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Schools, campuses and communities across the country celebrate National Library Week, April 13 to the 19th. It is a time to remind the public about the contributions libraries, librarians and library workers make to their communities everyday.

Library use is up nationwide among all types of library users, continuing a decade-long trend, and it's easy to see why. Libraries are places where everyone can go to discover the world. People of all ages visit the library for entertainment, self-help or to find their place in the community. With free resources like books, magazines, DVDs and computer and wifi access, libraries help people find new jobs, do better in school, tackle projects and learn new ways to improve their health. Or maybe you just want to curl up with your favorite book and enjoy some peace and quiet. You can do all that and more at your library.

What makes the library unique is access to trained professionals – librarians – to help people find and interpret the information they need to make a difference in their lives. Our libraries also help keep us connected, providing a space for people of all ages, classes and races to come together, while keeping us connected to events and people around the world.

Today's libraries are modern community centers where everyone is invited to explore, dream and learn. All that's missing is you! So visit your library – in person or online. Bring your curiosity, imagination and creativity, and join the circle of knowledge @ your library.

Featured Books for April



Keeper of Dreams *by Orson Scott Card*

Card offers short, revealing commentaries on these 22 compelling short stories, novelettes, and novellas. These short science

fiction, fantasy and literary stories, along with a handful of the Alvin Maker series and four stories written by a Mormon, about Mormon culture, for Mormon readers, illustrate Card's fascination with complex child protagonists, absorption with moral dilemmas, wrapped up in family love and tensions and new views of old traditions. Card intended several of the stories, *In the Dragon's House*, to open novels not yet written, but even on their own they provide significant examples of his perennial themes: morality, salvation and redemption. A series of introductions and afterwords offer Card's thoughts on his life and his writing which is as absorbing as the stories.



The Dreaming Void *by Peter F. Hamilton*

Hamilton's Void trilogy takes place roughly 1,000 years after the events of 2006's *Judas Unchained*. Humankind has effectively conquered mortality, but

many are still searching for existential transcendence, and some believe the answer can be found inside the Void at the galactic center. The Void contains an entire micro-universe inside an impenetrable event horizon which slowly devours stars to sustain itself. If left unchecked, it will eventually consume the entire galaxy. When the technologically augmented telepath Inigo begins experiencing revelatory dreams, his shared visions ignite a mass pilgrimage to the Void, which some believe will trigger the apocalypse. This first novel is a superbly imagined, cunningly plotted interstellar adventure, filled with fully-realized human and alien characters as complex as they are engaging.



Deluge

By Anne McCaffrey & Elizabeth Scarborough

Precocious twin selkies Ronan and Muriel set out for their heroic third mission: rescuing an old friend who's been wrongfully imprisoned. Petaybee has been invaded by troops intending to arrest the twins' parents and others for aiding Marmion de Revers Algemeine's evacuation of the endangered inhabitants of Kanaka. Marmion herself is languishing in the Gwinnet Incarceration Colony. Ronan and Muriel dodge the soldiers and hitch a ride with space-faring deep-sea otters to reach Versailles Station where they hope to beg influential Federation friends for help. Instead they wind up incarcerated with other youngsters and cruelly tortured until their special skills and friends help them survive a tsunami and volcanic eruption and complete their mission. This concluding volume of the twins' trilogy will primarily appeal to young, animal-loving science fiction fans.

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 in our community on 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 Student Art Show which is sponsored by the Comanche Spring Art Association will be on exhibition from May 5 thru May 17 here at the library. Come by and view the exhibits.

Also the Summer Reading Club plans are underway so watch for more details on how to join.



