

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

May 2009

Volume 14 Issue 12

## Barbara Bush Library Friends Annual Meeting Monday, May 11, 2009, 7 p.m. Barbara Bush Library

Our Guest Speaker will be Jim Robertson, the Chairman of the Cypress Creek Greenway Project of the Cypress Creek Flood Control Coalition. He will address the vision for the Cypress Creek Greenway Project.

The plan will create a continuous linear greenway along Cypress Creek stretching from west of US 290 to the east where it will connect with the Spring Creek Greenway. The Cypress Creek Greenway will connect a series of existing and future anchor parks. The Greenway will include a hiking and biking trail system that will link to other trails within the parks and the adjoining local communities. His presentation will include an overview of the Cypress Creek Greenway project and an update on the numerous activities underway to make the vision a reality.

Our volunteers of the year will be announced at this time. We will also honor our many other library volunteers and staff. Officers for the upcoming year will be elected. Refreshments will be served.

Following is the slate of nominees for the BBLF board 2009 - 2010

President -- Susheela Beteet

VP - Communications -- Diane Prewitt

Treasurer -- Craner Ford

VP - Membership -- Susan Greer

VP - Ways and Means -- OPEN

Secretary -- OPEN



## Poison Control

Caregivers  
Keep Your  
Children Safe  
Saturday, May 16  
2 – 3:30 p.m.

A workshop on Poison Control and safety issues caregivers should know when caring for children. Wendy Allen, Community Education Specialist, South East Texas - Poison Center is our speaker.

Register through the events calendar on the Barbara Bush branch web page

<http://www.hcpl.net/branchinfo/cc/ccinfo.htm>

or

E-mail [president@bblf.org](mailto:president@bblf.org)

or

Telephone the Library at 281-376-4610



## 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.

## THE BIG READ 2009 To Kill a Mockingbird by Harper Lee

The Big Read is a community wide reading program that will take place in April and May 2009. Everyone in the Harris County Metro Area is invited to read Harper Lee's *To Kill a Mockingbird* and discuss it with your friends, neighbors and family!

From mid-April through the month of May, there will be programs, activities and book discussions that focus on *To Kill a Mockingbird*. Here's what will be happening at Barbara Bush Branch in the Earl Elliott Room.

**View the Movie**  
**Friday, May 8, 10 a.m.**  
or

**Wednesday, May 6, 6 p.m.**

**Special Program**  
"To Fly a Mockingbird"  
**Saturday, May 2, 11 a.m.**

An intergenerational kite program for families featuring artist Yu-ru Huang and kites provided by the Taiwanese Heritage Society.

**Author Visit**  
**Thursday, May 7, 4 p.m.**

A special presentation and book-signing by Charles Shields, author of "Mockingbird: a Biography of Harper Lee" and "I Am Scout", a young adult version of this biography in the Forum of the Community Center across from the library.

The Big Read is funded in part by a grant from the National Endowment for the Arts. To see special resources and other events that will be happening throughout the Harris County metro area, visit <http://www.bigreadtexas.org>.



## The Writing Award NEA Big Read -Texas

The Big Read, an initiative of the National Endowment for the Arts, is a community-wide reading program that will take place in May 2009. We invite everyone in the Harris County metro area to read Harper Lee's *To Kill a Mockingbird* and discuss it with friends and family.

**ELIGIBILITY:** The contest is open to people who participate in the Big Read Texas 2009 events.

**Deadline:** May 31, 2009

**Procedures:**

**First,** read *To Kill a Mockingbird*.

**Second,** reflect on the speech of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. "I Have a Dream".

**Third,** write your words after "I have a dream that . . ." on the mockingbird sheet.

**Fourth,** submit the sheet with your contact information to the participating group. Winners will be chosen from each of the participating groups, and announced in June 2009. Each winner will receive a predecorated kite, a kite made by an award-winning kite artist, and a certificate.

All submissions will be included in the next public presentation of the "Echoes of Languages"\* project.

This event is sponsored by The Taiwanese Heritage Society of Houston, in partnership with the Harris County Public Library, Bellaire City Library, Brazoria County Library, and the Barbara Bush Library Friends.\*"Echoes of Languages" is an ongoing and collaborative art project, funded in part by a grant from Harris County through the Cultural Arts Council of Houston/Harris County in 2006.

