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Each year the Fort Stockton Public Library offers Summer Reading Clubs for all ages. The theme this year is **Texas Celebrates 50 Years of Reading! Texas Reading Club Jubilee: 1958-2008!** All of the reading events at the library are completely free of charge to the 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 encourage 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 Texas Teens Read!. The 2008 theme is **Game On! TTR.08**. Teens are encouraged to read as well during their summer vacation and become lifelong readers and library users, to establish the library as a safe and engaging space for teens, and to provide programming that will help teens become caring, responsible, and successful adults. A minimum of 8 hours is also required 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 change, 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.

Thanks goes out to Harlin Rhoades at the kick-off of our Summer Reading Club. Children and adults alike enjoyed his artistic and stimulating magic show. Just a reminder that the program continues till Aug. 2 so you can still sign up. Come join us for Summer Reading Fun!

Featured Books for July



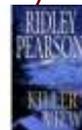
The Last Patriot
by Brad Thor

When a car bomb explodes outside a Parisian café, Scot Harvath is thrust back into the life he has tried so desperately to leave behind. He becomes party to an amazing and perilous race to uncover a secret so powerful that militant Islam could be defeated once and for all without firing another shot or dropping another bomb. But as desperate as the American government is to have the information brought to light, there are powerful forces aligned against it. The book will keep readers glued to the pages as Thor once again takes them across the globe on a heart-pounding chase where the stakes are higher than they have ever been before.



Last Kiss
by Luanne Rice

A promising young man goes out one warm summer evening and is found dead—murdered. No motive. No clues. No answers. Most people reflect briefly on the disturbing headlines and inexplicable tragedy. Or perhaps say a silent prayer of safely removed sympathy, and go on with their lives. But what if the young man was your son? Or your true love? Author Luanne Rice returns to Hubbard’s Point, Connecticut, and to characters from her beloved **Beach Girls**, to tell the haunting story of a close-knit community grappling with a heartbreaking mystery, and of a woman rebuilding her world and reclaiming a love she believed lost a lifetime ago.



Killer View
By Ridley Pearson

When a skier goes missing at Sun Valley’s Galena Summit, Sheriff Walt Fleming quickly assembles his crack search-and-rescue team and heads out into the snowy night accompanied by highly trained search dogs. Within minutes, something goes horribly wrong: a shot rings out, and one of their team is dead. By morning, Mark Aker has disappeared. Following threads of questionable evidence through the glitter of Sun Valley, Walt reveals a crime played out on a much larger scale than he originally envisioned. Waist-deep in snow and knee-deep in lies, the life of his friend in the balance, Walt begins to suspect that the whole operation is controlled by people of great wealth and power, which leaves him where he started: out in the cold. From adrenaline-charged start to explosive finish, *Killer View* is heart-stopping suspense at its very best.

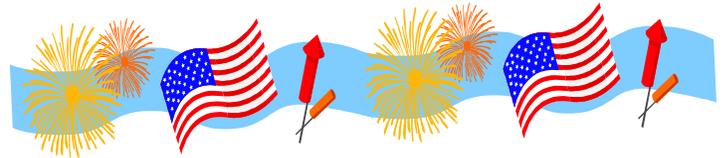
News & Events

The library hosted a Scholastic Book Fair from June 9 thru June 14. The sales generated \$820.72 and \$530.71 was given to the library in form of books. These books will be given to the children as gifts upon completion of their 8 hours of reading. Thanks again for your support in the Book Fair. Together, we can help children develop a love of reading and become life-long learners.

The library is sponsoring the **Blue Moon Concert on the Park** musical series for the 2008 season. We are working with the Chamber of Commerce and Annie Riggs Museum

to provide musical entertainment for our community and visitors during the summer months. Check page 4 for the schedule.

The library will be closed 07/04-07/05 for the 4th of July week-end.



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

Sizzling new reads for July

For Children

Paco & the Giant Chile Plant

by Keith Polette

The Longest Season

by Cal Riphen, Jr.

Hooray Jose

by Michael Garland

Babies in the Bayou

by Jim Arnosky

Ballet Bunnies

by Joan E. Goodman

Cars

by Patricia Hubbell

Ladybug Girl

by David Soman & Jacky Davis

Little Tumbo

by Steven Salerno

The Real Story of Stone Soup

by Ying C. Compestine

The Unexpectedly Bad Hair of

Barcelona Smith

by Keith Graves

For Adults

The Steel Wave

by Jeff Shaara

American Son

by Steve Springer

The Enchantress of Florence

by Salman Rushdie

The Front

by Patricia Cornwell

Silent in the Sanctuary

by DeAnna Raybourn

The Sudoku Puzzle Murders

by Parnell Hall

Now & Always

by Lori Copeland

The Hollow

by Nora Roberts

Getting Old is to Die For

by Rita Lakin

Love the One You're With

by Emily Griffin

For Everyone

Eldercare 911

by Susan Beerman & Judith Rappaport-Musson

The Secret to True Happiness: Enjoy today, embrace tomorrow

by Joyce Meyer

Tattoo: from Idea to Ink

by Joy Surles

Deep Drive: A Long Journey to

Finding the Champion Within

by Mike Lowell

Amigurumi World: Seriously

Cute Crochet

by Ana Paula Rimoli

The Texas Rangers: Wearing

the Cinco Peso

by Mike Cox

The Soul of a Nation

by James Robison

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It's YOUR Library



We asked library Patron, Patrick Ryan what he has to say about his library...

