



# MONTHLY NEWS

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## Friends of the Fort Stockton Public Library

The *Friends of the Library* organization will host its annual membership drive on February 27, 2008, in coordination with Peter Fletcher's concert. The purpose of the drive is to increase membership and educate the community of the *Friends* partnership. It came into existence in June of 2006 and was organized for charitable purposes and is a 501(c)3 entity and has tax exempt status.

The *Friends* purpose is to stimulate increased community awareness, build support in the community for the library, engage in fund-raising efforts and receive gifts, donation, endowments, bequests, and memorials for the library, encourage volunteer participation, sponsor and/or promote library activities, events, and programs.

Membership in *Friends* is open to anyone interested in supporting its cause, regardless of age or place of residence. Businesses, organization, and clubs may become members. In becoming a member of *Friends*, you will be joining many others

just like you who believe in the fundamental necessity of a free public library.

There are different membership levels and annual dues to select from. They include:

- Individual Member- \$10.00
- Family Member-\$15.00
- Patron Member- \$25.00
- Sponsor Member- \$100.00

Your low annual dues will help support the many programming activities the library offers, such as children's story times, holiday puppet shows, workshops and summer reading program. To be a *Friend*, simply fill out the membership form and return to staff or take home and mail in to the library.

Following the drive, join us to an encore performance by the amazing Peter Fletcher. This classical guitarist hails from Georgia and welcomes the public to meet with him after his 75 minute performance. This concert is made possible by the H. E. Petsch Arts & Music Memorial.

## Featured Books for February



### The First Patient by Michael Palmer

Gabe Singleton and Andrew Stoddard were roommates at the Naval Academy in Annapolis years ago. Today, Gabe is a country doctor and his friend Andrew has gone from war hero to governor to President of the United States. One day, while the United States is embroiled in a bitter presidential election campaign, Marine One lands on Gabe's Wyoming ranch, and President Stoddard delivers a disturbing revelation and a startling request. His personal physician has suddenly and mysteriously disappeared, and he desperately needs Gabe to take the man's place. Despite serious misgivings, the doc agrees to come to Washington. It is not until he is ensconced in the White House medical office that Gabe realizes there is strong evidence that the President is going insane. A small-town doctor suddenly finds himself in the most powerful position on earth, and the safety of the world is in jeopardy. Gabe Singleton must find the answers, and the clock is ticking.



### Honor Thyself by Danielle Steel

Carole Barber has come to Paris, with its rain-slick slate roofs and winding streets, to work on her novel—and to find herself after a lifetime in the spotlight. A legend of film and stage, Carole has set a standard of beauty and grace, devoting herself to her family and causes around the world. But on this cool November evening, as her taxi speeds into a tunnel just past the Louvre, a fiery instant of terror shatters hundreds of lives—and leaves Carole alone, unconscious and unidentified in a Paris emergency room. At the Ritz, they wonder where their famous, incognito guest has gone. From California to London, Carole's friends and family begin to make inquiries. They are in shock as they all realize that Carole is far from home and fighting for her life. The book is a tale of survival and dignity, of small miracles and big surprises. It creates an unforgettable portrait of a public figure whose hopes, fears, and heartbreaks are as real as our own. Her courageous journey inspires us all.



### The Killing Ground By Jack Higgins

For intelligence operative Sean Dillon, it begins with a routine passport check. But the events it will lead to will be as bloody as any he has ever known. The man he stops at Heathrow Airport is Caspar Rashid, born and bred in England but with family ties to a Bedouin tribe fiercely wedded to the old ways, as Rashid has just found out to his pain. His thirteen-year-old daughter, Sara, has been kidnapped by Rashid's own father and taken to Iraq to be married to a man known as the Hammer of God, one of the Middle East's most feared terrorists. Dillon has had his own run-ins with that clan, and when the distraught man begs Dillon for help, he sees a chance to settle some old scores-but he has no idea of the terrible chain of events he is about to unleash, nor of the implacable enemies he is about to gain. Before his journey is done, many men will die-and Dillon may be one of them.

## Events

The Fort Stockton Public Library received a Loan Star Libraries Grant. With this grant the library was able to purchase 7 new public access computers along with a color laser jet printer for public use. Two new staff computers along with a color jet printer for the workroom was purchased and a digital camera that will allow us to take pictures of all our events. We also purchased some special holiday story time costumes and they include: Cat in the Hat, Easter Bunny, Santa Claus, and the Grinch. We are excited about the purchases and I know our patron's are too. We are thankful to the Lone Star Libraries because of the impact it will have in

our community in equalizing the digital divide.

