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Libraries Love Life Long Learning

It is important for children to have solid literacy skills and instill the thought that education does not end upon the completion of formal schooling. Today's society requires us to learn daily.

Education is the cornerstone of a vibrant and prosperous community. It helps us to grow personally, pursue individual interest, cultivate work skills, learn more about ever changing technological advances, and keep up-to-date on current events and issues. The more we learn how to do, to think through, to apply to real world situations—the more useful our knowledge seems.

When we are immersed in life-long learning, we don't know what we will be learning next. We are inside a mystery story full of plots, twists, and surprising developments. A pattern emerges in this journey—these seemingly random excursions are leading somewhere. There seems to be an underlying purpose in all this learning we are doing. For adults, we get to be kids again and ask "why?" all the time. Learning is full of wonder, fascination and new explorations. It breeds more learning and satisfaction from what we

already know. In the midst of learning something new, we suddenly see things in a different light. After enough learning without being told, taught or tested, we realize we are good at it. So life-long learning helps us by:

- Building confidence
- A gift that keep on giving
- Curiosity rules- "why?"
- Feels creative
- Captivating mystery
- Increases the value of learning
- Learning is loaded with purpose

The library can provide access to uncountable opportunities for life-long learning. So trust in the process of life-long learning and we can learn anything we set our minds to.



Featured Books for March



Midlife Manual for Men by Stephen Arterburn & John Shore

A fresh and funny--yet utterly serious--book about men and midlife. Written for every man who is in or near midlife, it examines five roles men inhabit throughout their lives--that of He-Man, Son, Husband, Provider, and Father--and shows how God uses those roles to build the qualities that make a truly good man. This practical and encouraging book gives men the tools to make the rest of their lives matter. The authors, both in midlife, speak men's language. They're straightforward, not sugarcoating the issues of aging, fear of death, and feelings of loss or failure. They offer hope and show readers how they can live God-honoring, significant lives.



Marching Toward Hell America & Islam After Iraq by Michael Scheuer

A twenty-plus-year CIA veteran, Scheuer headed the agency's Osama bin Laden unit and managed its covert-action operations. His career of developing strategies to keep America safe, by any means deemed necessary by the presidents he served. It was his job to take available intelligence and devise plans to protect Americans, without considering bias, position, or even existing alliances. In this book Scheuer takes on the questions of "What went wrong?" and "How can we fix this?" and proposes a plan to cauterize the damage that has already been done and get American strategy back on track. He lists a number of painful recommendations for how we must shift our ideological, military, and political views in order to survive, even if that means disagreeing with Israeli policy or launching more brutal campaigns against terrorists. America holds its destiny in its hands yet not nearly enough has been done to defend America. This is an eye-opening and ultimately fascinating examination of how far off track the War on Terror has gone and a critical read in understanding what we must do to save it.



The Thing About Life Is That One Day You'll Be Dead By David Shields

Inspired by the immense vitality of his 90-something father, author Shields looks at the arc of a human life in order to come to terms with mortality. Organized into four stages of life--infancy and childhood, adolescence, adulthood and middle age, old age and death--Shields short, snappy chapters are crafted from personal anecdotes (many featuring his wife and teenage daughter), literary-philosophical musing and enlightening scientific data, examining a wide range of human concerns relating to "the beauty and pathos in my body and his body and everybody else's body as well." Shields also visits historical and contemporary figures, from Sigmund Freud to John Ruskin and Woody Allen, for their thoughts on mortality; says Picasso, "One starts to get young at the age of sixty, and then it's too late." Shield's eclectic approach and personal voice makes this extended meditation on living and dying a pleasing and occasionally profound read.

## 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 patrons 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 Easter Story Time and Puppet Show on March 20 at 10:00am and 6:00pm.

The library will be closed March 21 & 22 for the Easter Holidays.