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 April

For Children

Not Norman: A Goldfish Story
by Kelly Bennett
Dragon Drawing Book
by Ralph Masiello
Robots
by Clive Gifford
Bloodthirsty Mosquitoes
by Meish Goldish
Dog Scouts Of America
by Shelley Bueche & Chris Puls
Turtle Summer
by Mary Alice Monroe
In My Backyard
by Valarie Giogas
Junk Drawer Jewelry
by Rachel DiSalle & Ellen Warwick
Pararescuemen in Action
by Michael Sandler
Apes and Monkeys
by Barbara Taylor

For Adults

Stranger in Paradise
by Robert B. Parker
L.A. Outlaws: A Novel
by T. Jefferson Parker
Prepared for Rage
by Dana Stabenow
Strangers in Death
by J.D. Robb
The Black Dove
by Steve Hockensmith
Lady killer
by Lisa Scottoline
An Incomplete Revenge
by Jacqueline Winspear
Carrot Cake Murder
by Joanne Fluke
What are you wearing to Die?
by Patricia Sprinkle
Her Unlikely Family
by Missy Tippens

For Everyone

The Hive & the Honeybee
by Roy A. Grout
Walks, Walls & Patio Floors
By Jeanne Huber
Christ The Lord
by Anne Rice
Standing Tall
by C. Vivian Stringer
Be Happy Without Being Perfect
by Alice D. Domar & Alice L. Kelly
Stop Whining, Start Living
By Dr. Laura Schlessinger
World Vegetarian
By Madhur Jaffrey
Secuencia De 12 Segundos
By Jorge Cruise
Joy Of Pregnancy
by Tori Kropp

It's YOUR Library...



We asked library **Patron, John Harris** what he has to say about his library... When I was approached by the director of the library to share my thoughts about the library, I became extremely excited and eager to share all the great things the library has to offer!

Coming from a large community to Ft Stockton, my expectations of this town weren't the greatest. Just like many before me who made this commute to Ft Stockton I too quickly came to a realization that this library and town far exceeds my and others expectations of what a public system should be like. I quickly

became fond of the library and made it my weekly, sometimes daily hobby! It is a great source for me to look for information via the internet or by reading a book. Not only has it been a great tool for myself but for my kids as well. My fiancé and I found out that the library would be great for our daughter Victoria to continue her studies when the school wasn't an option. As I became an avid library user and new to the community, through the staff I have come to see what a great town and close community Fort Stockton truly is. Since the first time I walked through the

library doors, the staff has consistently been professional, friendly, knowledgeable and very helpful not only to me and my family but to everyone I've seen follow me through those doors! This is what makes this library so inviting... This brings me to an old saying "Big things come in small packages." Good job to the library staff, the City of Fort Stockton and also to the tax payer because it's you that make this library a true success!

April 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Keep America Beautiful Month		1 April Fool's Day	2 International Children's Book Day— in honor of Hans Christian Andersen's birthday	3	4 Vitamin C discovered in 1932 by C. G. King	5
6	7 Small Library Mgmt Workshop from 11:30 to 5:00 Investment Club Meeting @ 6:00pm	8 Small Library Mgmt Workshop from 8:30 to 3:30	9 1st free public library in Peterborough, New Hampshire in 1833	10 Story time @ 10am 1st 3-dimensional movies opened in 1953	11	12 Polio vaccine used for 1st time in 1955
13 National Library Week	14	15 Income Tax Day	16 Literary Club Meeting @ 2:00	17 Hershey sold its 1st Hershey bar in 1895	18 Yankee Stadium opened in 1923	19
20	21 Charlotte Bronte, novelist, birthday Best known for <i>Jane Eyre</i>	22 Earth Day was 1st celebrated in 1970	23 William Shakespeare, poet & playwright, birthday	24 Story time @ 10am TTPLS Microsoft Application @ FSISD Computer Lab from 8 to 5	25 TTPLS Microsoft Application @ FSISD Computer Lab from 8 to 3	26 John J. Audubon's birthday Most famous work is <i>The Birds of America</i> , sketches of 1065 birds
27 Ludwig Bemelmans, author & illustrator, birthday. Best known for his children's books-Madeline and all her adventures	28	29 Duke Ellington, jazz pianist, bandleader & composer, birthday	30			

@ 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** 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!

How did April 15 come to be the day taxes are due ?

Congress passed the 16th Amendment to the Constitution which allows for the implementation of personal income tax on February 3, 1913. March 1 of the following year was chosen as the filing deadline. The deadline was changed to March 15 in 1918. In 1955 it was changed again to the present deadline of April 15. Moving back the date from the end of the tax year served two purposes—it gave the IRS more time to handle the work and, more importantly, more time to hang on to your money before issuing you a refund. And that's why April 15 is the day of reckoning. Of course if you don't believe this, there's always the conspiracy theory!

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