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## Great Job Middle School

March was a busy month for the library. The Middle School students are feverishly working on projects as dead-lines drew near. The science project books were in high demand and so were the public computers. Upon completion, the projects could be set-up and viewed on March 27th when the Middle School had its Band Concert/Pancake Supper. The money raised from this event would be used for a special field trip at the end of the year for the grade achieving the highest composite score on the TAKS test. It was good seeing the community work together to help our students and the kids did not disappoint. It was table to table and wall to wall of science projects. All three grades participated and the projects were viewed by judges and awarded prizes. Congratulations, students and teachers, on a job well done.

## Happy Easter

Easter Sunday is the most important and the most joyful of all Christian holy days. Jesus Christ died on the cross on Good Friday almost two thousand years ago. Christians believe that on the following Sunday known as Easter Sunday Christ arose from the dead thus overcoming sin and death. His resurrection symbolizes the eternal life that is granted to all who believe in Him. May you have a Blessed and Happy Easter!

## Upcoming Events

On April 5th join us for the preschool Easter Story Time & Puppet Show at 10:00 am. At the 6:00 pm showing the Easter Bunny will be available for pictures and have goodies for everyone.

Also the Summer Reading Club plans are underway so watch for more details on how to join.



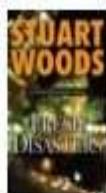
*Library closed for Good Friday*

## Featured Books Coming in April



**Laced**  
 by Carol Higgins Clark  
 Private Investigator Regan Reilly and her husband, Jack, head of the Major Case Squad in New York City, have just gotten

hitched. They are off to Hennessy Castle, a romantic spot in western Ireland, for a honeymoon and some R&R. They encounter a haunted castle, a pair of international jewel thieves, and a hotel fire—what do you think? Reserve a copy and find out!



**Fresh Disaster**  
 by Stuart Woods  
 Stone Barrington, a New York lawyer, is as slick as ever when he and his sidekick, NYPD detective Dino Bacchetti, embark on a dangerous

adventure to defend a sleazy, clueless con man and finds himself embroiled in the underworld of the New York mafia. You will be pleased and surprised with the unexpected and humorous conclusion that Woods delivers. Check out a copy and join the adventure.



**Empire of Blue Water**  
 by Stephan Talty  
 Stephan Talty chronicles the life of legendary Captain Henry Morgan awash with bloody battles, political intrigue, and incredible epoch-ending natural disaster. This well researched account

weaves the young rogue in search of wealth and a good time to the British monarchy looking for a cheap way to defeat the Spanish and finding the champion in the pirate. Captain Morgan was the vital force in British military cunning, success, and ferocity, and did so as a feared yet respected pirate. Pick up a copy and learn more about the infamous Captain Morgan.

## To make Music and the Arts available to us

H. Edward Petsch was born April 24, 1931 in Fort Stockton to Fannie Warnock and Harry Edward Petsch. His first piano teacher, Mrs. Frances Ligon, instilled in Edward a love of music and was instrumental in Edward's admittance to the prestigious St. Louis Institute of Music after his graduation from Fort Stockton High School. There he studied with great Russian pianist, Leo Sirota. Through the Institute, Mr. Petsch also studied with French pianist, conductor, and composer, Nadia Boulanger.

In 1957, Mr. Petsch was invited to teach at the British School in Caracas, Venezuela, where he also performed many concerts. He returned to the United States several years later to join the piano

faculty at the St. Louis Institute for Music and to prepare for his debut concert program.

Mr. Petsch moved to Houston several years later to take over the piano studio of a friend. He soon opened his own studio in Houston for adult piano students. Mr. Petsch enriched the lives of all of his students by his encouragement not only to master the keyboard, but also to pursue goals and overcome life's setbacks. When Mr. Petsch passed away in 2002, he bequeathed a generous gift to the Fort Stockton Library to provide and enhance art, music, theatre, and cultural activities and programming to the community through the library.



### Fast Facts about the Library

- Photocopier for patrons use
- 10 PC with Internet access
- 2 Children's PC with games
- Digital piano for patron use
- Tax forms
- Inter-library Loans
- TexShare databases
- Videos & DVDs
- Books on tape & CD
- Books & Videos in Spanish
- And much more

## Books and more to enjoy on a Rainy Day

### For Children

*This Way, Ruby!*  
by Jonathan Emmett  
*Princess Pigsty*  
by Cornelia Funke  
*Gator*  
by Randy Cecil  
*Tex & Sugar: A Big City*  
*Kitty Ditty*  
by Barbara Newman  
*Grumpy Bird*  
by Jeremy Tankard  
*Bread is for Eating*  
by David & Phillis Gershator  
*Birdsongs*  
by Betsy Franco  
*Pecorino Plays Ball*  
By Alan Madison  
*The Visit*  
by Reeve Lindbergh  
*My Way— A Mi Manera*  
By Lynn Reiser