### 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

## Get blown away by a great book for March

### For Children

*Very Lucky Ponies*

by Ruth Benjamin

*Jazzmatazz!*

by Stephanie Calmenson

*Boris and the Snoozebox*

by Leigh Hodgkinson

*Old MacNoah had an Ark*

by Sally Lloyd-Jones

*Marshmallow*

by Clare T. Newberry

*The Jellybeans & the Big Dance*

by Laura J. Numeroff

*Bonjour, Butterfly*

by Jane O'Conner

*Fancy Nancy at the Museum*

by Jane O'Conner

*Fancy Nancy and the boy from*

*France*

by Jane O'Connor

*Cesar Takes a Break*

by Susan Collins Thoms

### For Adults

*Port Hazard*

by Loren D. Estleman

*Shadow of the Gun*

by Ralph Compton

*When the Tide Rises*

by David Drake

*Secrets of the Highlander*

by Janet Chapman

*Wizard's Daughter*

by Catherine Coulter

*When a Lady Misbehaves*

by Michelle Marcos

*Secrets of a proper lady*

by Victoria Alexander

*Price of Pleasure*

by Connie Mason

*Guarded Heart*

by Jennifer Blake

*The Governess Wears Scarlet*

by Sari Robins

### For Everyone

*Living Like Ed*

by Ed Begley

*Ultimate Guide to Green Remodeling*

By John D. Wagner

*Green-Up Your Clean-up*

by Joseph R. Provey

*The Toxic Sandbox:*

*Environmental Toxins*

by Libby McDonald

*Simply Delicious: Recipes with a*

*Latin Twist*

by Ingrid Hoffmann

*Caliente Quilts!: Breathtaking*

*Quilts Using Bold Colors*

By Priscilla Bianchi

*Skinny Quilts & Table Runners*

By Eleanor Levie

*Hacking: The Art of Exploitation*

By Jon Erickson

*I Don't Believe in Atheist*

by Chris Hedges

## It's YOUR Library...



*We asked library Patron, William C. (Bill) Lannom what he has to say about his library...*

My first recollection of a library was as a student in the Ft Stockton Junior

High School on Oklahoma Street. Naughty boys (and girls) would look up the meaning of words in the libraries dictionary. It was so large it had its own table. In high school, I enjoyed *Time* and *Newsweek*. I was also enjoying the adventures of the pilot turned author in *Thirty Seconds Over Tokyo* and *Brave New World* by

Aldous Huxley. John Steinbeck was my favorite author. The city library was located at Main and Division Street and the librarian taught me how to look up books by author or title in the card index. I left Pecos County in 1966 and have lived in Maryland, Arizona and Hawaii. I recently returned to the area and one of the first things was to go by the building at Main and Division. I learned that the library had moved to a new building on Water Street. I was very impressed with this handsome facility and I visit almost every day. There are computers with

high speed internet connections, movies, talking books, periodicals, copiers, tax forms, and of course books. The staff is very helpful in English and Spanish. I would like to see some consideration to expand this facility to include an art gallery, museum, coffee shop, gift and book store, stationary, and garden might be viable. People use to come to Fort Stockton to enjoy the beautiful Comanche Spring and Rooney Park. It is a very pretty little town. Maybe a multi-purpose public library/cultural facility will bring them back.

# March 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1  Peace Corps was created in 1961 by President John Kennedy
2  Dr. Seuss birthday	3  Cat in the Hat program @ Headstart  Investment Club Meeting	4	5	6  Elizabeth Barrett Browning, poet, birthday  "How do I love thee? Let me count the ways."	7  Texas Trans Pecos Library System Workshop in Roberta Puckett Meeting Rm	8  Howard Hathaway Aiken, mathematician & inventor, birthday Invented the digital computer
9	10  Salvation Army of the US created	11	12	13  "Uncle Sam" cartoon was created	14  Albert Einstein's birthday	15  Blood bank 1st created in 1937
16	17  St Patrick's Day	18  Rudolph Diesel birthday -Invented the diesel engine	19	20  Easter Storytime& Puppet Show 10am & 6pm  Spring Begins	21  Library Closed Good Friday	22  Library Closed for Easter Holidays
23  Easter Vincent van Gogh, artist, birthday  30	24  Franz Josef Haydn, composer, birthday Known as "Father of the Symphony"  31	25  Gutzon Borgum, artist, birthday Sculptor famous for Mount Rushmore	26  Fire extinguisher patented in 1872	27	28  Nathaniel Briggs patented the washing machine in 1797	29

@ 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!

The library held a free concert on February 27 which featured award-winning classical guitarist, Peter Fletcher. He has been a favorite of Fort Stockton and was back for an encore performance.

Peter is originally from Atlanta, Georgia and has been playing classical guitar since the age of seven. His formal debut was at the age of 15 under the auspice of *The Brasstown Concert Association* in North Carolina. This artist has performed at many prestigious events around the country and has made five recording for which he has received critical acclaim.

This concert featured some selections from Peter's 2007 CD release, *Music of Four Centuries*, such as the ever popular *Recuerdos de la Alhambra* by Francisco Tarrega. Other repertoire included the *Third Cello Suite* and *Prelude, Fugue and Allegro* by J. S. Bach; *Sarabande and Variations* by G. F. Handel; *Usher-Waltz*, a unique and intense piece by Russian guitarist and composer Nikita Koshkin; and music of Weiss, Crespo and Lauro. The concert culminated with an exciting, powerful Spanish work—*Sevilla*—by Isaac Albeniz. His strong interpretive imagination and technique made the strings of his guitar sing and create beautiful music for the audience.

This concert was made possible by the H. Edward Petsch Arts & Music Memorial. It was dedicated May 6, 2003 and is his gift to enhance art and music in the community of Fort Stockton.



*Peter Fletcher*



*Concert*



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### CHILDREN & ADULT PROGRAMS