Please leave your contact information on the sheet if you wish to receive an invitation to view your "Wings of a Dream" in the next public presentation of this project.

## Workforce Solutions to Continue Seminars Thursdays, May 7 & May 21 2 - 4 p.m.

The Barbara Bush Library will continue to host a Workforce Solutions Job Search Seminar Series. On May 7 Creating a Resume/ Completing the Application. The May 21 seminar is yet to be determined.

“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.”

Workforce Solutions provides human resource services for businesses and residents of the 13-county Houston-Galveston Gulf Coast region. Their mission is to help employers meet their workforce needs and individuals build careers so both can compete in the global economy. Workforce Solutions is funded by state and federal tax-dollars that are redirected back into the Gulf Coast region.

For more information and to register for the free classes in May, please call the library at 281-376-4610 or register online by going to the branch library web page at [www.hcpl.net/branchinfo/cc/ccinfo.htm](http://www.hcpl.net/branchinfo/cc/ccinfo.htm) and following the link to “Events and Programs.”

**T  
E  
E  
N  
S**

### Chess and Go Club

Every Wednesday, 4:30-6 p.m.  
May 6, 13, 20, 27

### Big Read Kite Making

May 2, 11 a.m.

### Sam T's SAT Prep: Practice Test

May 2 & May 3, 1-3 p.m.  
\*Must Register\*

### Big Read Film Viewing *To Kill A Mockingbird*

May 6, 6 p.m.

### Big Read Author Visit

Charles Shields  
May 7, 4 p.m.

### SAT Prep. Hosted by Princeton Review

Saturday, May 9, Part 1  
Saturday, May 16, Part 2  
\*Must Register\*

### Home School Book Club

Thursday, May 28  
10-11:15 a.m.

*Keeping Corner* by Kashmira Sheth

### Arcade Day

Saturday, May 30  
2-4 p.m.

## Appreciation Reception

Thank you to all members, donors, and friends that attended the reception held April 21 at the Library. Everyone in attendance was treated to fine food and fellowship and had a chance to check out what is new at the Library.

A special "Thank you" goes out to the library staff for their wonderful and informative displays.

## Barbara Bush Library Friends Planning Meeting June 1, 7 - 9 p.m.

BBLF Board Meeting is a Planning Meeting for the upcoming year. All members are invited to attend.

If you are not a Friend of the Library and would like to be a part of this vital group please contact [president@bblf.org](mailto:president@bblf.org)

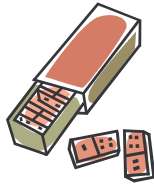


Young Adult display from Friends Appreciation reception





**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.



**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.

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 (218) 376-4610.

**Investing Research Database Demonstration**  
**Friday, May 8, 11 a.m.**  
**Computer Lab**



Need an unbiased opinion on a stock? Or to screen stocks for particular criteria? Check Value Line, one of the most widely used independent investment information services in the world. Value Line is a weekly investment advisory service popular with both neighborhood investment clubs and individual investors for its buy, sell, hold, etc., recommendations. Maybe you'd rather not go it alone with your investment choices. Maybe mutual funds are for you! Check Morningstar, the top name in mutual funds investment information services, which covers both stocks and mutual funds. The library has both print and online subscriptions. Come see how to access both Value Line and Morningstar online at the Investing Research Database Demos. The database demos are presented by Margaret A. Davis, reference librarian, at the Barbara Bush Branch Library.

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



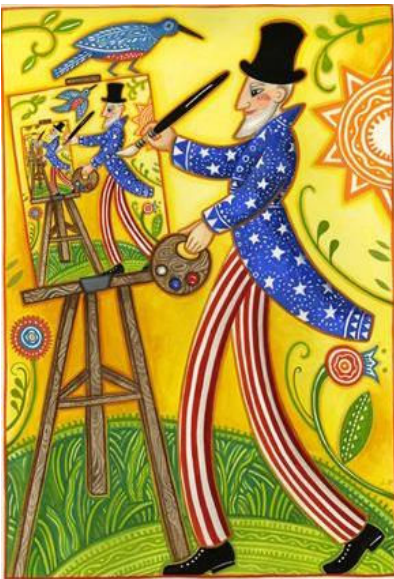


Image courtesy of  
Julie Paschkis  
[www.juliepaschkis.com](http://www.juliepaschkis.com)

## Barbara Bush Library Awarded Two Grants

The National Endowment for the Humanities has selected the library to receive the 2009 "We the People: Picturing America" bookshelf grant. As a recipient, the library will receive a set of nineteen hardcover books for the collection. "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. The books are a literary complement to the NEH Picturing America set of visual resources that the library received last year, including reproductions of 40 works of great American art. More information will be coming as the library staff prepares displays and programming around these materials in the fall.

