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Sail Away With Books

Each year the Fort Stockton Public Library offers Summer Reading Clubs for all ages and the theme this year is *Sail Away With Books*. All of the reading events at the library are completely free of charge to the entire community. It is a 9-week program designed to encourage, maintain, and enhance children's literacy and proficiency.

Children, from birth through grade 5, are encourage to participate in the Texas Summer Reading Club, a program of the Texas State Library. The program helps young readers maintain and enhance their reading level over the summer break from school and encourage students to read as an important and fun activity. An average of 450 youth sign up each year. They are required to read a minimum of 8 hours over the summer to be considered for prizes and the end-of-summer party.

Young adults in grades 6-12 participate in YAWA– the young Adult Writers and Artists Club, where they explore different types of literature and art. At the end of the summer these students publish their own magazine of original artwork, photographs, poetry, and short stories. Young adults must also read a minimum of 8 hours over the course of the program to be considered for prizes and to attend the end-of-summer party.

The reading club is for all ages so adults who read a minimum of 5 hours are entered in a weekly drawing for items and services donated by local businesses such as free oil changes, haircuts, and dinner for two at local restaurants.

The library is in partnership with the Texas County Extension to offer the FRED Program which stands for Fathers Reading Every Day. The program will run for a month and was developed to encourage fathers to pass on the gift of reading to their children. The kick-off for this program will be May 31 here at the library from 7-8 pm.

To join us on the kick-off of our Summer Reading Programs is Harlin Rhoades. He is preparing a program full of Magic, Storytelling, and Fun! So don't forget– June 7th at 6:00 pm at the library. Come sign up for Summer Reading Fun!

Featured Books Coming in May



Bad Luck & Trouble
by Lee Child
In Child's 11th Jack Reacher adventure nothing is what it seems. The meticu-

lously detailed route to the truth proves especially engrossing thanks to the joint effort of this band of brothers and two sisters who help a fellow colleague. All had been members of the army's special investigation unit headed by Reacher. The unit discovers that the villain wants more than one member of their group. Check out a copy– you won't be able to put it down.



The Good Guy
by Dean Koontz
Tim Carrier, an ordinary guy, is caught in the middle of a mystery. While sitting at his friend's tavern, he is mistaken for some-

one very different. The jittery man who sits next to him passes a manila envelope full of cash and says, "Ten thousand now. You get the rest when she's gone." The stranger walks out, leaving a photo of the pretty woman marked for death, and her address. In minutes another stranger sits next to him and this is the cold-blooded killer who believes Tim has hired him. Tim's quick thinking helps but he must discover within himself the capacity for selflessness and courage that can turn even an ordinary man into a hero.



Presidential Courage
by Michael Beschloss
Michael Beschloss has brought us a brilliantly readable and inspiring saga about crucial times in America's history when a courageous President dramatically changed the future of

the United States. Beschloss brings to life these flawed, complex men as well as their wives, families, friends, and foes. Never have we had a more intimate, behind-the-scenes view of Presidents coping with the supreme dilemmas of their lives. The author shows in this book how none of these Presidents were eager to incur ridicule, vilification or threats of political destruction and even assassination. But in the end, bolstered by friends and family, hidden private beliefs and, sometimes, religious faith, each ultimately proved himself to be, in Andrew Jackson's words, "born for the storm."

Up Coming Events

The Student Spring Art Show which is sponsored by the Comanche Springs Art Association will be on exhibition from May 5 thru May 19 here at the library. All students artwork will be judged May 1st thru 4th on each campus and the winning entries will then be set up at the library. Come by and view the exhibits. A reception will be held on the last day of the exhibit on Saturday, May 19, in the Roberta Puckett Room from 1:00 to 2:30 pm. Join us at the reception for the students, parents, teachers, and Art Association to show our appreciation for their hard work and extra hours in the advancement of art in our community.

Also, the library will be sponsoring the *Blue Moon Concert on the Park* musical series for the 2007 season. We are working with the Chamber of Commerce and Annie Riggs Museum to provide musical entertainment to our community and for visitors during the summer months. The *Summer off the Patio* series will be held at the Annie Riggs Museum and the *Blue Moon* series at Zero Stone Park Gazebo on alternate weeks. Watch for more details on dates and times.

