purchases.



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 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 Library will be the first host, with the exhibit on display September 14 through November 22.

Some of the works that will be shown are directly inspired by stories: events from the artist's life, their dreams, or books they read. Others just suggest stories through their imagery. In "Bellhop Teapot," Martin and Judy Bibby created a teapot in the form of a bellhop eager to deliver suitcases. Artist Anthony Bennet's mysterious sculpture of a human head tattooed with symbols of violence, drug use, and death was inspired by "The Dice Man" by Luke Rhinehart, a book in which the main character makes all of his decisions based on the roll of the dice.

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 other items in their 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.



Martin Bibby, British, and Judy Bibby, British, manufactured by The Teapottery, Bellhop Teapot (7), c. 1985, porcelain, the MFAH, Garth Clark and Mark Del Vecchio Collection. C Martin Bibby and Judy Bibby



Anthony Bennett, British, born 1949, Dice Head, 2004, earthenware, the MFAH, Garth Clark and Mark Del Vecchio Collection, gift of Garth Clark and Mark Del Vecchio. C Anthony Bennett



Volunteer Training

English as a Second Language (ESL)

Saturday, September 12
9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

The Barbara Bush Branch Library is seeking volunteer tutors to help non-English speaking adults learn to read, write, and speak English.

You need not speak another language nor have teaching experience. At the workshop we will introduce you to teaching techniques and materials which will allow you to communicate with non-English speaking students. After training you will be matched with a student or small group of students meeting at the library at a mutually convenient time.

For more information

<http://www.hcpl.net/literacy/literacy.htm>
or call Nancy Pearsall at 281-376-4610

A Thank-You Note Received From a Satisfied Customer

"I am writing to you regarding the computer training courses offered at Barbara Bush Library. I recently completed the 42 hour cycle of training and wish to commend the administrators for making such a valuable resource available to the public. More importantly, I would like all involved to know that the instructor Dave Smith is an excellent teacher. His knowledge of the subject is extensive, his classroom demeanor exceptional, and I am sure that I speak for many students in saying thank you to Mr. Smith for an exemplary performance."



Tech Training Assistant Dave Smith teaches ten computer classes each week in the Barbara Bush Library Friends Computer Lab. Click on the branch events calendar for the

schedule and to make a reservation: <http://www.hcpl.net/content/events-programs>



Workforce Solutions will be returning to the Barbara Bush Branch for two free workshops in September.

RESUMES

September 3, 2-4 p.m.
Earl Elliott Room

You may have the skills the employer is looking for and never get to the interview if your resume does not highlight those skills. Develop a professional resume that will match your skills and experience to the job and employer you are looking for. Most employers will ask you to complete an employment application, even if you have a great resume. Learn how to complete an application for employment thoroughly, accurately, and neatly.

INTERNET RESOURCES

September 17, 2-4 p.m.
Earl Elliott Room

Many job seekers spend time on the Internet. Is there really an employer on the other side of the screen? Learn how to use the Internet effectively in your job search and research labor market information to identify occupations that are growing and have openings.

No registration required for either workshop.

Hurricane Season is Here

Last fall Hurricane Ike took us all by surprise. Let's not be surprised again. Let's be prepared!

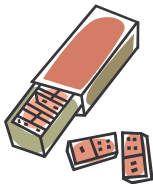
On Friday, September 18, at 10:30 am, the Harris County Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management will visit the Barbara Bush Library to present a special program on proper preparation in order to stay safe during a hurricane. In this hour-long presentation, you will learn basic key steps to ensure that you and your loved ones will be safe in case of hurricane emergencies. There will also be time for question and answers after the presentation.

For a preview of what will be covered at the program, view the Harris County brochure on "Hurricane Preparedness and Evacuation Information" at this website: <http://www.hcoem.org/Documents/Hurricanebrochure.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.



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, 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.



Database Demo
Business Research
Friday, September 12, 11 a.m.
Second Floor Computer Lab



Want to look up businesses by type AND by zip code? Want to buy American? Job-hunting and need to know more about a particular business? Come see how to use ReferenceUSA and Business & Company Resource Center at our Business Research Database Demo.

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>



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.

Hispanic Heritage Month



Ojo de Dios
Saturday, September 19
2 p.m.
Robin Bush Room

Para Los Ninos
Tuesday
Sept. 15 (English)
Sept. 22 (Spanish)
7 p.m.

Robin Bush Activity Room



Tremendous Tuesday Eight 2 Twelve Club 4:30 p.m.



September 1
Healthy Snacks

September 8
Fall Book Marks



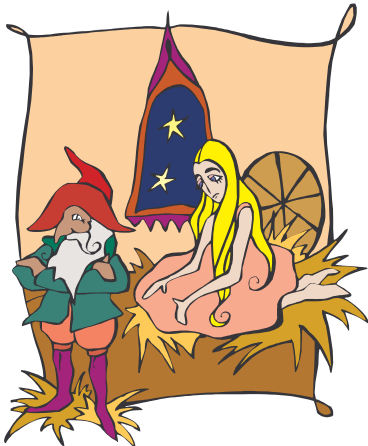
September 16
Silly Science
Bare Bones

Rumplestiltskin

Puppet Show
Presented by
Marionette Playhouse

Saturday
September 26
2:30 p.m.