Another thing we are excited about is our new website! We invite you to check it out. It was also made possible by a grant from the US Institute of Museum & Library Services and is managed & maintained by the Texas State Library.

The library will hold its Valentine's Day Story Time and Puppet Show on February 14 at 10:00am and 6:00pm.

The library will be closed Feb. 18 for Presidents' Day



### Fast Facts about the Library

- Photocopier for patron 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

## Snuggle into a great book for February

### BlueBonnet Award Titles

*The Winner's Walk*  
by Nancy Ruth Patterson

*Toys Go Out*  
by Emily Jenkins

*Way Down Deep*  
by Ruth White

*The Thing About Georgie*  
by Lisa Graff

*Tall Tales*  
by Karen Day

*One-Handed Catch*  
by M. J. Auch

*One Potato, Two Potatoes*  
by Cynthia DeFelice

*The Middle of Somewhere*  
by J. B. Cheaney

*Just Grace*  
by Charise M. Harper

*Gabriel's Horses*  
by Alison Hart

### For Adults

*The Blue-haired Bombshell*  
by John Zakour

*The Spine of the World*  
by R.A. Salvatore

*Sister Time*  
by John Ringo

*Whispering Rock*  
by Robyn Carr

*Shelter Mountain*  
by Robyn Carr

*A Perfect Marriage?*  
by Cindi Myers

*Her Christmas Protector*  
by Terri Reed

*Bluegrass Peril*  
by Virginia Smith

*Blood Brothers*  
by Nora Roberts

*The Accidental Mistress*  
by Tracy A. Warren

### DVDs

*The Departed*

*Knocked Up*

*Half-Nelson*

*Superbad*

*Vacancy*

*I Think I Love My Wife*

*Wild Hogs*

*Rush Hour 3*

*Harry Potter: Order of the Phoenix*

*Pirates of the Caribbean: World's End*

*Premonition*

*Evan Almighty*

*Mr. Beans Holiday*

### Audio

*Hand of Evil: Novel of Suspense*

*The Venetian Betrayal: A Novel*

*The Darkest Evening of the Year*

*Innovative Like Edison: America's Greatest Inventor*

*Madea's Uninhibited Commentaries on Love & Life*

## It's YOUR Library...



We asked library Patrons Jennifer Dominguez and Victoria Villarreal, what they have to say about their library...

We are very fortunate to have a big and beautiful library even in a small town like Fort Stockton! The girls at the front desk are very friendly and very nice in helping you find your resources. They have

so many books that can be of use for your information, resources, school reports or just to enjoy reading a book.

This past summer was a big experience for me because I was given the opportunity to volunteer for the summer reading program. It was a big challenge for me but I love working with kids. I am

currently tutoring Victoria Villarreal and Ms Valadez was kind and considerate to let me use the Roberta Puckett room to tutor her so it would be less distracting. Victoria is coming along very well. And what does Victoria have to say? "I love reading now! Oh so many books," says Victoria.

# February 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 National Freedom Day	2 Groundhog Day
3 Norman Rockwell, artist, Birthday	4 Rosa L. Parks, civil rights leader, Birthday	5	6 Ash Wednesday	7 1st Ballet performed in America in 1827	8	9 US Weather Service created in 1870
10	11 Nelson Mandela freed from South African prison in 1990	12 Abraham Lincoln's Birthday	13	14 Valentine's Day Story Time & Puppet Show 10:00am & 6:00pm	15	16 Nylon patented in US in 1937
17	18 Library Closed Presidents' Day	19	20 US Post Office created in 1792	21 Polaroid camera was patented in 1947	22 George Washington's Birthday	23
24 Flag Day	25	26 Grand Canyon National Park was created in 1919	27 Friends Membership Drive 6:00pm & Peter Fletcher Concert @ 7:00pm	28 Story Time@10:00am	29 Leap Day	

@ the Library



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**Library Hours**

M- 9am-6pm  
T-10am- 8pm  
W-9am-6pm  
T-10am- 8pm  
F- 9am-6pm  
S- 9am- 3pm

**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 **TexShare** databases such as MEDLINE, Literature Resource Center, NetLibrary eBooks, and the Handbook of Texas, plus links to local, area, state, and federal sites. The Learning Express database has free and unlimited access to courses in math, reading, resume writing, workplace skill enrichment and more than 300 online practice tests for students and adults. Keep your library card nearby—you'll need it to access some of these databases!



*PC Rhythm Singers*



*Christmas Concert*



**FEBRUARY 2008  
CHILDREN & ADULT PROGRAMS**