We want to remind patrons that the library will be closed on May 28 in observance of Memorial Day



Fast Facts about the Library

- Photocopier for patrons use
- 10 PC 's with Internet access
- 2 Children's PC 's 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 Windy Day

For Children

A Mama for Owen
by Marion Dane Bauer

On the Go with Mr. & Mrs. Green
by Keith Baker

Ghost Ship: a Cape Cod Story
by Mary Higgins Clark

My Grandma— Mi Abuelita
by Ginger Foglesong Guy

Hooray for Harry
by Kim Lewis

Mama and Little Joe
by Angela McAllister

Fancy Nancy & the Posh Puppy
by Jane O'Connor

Smelly Bill
by Daniel Postgate

Counting Ovejas
by Sarah Weeks

Farley Found It!
by Bruce Van Patter

For Adults

Yellow Eyes
by John Ringo

Texas Showdown
by Elmer Kelton

McKetricks Heart
by Linda L. Miller

Virgin River
by Robyn Carr

Her Only Desire
by Gaeln Foley

Right from the Gecko
by Cynthia Baxter

Montana Red
by Genell Dellin

Feels like Family
by Sherryl Woods

Ice Blue
by Anne Stuart

A Most Unsuitable Groom
by Kasey Michaels

New Videos

77 fun & exciting Martial Arts Drills

Buff moms-to-be

Secrets for reducing your breast cancer risk

Teenage Depression & Suicide-Mysteries Of The Bible

Ramy Gafni's— The Ultimate Guide to looking & feeling great while living with cancer

Quinceanera

For Everyone

How to Overcome fear and live life to the fullest
By Marcos Witt

Repotting: 10 steps for redesigning your life
By Diana Holman

Power of Simple Prayer
By Joyce Meyer

It's YOUR Library...



We asked library Patron Dorothea Ferrante what she has to say about her library...

It's a wonderful place to whet your imagination. There are literally thousands of

books on a myriad of subjects, and if you can't find what you want, one of the wonderful friendly people who work there will smilingly help you. Or they will arrange to borrow the volumes for you through the

interlibrary network. There are computers to use too. Whole recorded series of almost forgotten radio shows to borrow and laugh at again, musical programs, you name it and it is there. Large print books to be easy on your eyes, "talking" books to entertain you as you drive across town or the country, magazines on a wide variety of subjects, and even newspapers from other cities. Personally, I enjoy the new books offered: mysteries, biographies, travel, and my favorite

authors, to be up to the minute when books are discussed. I've reached the point where I find the large print faster to read and easier. I laugh over Red Skelton's antics and Jack Benny's penny-pinching. They're just as funny now as when I sat enthralled before the family radio. And I really appreciate the ladies who work in the library, who are unfailingly pleasant, and who have so much knowledge at their finger tips. This only touches the surface of the many assets to be found in our library.

May 2007

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
National Bike Month		1	2	3 New York State was 1st to institute auto speed limits in 1904	4	5 Cinco De Mayo is celebrated in Mexico as well as US
6 The Chunnel, the tunnel between the United Kingdom & France, opened in 1994	7 Comanche Spring Art Show Begins	8 World Red Cross Day	9	10	11	12
13 Mother's Day	14 <i>Star & Stripes Forever</i> was 1st performed	15	16 1st Nickel was minted in 1866	17 <i>New York Stock Exchange</i> was created in 1792	18 Pope John Paul II Birthday	19 Comanche Spring Art Show Ends Reception in Roberta Puckett Rm form 1-2:30pm
20 Jimmy Stewart's Birthday	21	22	23 Bifocals were patented in 1785	24 Passenger train service began in 1830	25 FSHS Graduation Day	26 John Wayne's Birthday
27	28 Memorial Day Library closed	29	30	31 FRED Program kick-off 7-8pm Copyright Law was established in 1790		

@ the Library



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CINCO DE MAYO!

A little more than a hundred years ago, France started a war with Mexico. In the Mexican city of Puebla, two forts blocked the advance of some six thousand French Troops. The forts were manned by two thousand Mexican soldiers under the command of General Ignacio Zaragoza. On May 5, 1862, cannons boomed and rifle shots rang out as the French soldiers attacked the two forts. Before the day was over, one fort was in ruins and more than a thousand French soldiers lay dead. The battle was won by Mexico. The battlefield is now a city park. In the park, there is a statue of General Zaragoza on horseback. Near the statue is a war museum that was one of the forts that Zaragoza and his men defended in the Battle of Puebla.

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 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.

Book Signing with Linda LaRoque, Author of *When the Ocotillo Bloom*



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ADULT & CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