Community Center
Forum



Monday, September 14, 4:30 p.m.

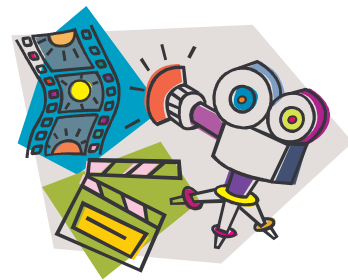
For children and a special adult in
their life (Mom, Dad, Grandma,
Grandpa, Aunt, Uncle, etc.)
No registration required.
Robin Bush Children's Activity Room

Monday, September 21, 3:30 p.m.
Homeschool Book Club
Robin Bush Activity Room

Movie Xtra

Tuesday
September 29, 4:30 p.m.

Disney tale about two
unlikely friends
Recommended for Ages 6-12
Earl Elliott Room



Teen Summer Writing Contest

This summer Barbara Bush Branch Library and LSC-Tomball Community Library co-hosted our first ever Teen Summer Writing Contest. The contest consisted of four categories encompassing poetry and short story entries for middle school and high school students.

The response from area teens far exceeded expectation and the Young Adult Librarians from Barbara Bush and Tomball received seventy total entries. These submissions were not only from the Greater Houston Area - entries were also received from California and England.

Writing Contest submissions were judged based on originality, use of language, grammar and punctuation and over-all flow of the work. Many of the entries were exceptional and choosing winners was a difficult task. In two categories the final choices were so difficult the judges felt that a fourth person deserved recognition and were given "Honorable Mention".

The Young Adult Librarians at Barbara Bush and Tomball would like to extend a hearty "Thank You" to everyone who participated in the Teen Summer Writing Contest and they look forward to next year's contest.

2009 Teen Summer Writing Contest Winners

Poetry: Ages 12-15 or Grades 6-8
First Place - Cayla Busby
Second Place - Terri Nicole Boutte
Third Place - Vanessa Wilcox
Honorable Mention - Brandi Ransom

Short Story: Ages 12-15 or Grades 6-8
First Place - Hira S. Chaudhary
Second Place - Jasmine Washington
Third Place - Celia Watson

Poetry: Ages 15-18 or Grades 9-12
First Place - Ashley Herrera
Second Place - Aisha Bouderdaben
Third Place - Kristi Vo

Short Story: Ages 15-18 or Grades 9-12
First Place - Terazha Pitts
Second Place - Aisha Bouderdaben
Third Place - Elizabeth deSpain
Honorable Mention - Marie Chenevert

Teen Scene

September

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, September 12, 1-3 p.m.

Sunday, September 13, 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.

Wednesday, September 16, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Teen Note Taking Workshop

Notes are key tools for academic success; learn different techniques and skills for taking good notes. Teen should register for this event.

Saturday, September 19, 10 a.m.-2:15 p.m.

Saturday, September 26, 10 a.m.-12:15 p.m.

Princeton Review SAT Prep

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

Monday, September 28, 4:00-5:00 p.m.

Teen Afternoon Book Club

September's book is "Unwind" a futuristic thriller by Neal Shusterman



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

Book Clubs for Adults at the Library

Tuesday, September 8, 7 p.m.

The Evening Book Club

Earl Elliott Room

The September selection is *So Brave, Young, and Handsome* by Leif Enger. A lively, big-hearted redemption tale; an unforgettable, picaresque Western yarn.

All are welcome, bring a friend.

Monday, September 21, 7 p.m.

The Great Books Discussion Group

WCR Conference Room

The selection for September is *Wealth of Nations* by Smith. For more information please call Earl Bissex at 281-955-9447.

Thursday, September 24, 1:30 p.m.

The Afternoon Book Club

Earl Elliott Room

The September selection is *The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society* by Mary Ann Shaffer. A remarkable tale of the island of Guernsey during the German occupation, and of a society as extraordinary as its name.

Now Available

Book totes \$3 each or two for \$5 available at the Customer Service Desk on the first floor.



Flash Drive 512 MB
\$5 each
Available at the Adult Services Information Desk on the second floor

Provided by the
Barbara Bush
Library Friends



Remembering 9-11

During the month of September there will be a very special painting on display in the library lobby entitled "Life and Liberty." It was painted by Victoria Moreno, age 14, 8th grade.

According to Victoria, "I was born in New York City and I moved right after the attack on the World Trade Center. I did this painting to commemorate the people that died in the attack."

Location & Phone
6817 Cypresswood Drive
Spring, TX 77379
281-376-4610

Branch Librarian
Nancy Agafitei

Hours

Sunday	1 p.m.-5 p.m.
Monday	1 p.m.-9 p.m.
Tuesday	10 a.m.-9 p.m.
Wednesday	10 a.m.-9 p.m.
Thursday	10 a.m.-9 p.m.
Friday	10 a.m.-6 p.m.
Saturday	10 a.m.-5 p.m.



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.

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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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

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