### For Adults

*Gorgeous Disaster: Story of Debra LaFave*  
By OwenLaFave  
*We, the jury: Deciding the Scott Peterson Case*  
By Greg Beratis  
*Killing Pablo: The hunt for the World's Greatest Outlaw*  
by Mark Bowden  
*Imperial Life in the Emerald City: Inside Iraq's Green Zone*  
by Rajiv Chandrasekaran  
*Two Alone*  
by Sandra Brown  
*Ascent*  
by Jed Mercurio  
*Innocent Traitor: A Novel Of Lady Jane Grey*  
by Alison Weir  
*Storm Runners: A Novel*  
by T. Jefferson Parker

### New Videos

80's blast-off  
Flicka  
The Shaggydog  
Nanny McPhee  
Man of the Year  
Flyboys  
The Marine  
Harry Potter: Goblet of Fire

### For Everyone

*Momfulness: Mothering*  
By Denise Roy  
*The Essential Pope Benedict XVI*  
By Pope Benedict  
*Prayer: Does it make any Difference*  
By Philip Yancey  
*The Tender Scar: Life after the Death of a Spouse*  
By Richard L. Mabry  
*175 Best Jobs not Behind a Desk*  
By Michael J. Farr

## It's YOUR Library...



*We asked library Patron Michael Luna what he has to say about his library...*

One of the reasons to visit the library is to take advantage of the services that they provide. Most of which are free to patrons. For example, they have great movies that one can check out along with the typical hard cover books. Then there is also a series of paperback books that one can take advantage of as my mother does. I

especially enjoy the fact that the library provides a link to the world by providing its patrons free usage of computer utilities. If one needs to make copies then you can come to the library and use their copy machine for a small fee. Nevertheless, and most importantly, the staff at the library is friendly and tries to accommodate ones needs. This is why it is great to have a public library. It is a great place with many purposes. I like the library and I think everyone should enjoy it too.

*LET BOOKS BE YOUR DINING TABLE, AND YOU SHALL BE FULL OF DELIGHTS*

*LET THEM BE YOUR MATTRESS AND YOU SHALL SLEEP RESTFUL NIGHTS*

*QUOTED IN BAR HEBRAUES' ETHICON*

# April 2007

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1  <i>Palm Sunday</i> <i>April fool's day</i>	2  <i>Passover begins at Sundown</i>  <i>Investment Club Meeting @ 6:00</i>	3  <i>Marlon Brando's Birthday</i>	4  <i>Vitamin C was discover in 1932</i>	5  <i>Easter Story Time &amp; Puppet Show</i>  <i>10:00am &amp; 6:00pm</i>  <i>Colin Powell's Birthday</i>	6  <i>Good Friday</i>  <i>Library closed</i>  <i>Teflon was accidentally discover in 1938</i>	7  <i>Billie Holiday's Birthday</i>
8  <i>Easter Sunday</i>  <i>Buddha's Birthday</i>	9	10  <i>First U.S. patent law in 1790</i>	11	12  <i>David Letterman's Birthday</i>	13	14
15  <i>Income Tax Day</i>  <i>McDonald's opened its first franchise in 1955</i>	16	17  <i>Hershey sold its first bar in 1895</i>	18  <i>Literary Club Meeting @ 2:00pm</i>	19	20	21
22  <i>Girl Scout Leaders Day</i>  <i>Earth Day</i>	23  <i>William Shakespeare's Birthday</i>	24  <i>Library of Congress was created in 1800</i>	25	26  <i>Story Time @ 10:00</i>	27  <i>Arbor Day</i>	28  <i>Air conditioner was patented in 1914</i>
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@ the Library



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## Online Library

Many of the Library's resources are available for you to use 24 hours a day, 7 days a week from any computer with an internet connection. Simply go to [www.fort-stockton.lib.tx.us](http://www.fort-stockton.lib.tx.us) where you'll find:

### Online Catalog

Search for books held by the Library, place holds and Interlibrary Loan requests, and renew your items.

### News & Calendar of Events

Upcoming programs, news, and links to images and information about past events at the library

### Links & Online Research

Resources for research and general interest, many of which can only be accessed by Patrons of the Fort Stockton Public Library. Here you will find **Novelist**, the **Automotive Repair Reference Center**, **TexShare** databases such as MEDLINE, Literature Resource Center, NetLibrary eBooks, and the Handbook of Texas, plus links to local, area, state, and federal sites. Keep your library card nearby—you'll need it to access some of these databases!

You'll also find library hours, the history of the library, New Arrivals, and much more.

## April Fool's Day!

The custom of playing harmless tricks on April 1 is said to have begun in France more than four hundred years ago. At that time, New Year's Day was March 25. Celebrations went on through April 1, at which time people exchanged New Year's gifts. Then the French adopted a new calendar. New Year's Day was switched from March 25 to January 1. This confused many people for a long time. On April 1, those who remembered the switch began to play tricks on those who forgot. If you have a trick played on you in the United States, you are an "April fool." In England, you might be called a "nobby," which means a "fool." In Scotland, a person who is fooled by being sent on some foolish errand—is said to be "hunting the gowk." Gowk means "simpleton." In France, a person who is fooled is called a poisson d'Avril, which means "April fish." Why a fish? No one is quite sure but as a special treat you can buy chocolate fish on April Fools' Day.



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