There are a number of things that I like about our library that makes it a jewel in our community. The Fort Stockton Public Library is by far the Best small town library I

have ever been to and I have been to quite a few. The volume of books and other resources are amazing for a library in a town the size of ours. I am a huge Texas history buff and I really like and enjoy the large selection of books pertaining to our state- Texas. There are many books on local history as well as history from other regions of Texas. I

have never seen a collection of books on Texas this large except in a university library. Thanks for that! Also I enjoy the opportunity provided to use a computer to log on to the world web and research endless topics & resources of interest. Since I live out of town, I often spend my lunch breaks @ the library on the internet looking at various topics of interest. The library & staff are very accommodating when it comes to getting on a computer. Even folks passing through our town can come in and get on a computer with ease. I have been in other libraries that have a complicated process just

to simply log on a few minutes to check your e-mail. My daughter has enjoyed participating in the various programs offered through the library which include the summer reading and the Art Show. Or just to check out books- she loves to read just as I do. I also love the facility. It is a nice place just to come & relax at lunch and sit on the comfortable furniture and read a magazine or newspaper. Thank you again for the great resources you provide our community, the comfortable facility and knowledgeable friendly staff that operate our library. In my book ya'll are an A+. Thanks.

July 2008

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| | | 1 Middle School Game on Night @ 6:00 | 2 Susan B. Anthony dollars were 1st issued in 1979 | 3 Story time @ 6:00 | 4 4th of July Library Closed | 5 Sylvester Graham, inventor of the graham cracker, birthday |
| 6 Frida Kahlo, surrealist painter, birthday | 7 Patricia Coombs, author, birthday. Famous for Dorrie series | 8 Middle School Game on Night @ 6:00 | 9 Dick Clark appeared in 1956 as announcer for <i>American Bandstand</i> | 10 Story time @ 6:00 | 11 E. B. White, author, birthday. Famous for <i>Charlotte's Web</i> & <i>Stuart Little</i> | 12 Birthday of Oscar Greeley Clenening Hammerstein II. He wrote lyrics & scripts for some of Broadway's biggest hits |
| 13 | 14 Investment Club Meeting 6-7pm Peggy Parish, author, birthday. Known for Amelia Bedelia series. | 15 Middle School Game on Night @ 6:00 | 16 | 17 Story time @ 6:00 | 18 Felicia Bond, illustrator, birthday. Known for illustrating- <i>If You Give a Mouse a Cookie</i> | 19 Edgar Degas, impressionist painter, birthday |
| 20 | 21 | 22 Gregor Mendel's birthday. Pioneered work in genetics. Middle School Game on Night @ 6:00 | 23 Charles Merchas birthday. Invented the ice cream cone in 1904. | 24 Alexandre Dumas, writer, birthday. Known for <i>The Count of Monte Cristo</i> & <i>The Three Musketeers</i> Story time @ 6:00 | 25 | 26 |
| 27 | 28 Natalie Babbitt, author, birthday. Known for <i>Tuck Everlasting</i> | 29 | 30 Vladimir Zworykin, scientist, birthday. Headed development of the television camera, picture tube, and electron microscope. | 31 J.K. Rowling, author, birthday. Known for Harry Potter series. Story time @ 6:00 | | |

@ the Library



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The Texas State Library is very happy to announce the first annual *Texas Teens Read!* summer reading program. The 2008 theme is **Game On! TTR.08**. The purpose of the program is to encourage teens to read during their summer vacations and become lifelong readers and library users, to establish the library as a safe and engaging space for teens, and to provide programming that will help teens become caring, responsible, and successful adults. Activities include: chocolate lovers party, book talks, video games, board games, trivia games, role-playing games, extreme sports, and more.



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!

Blue Moon Concerts

Schedule of dates for the Blue Moon Concerts and starting time is 7:30pm.

- June 6 Jazz Café- Jazz & Blues
- June 20 Guitar Slim- Jazz & Blues
- July 18 Thumpin Puppies- Classic Rock
- Aug 1 The Hungry Five—Oompa Band
- Aug 15 Jaded- Old Style Rock & Blues
- Aug 22 Grupo De La Paz- Classic Rock

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

JUNE 2008

CHILDREN & ADULT PROGRAMS