The second grant is for \$1100 from the North Harris County Branch of the American Association of University Women to fund a project called "Reaching Early Readers." These funds will be used to purchase phonics materials to help parents of children learning to read, early readers, and ESL students. Materials will include books, book sets, book and CD kits, CD's and DVD's.

We appreciate the support of these dedicated organizations in helping us fulfill the mission of the Harris County Public Library: "to provide information and resources to enrich lives and strengthen communities through innovative services within and beyond our walls."



Egg hunt fun at the library



Children at Silly Science view an experiment performed by Akhila Bhat, Children's Librarian



It was a very full house when the staff cooked their favorite international dishes to honor and thank library volunteers and Friends.



Staff members in ethnic dress from their countries of origin helped set the tone for the international theme at the Volunteer Appreciation luncheon





## Indian Dance Program

Asian Pacific Heritage Month Program

**Wednesday, May 27**

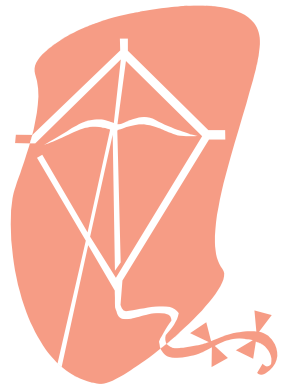
**4:30 p.m.**

**All Ages**

*Robin Bush Room*

## To Fly A Mockingbird

**Saturday, May 2  
11 a.m.**



A program for the entire family  
Build a kite

Write your dreams on the kite and fly it

This program sponsored by the  
Taiwanese Heritage Society  
Earl Elliott Room



## Children's Book Swap



**May 1-16** children earn "Book Bucks" by bringing gently used children's books to the Children's Information Desk.

**May 17, 1:30-4:30p.m.** children spend their "Book Bucks" for new to them gently used children's books!

## Caregivers: Keep Your Children Safe

A child safety program for parents and caregivers of children

**Sat., May 16, 2 p.m.**

Sponsored by  
Barbara Bush Library Friends



## Tremendous Tuesdays

### Eight 2 Twelve Club

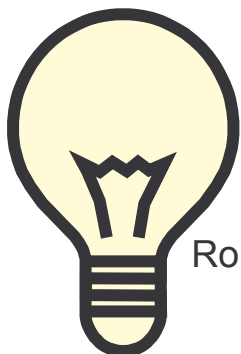
May 5, 4:30 p.m.

Let's Scream for Ice Cream

### Crafts

Fun with Beads

Tuesday, May 12, 4:30 p.m.



### Silly Science

May 19, 4:30pm

**Brilliant Science Lights**

Robin Bush Children's Activity Room

## 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, May 12, 7 p.m. - The Evening Book Club** will discuss *The Double Bind* by Chris Bohjalian. "Working at a homeless shelter, student Laurel Estabrook encounters Bobbie Crocker, a man with a history of mental illness and a box of secret photos, but when Bobbie dies suddenly, Laurel embarks on an obsessive search for the truth behind the photos." The book selection for May is *Sarah's Key* by Tatiana de Rosnay. All are welcome, bring a friend.

**Monday, May 18, 7 p.m. - The Great Books Discussion Group** will discuss *Notes from the Underground* by Dostoevsky. Please call Earl Bissex 281-955-9447 for information. The selection for June is *Exodus* from the *Bible*.

**Thursday, May 28, 1:30 p.m. - The Afternoon Book Club** will discuss *The Samurai's Garden* by Gail Tsukiyama. "Tsukiyama uses the Japanese invasion of China during the late 1930s as a somber backdrop for her unusual story about a 20-year-old Chinese painter named Stephen who is sent to his family's summer home in a Japanese coastal village to recover from a bout with tuberculosis. Here he is cared for by Matsu, a reticent housekeeper and a master gardener.

