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New Computers!

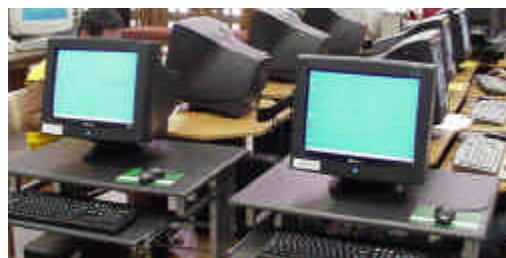
The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation has provided 4 new public access computers for the Fort Stockton Public Library.

The computers were purchased with a grant administered by the

Texas State Library and Archives Commission.

Children's educational games, computer and software training, and Internet access are all available on these new workstations.

Over the past 4 years, the Gates Foundation has provided a total of 11 computers to the Library.



Tricks and Treats

The excitement of children and adults at this time of year sometimes makes them forget to be careful. Simple common sense can do a lot to stop many tragedies from happening.

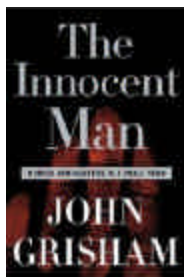
Adults like to have as much fun during Halloween as the kids do! To help keep yourself and others safe, keep an eye on the drinking, don't let it get out of hand. Take the keys away from anyone that may be driving. Have one person stay sober and of-

fer to drive. Know the route your kids will be taking while trick-or-treating if you aren't going with them. Make sure you set a time that they should be home by, and make sure they know how important it is for them to be home on time. Explain to children the difference between tricks and vandalism. Throwing eggs at a house may seem like fun but they need to know the real consequences of their actions. If they are caught

vandalizing, make them pay for and clean up the damage they've caused. Explain to your kids that animal cruelty is not acceptable. Kids may know this on their own but peer pressure can push them to things they wouldn't otherwise do. Make sure that they know that harming animals is not only morally wrong but punishable by law and will not be tolerated.

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Featured Books Coming in October



**The Innocent Man**  
by John Grisham  
Grisham's first work of nonfiction is his most extraordinary legal thriller yet. If you believe that in America

you are innocent until proven guilty, this book will shock you. If you believe in the death penalty, this book will disturb you. If you believe the criminal justice system is fair, this book will infuriate you.



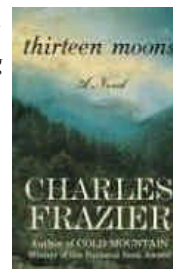
**On Agate Hill**  
by Lee Smith  
A dusty box discovered in the wreckage of a NC plantation house contains the remnants of an ex-

traordinary life: an 1870s diary of a young girl, letters, poems, songs, newspaper clippings, court records, marbles, rocks, dolls, and bones. It's through these treasured mementos that we meet the unforgettable heroine.



**Lisey's Story**  
by Stephen King  
Every marriage has two hearts, one light and one dark, and Lisey Landon

must confront both. King's most personal and powerful novel to date is about the wellsprings of creativity, the temptations of madness, and the secret language of love.



**Thirteen Moons**  
by Charles Frazier  
The story of one man's remarkable life, spanning a century of relentless change. In a distinct voice filled

with both humor and yearning, he tells of a lifelong search for home, the hunger for fortune and adventure, the rebuilding of a trampled culture, and above all an enduring pursuit of passion.

## Online Resource of the Month—Interlibrary Loans

The Fort Stockton Public Library can't provide on its shelves every book available—but they can get almost any book you want through a program called Interlibrary Loan. Through this program, you find the book you want online, fill out a short form, and we borrow the book from another library for you. It doesn't cost you anything, and you pick up and drop off the book right at your local public library. So obtaining academic materials, or finishing all 25 books in the series by your favorite author is easier than ever before. To start using this service, go to the library home page at [www.fort-stockton.lib.tx.us](http://www.fort-stockton.lib.tx.us), then click on "Interlibrary Loan" from the main menu. You'll need your library card, so keep it nearby.

I FIND THAT A GREAT PART OF THE INFORMATION I HAVE WAS ACQUIRED BY LOOKING SOMETHING UP AND FINDING SOMETHING ELSE ON THE WAY.  
FRANKLIN P. ADAMS



**September was Library Card Sign Up Month**  
*These young people attended Pecos County Commissioner's Court on August 28 to receive the official proclamation from County Judge Joe Shuster*

## Did you know... Learning isn't just for students?

Just because you've obtained your diploma doesn't mean you are done with your education. Lifelong learning not only makes for a great hobby, but keeps your mind strong throughout your life. Many studies have been done to show how much lifelong learning can positively affect your quality of life. Beginning is as simple as reading each day—even if it's fiction. The more you read, the easier reading and comprehending becomes.

You can also choose to learn more about something you already do. Such as gardening or auto repair. For a real challenge, choose a topic you may know nothing about such as computer repair or world politics, and set out to learn as much as possible about that topic. Become an expert! Learning doesn't have to be dry and boring either, just check out some of these informative, and *fun*, materials:

- How to read & understand poetry (Audio)
- 50 awesome auto projects for the evil genius
- The universe in a nutshell
- Howard Lederer's Secrets of no-limit hold 'em (DVD)
- American Government The Executive Branch (DVD)
- Rag painting (DVD)
- Freakonomics : a rogue economist explores the hidden side of everything.
- How to cook everything

### Fast Facts about the Library

The current library building at 500 North Water Street was built in 1981 on land donated by the Pecos County State Bank. At 10,712 square feet, it is one of the largest libraries in Texas to serve a population of less than 12,000.

