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2006 Summer Reading Club Winners

Congratulations to everyone who participated in the Summer Reading Program at the library this year. Over 470 children, young adults, and adults participated, and an estimated 150 attended the Swimming Party on August 5 at the City Pool,

September is Library Card Sign Up Month

The Smartest Card is @ your library®: Get it, use it at the Fort Stockton Public Library

September is Library Card Sign-up Month, and the Library wants to make sure that your child is among the two-thirds of Americans that carry the smartest card of all – a library card.

Studies show that children who are read to in the home and who use the library perform better in school and are more likely

to continue to use the library as a source of life-time learning.

A library card has always been the most important school supply of all. Kids can come to the library to get homework help and check out books, but families can also check out free music, DVDs and use the Internet to make after school life a little more fun. There's a lot happening at the Library.

A recent study by the

American Library Association also showed that families use libraries to spend time together. Forty-four percent of survey respondents report taking their children to the library for this reason.

Check the calendar on page 3 for activities during September.

For more information on how you can sign up for your library card, visit or call the library today!

where they enjoyed an afternoon of swimming, pizza, and prizes donated by local businesses, with the grand prize for grades 1-5 being a new Dell Laptop computer, and for grades 6-12 a Sony PlayStation Portable, both donated by Michael and Parisa Wright from the MousePad.

Other prizes made possible by the contributions of local businesses and individuals: Skateboards for grades 1-12, Pogo Sticks, Basketball sets for the preschoolers, T-Shirts, Inflatable Chairs, and Gift Certificates from Dairy Queen, China Inn, and ShowTyme Video.

Featured Books Coming in September



Fool Me Once
by Fern Michaels
Olivia was reared by her father, who told her that her mother, Allison, died in childbirth. Content with her job as a dog photographer and a ho-hum relationship, Olivia nearly comes unhinged when she learns that her mother recently passed away—and willed her a mail-order empire, built with money stolen from a bank.



Into the Storm
by Suzanne Brockmann
In a remote, frozen corner of NH, a Navy SEAL team and elite security experts are head-to-head in a raid-and-rescue training exercise. But a receptionist vanishes while playing the role of hostage and they must race against time, a raging blizzard, and a cunning opponent, to save her.



The Road
by Cormac McCarthy
A father and his son walk alone through burned postapocalyptic America. Their destination is the coast, they don't know what, if anything, awaits them there. They have nothing; just a pistol to defend themselves, the clothes they are wearing, a cart of scavenged food—and each other.



Rise and Shine
by Anna Quindlen
Meghan's perfect life hits a wall, when, as host of the highest-rated a.m. talk show, Meghan cuts to a commercial break—but not before she mutters two forbidden words into her open mike. What follows is a story about how she and her sister adapt, and survive the fallout, and the powerful connection between them that even the worst tragedy cannot shatter.

Online Resource of the Month—Updated Library Website

The Fort Stockton Public Library unveiled a new web site last month, with more information, better search functions, and a cleaner, easier to use interface. This new site is just one of the ways in which the Fort Stockton Public Library strives to serve the community in new and innovative ways. Soon, the site will offer an interactive local history section, complete online research information, photo archives, new book lists, and much more. Help us to make this the best resource for online research and entertainment in Pecos County by telling us what you think.



A library, to modify the famous metaphor of Socrates, should be the delivery room for the birth of ideas – a place where history comes to life.
Norman Cousins

Fast Facts about the Fort Stockton Public Library

From April 1 to June 30 the library checked out **18,954** books, movies, or audio materials, had **17,649** people come through the doors, and organized **37** events with **1,031** people in attendance.



Caught Reading!!!!

This lady was caught at the pool reading a good book and the library made sure she was duly rewarded...



Volunteers make our day!

*Where would we be without helpful, friendly, and willing folks that volunteer their time, strength, or resources?
THANK YOU!*

Did you know...Math and science can be FUN?