### Artist Spotlight

In honor of Asian Pacific Heritage Month the art of Shirley Hsieh will be on exhibit in the second floor gallery during the month of May.

Shirley comes from Taiwan and is now a resident of Paradise Springs on Cypresswood. She paints landscapes and still life. She started painting less than a year ago and may have missed her calling.

#### LIBRARY WINS A DIGITAL PICTURE FRAME

The Barbara Bush Library will receive one of ten Kodak EasyShare EX-1011 Digital Picture

Frames with 2GB memory cards as a result of submitting a winning proposal to the "Hear, See & Connect" competition for the Harris County Public Library. We will use the equipment in house to make customers aware of our programs and services, and we can also take it with us when we go out into the community to participate in events such as the Spring ISD Book Festival, PTA meetings, or Chamber of Commerce events.



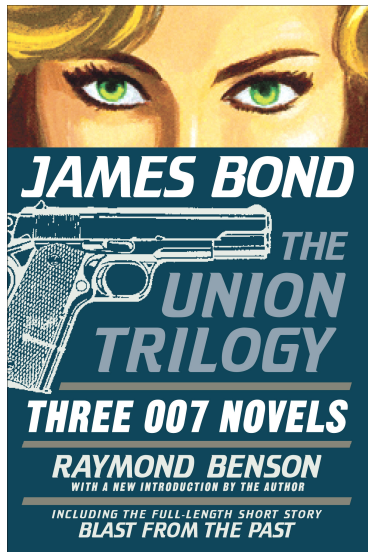


**Author Visit**  
**Raymond Benson**  
 May 21, 7 p.m.

Mr. Raymond Benson will talk about the history of "007". Mr. Benson is the official James Bond continuation novel author. He will present a slideshow all about the history of 007. It will cover the life of Ian

Fleming who originally created the character of James Bond, the rise of 007 in popularity through novels and films, and finally end with Mr. Benson's own involvement in the franchise. From 1996 through 2002, Raymond Benson wrote and published worldwide six original Bond novels, three film novelizations, and three short stories. Since then, he has been writing his own suspense thrillers.

Mr. Benson is a film historian and currently teaches Film History at the College of DuPage in Glen Ellyn, Illinois. He presents with Chicago film critic Dann Gire a series of live lectures called "Dann & Raymond's Movie Club" at various venues. For a more complete bio, see his website at [www.raymondbenson.com](http://www.raymondbenson.com).



The Barbara Bush Library Friends will make two of Mr. Benson's books available for purchase and signing: "Dark Side of the Morgue" and "The Union Trilogy: Three 007 Novels." Light refreshments will be served.

**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.

- Barbara Bush Library Friends Board 2008-2009
- President Susan Greer
  - VP Membership Susheela Beteet
  - VP Ways and Means Jeannette Loverdi
  - VP Communications Diane Prewitt
  - Secretary Delores Moring
  - Treasurer Craner Ford

**Author Visit**  
**Charles Shields**  
 May 7, 4 p.m.

The Harris County Public Library has received a grant from the National Endowment of the Arts to present the Big Read in the metropolitan Houston area. The Big Read is a community-wide reading program. People from all walks of



life, including middle and high school students, are encouraged to read and discuss important issues raised by a single book. This year's selection is "To Kill a Mockingbird", the Pulitzer Prize-winning classic by Harper Lee.

One of the programs sponsored by this grant is a presentation by author Charles Shields who wrote the biography of the very private Harper Lee called "Mockingbird." Mr. Shields will discuss the surprises he encountered while writing the book, including Miss Lee's efforts to discourage friends from speaking with him; the parallels between "To Kill a Mockingbird" and Miss Lee's life; and the reasons why she never published a second book.

The presentation is hosted by the Barbara Bush Library Friends in the Forum of the Cypress Creek Christian Community Center across from the library. Mr. Shields will respond to questions after his presentation. The Barbara Bush Library Friends will have his books available for purchase and signing by Mr. Shields.

**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.bbllf.org](http://www.bbllf.org)