## It's YOUR Library...



*We asked Library Patron Michelle Huckaby what she has to say about HER library....*

I love our library! Books are a treasure and one of the things I delight in. Our library is full of treasures. Our librarians are always very helpful and willing to help find whatever I need. They willingly order

anything I request if they don't have it. My 4-year-old, Garrett, loves to come to the library. We come every week and both of our cards are always maxed out with books he has chosen. I am always impressed with the programs that are offered for the children.

### Fast Facts about the Fort Stockton Public Library

From July 1 to September 30 the library checked out **16,215** books, movies, and audio materials. **14,527** people come into the library.



# October 2006

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 October is Family History Month—Interview your elderly parents or grandparents and record your family’s history	2 October is also National Pizza Month—make yourself a healthy pizza at home to celebrate!	3	4	5 10 am: <b>Preschool Story Time</b>	6	7 1pm: <b>Art @ the Library</b> Jean Purses with Diana Rangel
8 National Fire Prevention Week	9 <b>Library Closed</b> in Observance of Columbus Day	10	11	12	13 The Boston Red Sox won the first World Series in 1903	14 1 pm: <b>Art @ the Library</b> Basic Music Reading and Rhythm using recorders with Jody Day
15	16	17 6 pm: <b>Art @ the Library</b> Hands on Origami with Kimberly Bernal	18	19 10 am: <b>Preschool Story Time</b>	20	21 1 pm: <b>Art @ the Library</b> Painting sunflowers on glass/tin with Barbara Zachary
22 Sam Houston was sworn in as the first president of the Republic of Texas in 1826.	23	24 Minimum wage was instituted in 1940 at 40¢ per hour, and the work week was defined as forty hours of work per week.	25	26 10 am: <b>Preschool Story Time</b> 6 pm: Halloween Story Time, <b>Puppet Show</b> , and Costume Contest	27	28 <b>Trick-or-Treat Night in Fort Stockton</b>
29 Daylight Savings Time ends—Don’t forget to set your clock <i>back</i> one hour when you go to bed Saturday night!	30 HG Wells’s <i>War of the Worlds</i> radio show in 1938—causing panic among many who did not know it wasn’t real.	31 Halloween	November 1	November 2 6 pm: <b>Art @ the Library</b> Beginning Crochet with Sarah Pacheco		October is Computer Learning Month

@ the Library



Open House 09/24

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### ABOUT COLUMBUS DAY

Christopher Columbus's set sail on August 3, 1492 from Spain with three ships: the Nina, the Pinta and the Santa Maria. At 2 am on October 12, 1492, Rodrigo de Triana, a seaman aboard the Pinta, spotted land. Columbus actually had

landed in the Bahama Islands. The 400th anniversary of the event inspired the first official Columbus Day holiday in the United States. In 1892, President Benjamin Harrison issued a proclamation urging Americans to mark the day.

## 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

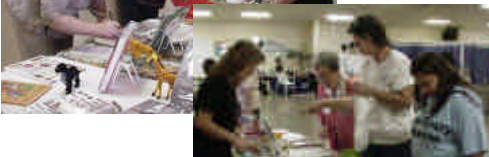
Resources for research and general interest, many of which can only be accessed by Patrons of the Fort Stockton Public Library. Here you will find **Novelist**, the **Automotive Repair Reference Center**, **TexShare** databases such as MEDLINE, Literature Resource Center, NetLibrary eBooks, and the Handbook 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.

### 2006 PECOS COUNTY HEALTH FAIR



This year's theme was *We're on a safari to Good Health*, and the Library took first place for best-decorated booth.



## Continued from page 1—Tricks and Treats

Be EXTRA careful if you are out driving. Excited children can dart out into the street at any time. If you see kids in the act vandalism, or in unsafe situations, and call the police immediately.

### For Kids:

Help your child pick out or make a costume that will be safe. Make it fire proof, the eye holes should be large enough for good peripheral vision.

If you set jack-o-lanterns on your porch with candles in them, make sure that they are far enough out of the way so that kids costumes won't accidentally be set on fire.

Make sure that if your child is carrying a prop, such as a scythe, butcher knife or a pitchfork, that the tips are smooth and flexible enough to not cause injury if fallen on.

Treating your kids to a spooky Halloween dinner will make them less likely to eat the candy they collect before you have a chance to check it for them.

Teaching your kids basic everyday safety such as not getting into cars or talking to strangers, watching both ways before crossing streets and crossing when the lights tell you to, will help make them safer when they are out Trick or Treating.

It's not as safe to let kids walk the streets alone. Send a responsible adult or older teenager with them.

Take advantage of the many fun, safe, and supervised events planned in the community such as the Halloween Carnival at the school and costume contest/puppet show at the public library.

If the whole community works together, we can keep the children of Fort Stockton and Pecos County safe this Halloween.