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Sail Away With Books

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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!



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 downon-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.

Events

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 .





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

Cool off with new releases for June

For Adults

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

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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| | Scholastic Book Fair Begins | Socrates Birthday | | Summer Reading Program Kick-off with Harlan Rhoades @ | | Scholastic Book Fair Ends |
| | | Bananas 1st imported | D-Day in 1944 on the | 6:00pm | | |
| | Minimum Wage Law passed in 1912 | into US in 1876 | shores of Normandy & Operation Overlord | Fathers Reading Every Day @ 7:00pm | | Neptune was found in 1982 to have 2 faint rings |
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| Continental Congress met to write the | Investment Club Meeting @ 7:00pm | Movie night @ 6:00pm "Night At The Museum" | | Story time @ $6:00$ | | |
| Declaration of Independence | | | | FRED @ 7:00pm Flag Day | | |
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| | | | | 1st Day of Summer | | |
| | Sally Ride 1st | Juneteenth, | | Story time @ 6:00 | | US Secret Service was |
| Father's Day | American woman in space in 1983 a celebration of emancipation | | FRED @ 7:00 pm | e | established in 1861 | |
| 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 |
| | | Abner Doubleday "Father of Baseball" Birthday | | Story time @ 6:00 | | |
| | George Orwell Birthday | Movie night @ 6:00pm <i>"Happy Feet"</i> | | FRED @ 7:00pm | | |
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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

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.

Student Spring Art Show



JUNE 2007 CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS , ART EXHIBITS AND SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