Really. We aren't kidding. Don't take our word for it, just check out some of these great videos and books available at the library:

Want to start working on the best science fair project ever? Try something new with **Electronic gadgets for the evil genius** by Robert E. Iannini or **Physics, fun and beyond : electrifying projects and**

inventions from recycled and low-cost materials by Eduardo de Campos

Having trouble making sense of statistics or algebra or geometry? Try these DVDs to ease the pain of studying: **Introduction to Algebra I, Exponents & the order of operations,** or **Multiplying & dividing fractions**

Improve your skill and speed with these easy to learn shortcuts from the *EZ math trix* DVD series:

Math and number fun, Division, Multiplication, Addition and subtraction

And when you finish these, reward your smarter brain with a huge helping of blockbuster movies, bestseller books, and relaxing music.

It's YOUR Library...



*We asked Library Patron **John E. Smith** what he has to say about HIS library....*

What a wonderful thing is a library. It is a great repository of ideas that are contained in books, and now, in videos, CDs, and public access computers. The first place that my wife and I became

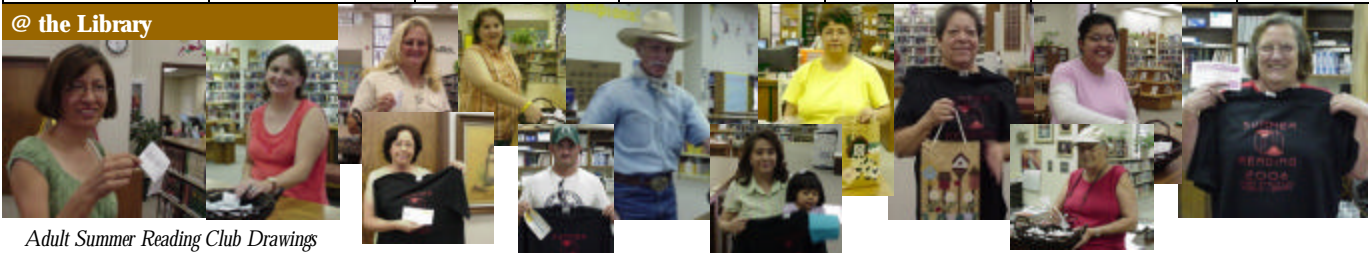
acquainted with when we moved to Fort Stockton was the public library. As a former library board member, I was impressed with the many things available in the library. Best sellers, good magazine selection, excellent Western section, and a good children's library are available to the people of Fort

Stockton and Pecos County. The staff is superb and has always been very helpful to the patrons. The building in which the library is housed is spacious and has good lighting. Fort Stockton is to be congratulated on its public library and its staff.

September 2006

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Library Card Sign Up Month					1	2
3	4 Library Closed in observance of Labor Day	5	6	7 Preschool Story Time 10 am	8	9
10 Grandparent's Day	11	12	13	14 Library Open House 6:30 pm	15	16 Mexican Independence Day
17	18	19	20	21 Preschool Story Time 10 am	22	23 First Day of Autumn
24 National Hunting and Fishing Day	25 Annual Library Used Book Sale	26 Annual Library Used Book Sale	27 Annual Library Used Book Sale	28 Annual Library Used Book Sale	29 Annual Library Used Book Sale	30 Annual Library Used Book Sale
			National Hispanic Heritage Month September 15 through October 15			

@ the Library



Adult Summer Reading Club Drawings

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Ways to Use Your Library card

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| Browse your favorite web sites | Read a newspaper or magazine |
| Plan your vacation | Borrow an audiobook for your next car trip |
| Research your term paper | Find a new recipe |
| Prepare your résumé | Make photocopies |
| Listen to a classical CD | Borrow sheet music |
| Get new ideas for redecorating your house | Pick up tax forms |
| Look up health information | See a new art exhibit |

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.

Everyone's a WINNER



THANK YOU to all of the 2006 Summer Reading Club sponsors, volunteers, and parents for making this year's program such a success.

Reading...the Sport of Champions!



August 5, 2006 at the Summer

Reading Club Swimming Party

Parisa Wright from the **MousePad** presents the grand-prize drawing winners their awards:

Clarissa Perales

was the lucky winner of a Dell laptop computer in the grade 1-5 group

Gullermo Rangel

accepts his SonyPlayStation Portable as the winner of the grade 6-12 group.

Congratulations to both,

and **THANK YOU** to the MousePad for their generous donations!!!