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 encouraged 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!

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Ranch War
by J. T. Edson

It seems when a lady's called “Calamity,” chaos follows wherever she goes—even to the mostly peaceful railroad town of Mulrooney, Kansas. Martha Jane Canary’s always been free as the prairie wind, tied to no place or person, so she never expected to inherit a hardscrabble ranch that other folks have been working. She might have even ignored the legal summons to claim her property… if someone hadn’t tried to kill her first. Now, whether she wants the spread or not, Jane’s going to fight for what’s hers. Pick up a copy and join her in this quest.

Texas West
by Tim McGuire

Rance Cash almost always beat the odds in games of chance, women, and gunplay. So when Rance believes he’s won $10,000, he vows to find whoever swiped it. His horse will take him from Texas to New Mexico, and his adventures will take him from impersonating a lawyer to helping a snake-oil salesman. But Rance isn’t entirely blameless. He still owes the Barnes clan, a down-on-their-luck farming family, quite a sum. The only way the son, Jody Barnes, can save their remaining cattle from a mysterious, fatal disease is to round ’em up and head north. If he should encounter a familiar gambler, this greenhorn is ready to take him on!

When the Ocotillo Bloom
by Linda LaRoque

Lynn Devry takes a summer job at a spa in West Texas hoping to dispel the depression she’s experienced since her divorce, only to discover the spa is really a ranch for problem children. Seth Williams, ranch owner and child psychologist, still loves his glamorous ex-wife but finds himself inexplicitly drawn to the needy but prickly school teacher. As this mismatched pair help their young charges improve their self-esteem and modify behavior, both learn it’s not the past that’s important, but the future. Set against the rugged splendor of Big Bend Country, two people meet and discover that all things are possible when the ocotillo bloom.

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Include:
The Student Spring Art Show which was sponsored by the Comanche Springs Art Association was on exhibit from May 5 thru May 19 here at the library. A reception was held on the last day of the exhibit in the Roberta Puckett Room. Thanks to all the students, parents, teachers, and Art Association for their hard work and extra hours in the advancement of art in our community. The following students received the Librarian’s Choice Award: Esai Ontiveros—high school, Kendon Gossett—middle school, Alexis Chavez—intermediate, Lexi Lechler—Alamo Elementary, and Nydeline Villarreal—Apache Elementary.

Also, the library will be hosting a Scholastic Book Fair from June 4 thru June 9. The Book Fair is a great way to connect kids with books they want to read and add to their home library. Together, we can help children develop a love of reading and become lifelong learners.

We want to remind patrons that the library will be closed on July 4 in observance of Independence Day.

Cool off with new releases for June

For Children
A Seed is Sleepy
by Dianna Hutts Aston
Cock-a-doodle Quack! Quack!
by Ivor Baddiel
Brewster the Rooster
by Devin Scillian
Edwardo: The Horriblest Boy
by John Burningham
Lions Aren’t Scared of Shots
by Howard J. Bennett
The Best of Both Nests
by Jane Clarke
Numero Uno
by Alex Dorros
Oliver has something to Say!
by Pamela Edwards
My Life as a Chicken
by Ellen A. Kelley
The Giraffe who was afraid of Heights
by David A. Ufer

For Adults
Boomsday: a novel
by Christopher Buckley
Fire and Rain & Outlaw
by Elizabeth Lowell
The Marriage Game
by Fern Michaels
Back on Blossom Street
by Debbie Macomber
Sixth Covenant
by Bodie Thoene
Simple Genius
by David Baldacci
Revenge of Innocents
by Nancy T. Rosenberg
The Good Husband of Zebra Drive
by Alexander M. Smith
To Love a Texan
by Georgina Gentry
Warrior Angel
by Margaret Weis

New Videos
Cancer and Diet
Suntan Now, Skin Cancer Later
Senior Bone Fitness Workout
Basic Strength Training
For Wheelchair users
Conquering Test Anxiety
Developing Your Self-Esteem
Teens, Body Image & Self-esteem
Depression in School
Teenage Conflict Resolution
Overcoming Jealousy: Anger
Rivalry, & Resentment
Facilitating Multicultural Groups
Multicultural Understanding
Tattoo Art & Design
How to teach your baby to swim
La Fiesta Quinceanera
All About Weather
Arts & Crafts of Mexico
Deserts of the American West

It’s YOUR Library...

We asked library Patron Susie Lacy and her children, Clark & Savannah, what they have to say about their library... As a home school family, we regard our local library as an invaluable resource. It provides ample research and testing material on a vast number of subjects, and I often turn to its shelves to supplement my curriculum. I began visiting the library with my children when they were still very young hoping to instill my love of reading and learning in each of them. Because the staff has worked so diligently to create a warm, child-friendly environment my children look forward to our visits as a treat to be relished.

The personable, attentive librarians provide such wonderful service and really go out of their way to make our experience easy and convenient. We are so fortunate to have such a tremendous array of services available in such a small town—I am so thankful to Elva and her staff for their dedication to excellence.
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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.

**Student Spring Art Show**

**Blue Moon Concert**

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. Here is a tentative schedule of dates for the Blue Moon Concert and starting time is 8:00pm.

- June 15th– Mules of Presidio-Jazz
- June 29th– Day Sisters– Guitar Christian Contemporary
- July 20th– Common Grounds– Classic Rock
- August 3rd– Guitar Slim– Blues
- August 17th– Jazz Café– Jazz

Concerts are possible thru H. Edward Petsch Arts & Music Memorial

**June 2007**

**Children’s programs, Art Exhibits and Scholastic Book Fair**

![Image of children's art and book fair]