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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.

To join us on the kick-off of our Summer Reading Programs is Harlin Rhoades. He is preparing a program full of magic, storytelling, and fun! So don't forget-June 12th at 6:00pm at the library. Come sign up for Summer Reading Fun!

Featured Books for May



Black Out

by Lisa Unger

On the surface, Annie Powers life in a wealthy Floridian suburb is happy and idyllic. Her husband, Gray, loves her fiercely;

together, they dote on their beautiful young daughter, Victory. But the bubble surrounding Annie is pricked when she senses that the demons of her past have resurfaced and, to her horror, are now creeping up on her. These are demons she can't fully recall because of a highly dissociative state that allowed her to forget the tragic and violent episodes of her earlier life as Ophelia March and to start over, under the loving and protective eye of Gray, as Annie Powers. Disturbing events trigger strange and confusing memories for Annie, who realizes she has to quickly piece them together before her past comes to claim her future and her daughter.



The Last Lecture

by Randy Pausch & Jeff Zaslow

A lot of professors give talks titled "The Last Lecture." Professors are asked to consider their demise and to ruminate on what matters most to them.

When Randy Pausch, a computer science professor at Carnegie Mellon, was asked to give such a lecture, he didn't have to imagine it as his last, since he had recently been diagnosed with terminal cancer. But the lecture he gave--"Really Achieving Your Childhood Dreams"--wasn't about dying. It was about the importance of overcoming obstacles, of enabling the dreams of others, of seizing every moment. It was a summation of everything Randy had come to believe. It was about living. In this book, Randy Pausch has combined the humor, inspiration and intelligence that made his lecture such a phenomenon and given it an indelible form. It is a book that will be shared for generations to come.



Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull

By James Rollins

In the cinematic event of the year, one of the 20th century's most beloved heroes is back in movie theaters worldwide. *New York Times*-bestselling author James Rollins offers this official movie tie-in novel. Steven Spielberg, Harrison Ford, and Karen Allen are all back for the much-anticipated fourth installment in the Indiana Jones series. For this adventure, they're joined by an all-star cast that includes Ray Winstone, Shia LaBeouf, Cate Blanchett, John Hurt, and Jim Broadbent. Worldwide release is scheduled for May 22, 2008.

News & 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 5-17 here at the library. There will also be a traveling exhibit of Diego Rivera's paintings, Muralist of Mexico. The traveling exhibit is made possible through the H. Edward Petsch Memorial. Explore the beautiful and culturally rich paintings and appreciate the intricacies that make these murals some of Mexico's national treasures. Join us for a reception on the 17th in the Roberta Puckett room.

The library will be closed on May 26 for Memorial Day.



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 May

For Children

Snoring Beauty
by Bruce Hale

Dark Day in the Deep Sea
by Mary Pope Osborne

Little Boy
by Alison McGhee & Peter H. Reynolds

Scaredy Squirrel
by Melanie Watt

Rosie & Buttercup
by Chieri Vegaki & Stephane Jorisch

Mary had a Little Lamb
by Jack Lechner

Oodles of Animals
by Lois Ehlert

Help me, Mr. Mutt!: Expert answers for dogs with people problem
by Janet Stevens

Duck Soup
by Jackie Urbanovic

For Adults

The Third Angel
by Alice Hoffman

Mary, Mary
by James Patterson
(Spanish version)

Zapped
by Carol Higgins Clark

Bulls Island— a Novel
by Dorothea B. Frank

Artemis Fowl
by Eoin Colfer

Armagedon In Retrospect
by Kurt Vonnegut

Disclosure
by Michael Crichton

Rider of Death Valley
by Dane Coolidge

Still Wild— Short Fiction of the American West -1950 to Present
by Larry McMurtry

For Everyone

Knitter's Lib— Learn to Knit
by Lena Maikon

Painted Garden Art
by Kin Wellford

Rock Painting Fun
by Lin Wellford

Tamales 101— Beginner's Guide
by Alice Guadalupe Tapp

500 Years of Chicana Women's History
Bilingual Edition
by Elizabeth "Betita" Martinez

660 Curries
by Raghavan Iyer

America: Our Next Chapter
by Chuck Hagel with Peter Kaminsky

Stanley Complete Wiring

Stanley Complete Plumbing

Miracle-Gro Complete Guide to Houseplants

It's YOUR Library...



We asked library Patron, **Sandra McGuire** what she has to say about her library... When I was asked to write about what I liked about our library I thought, "What's NOT

to like???" Fort Stockton is blessed to have a public facility which consistently exemplifies a positive example of our tax-dollars at work. Our large knowledge garden in the desert is packed full of tools from which a person can use

to expand and grow. They have available 2 children's PC's with games for learning, a digital piano, videos, DVD's, books on tape and CD, books and videos in Spanish and internet access available on 10 PC's. The staff at the library is always available and very helpful to everyone who has a question or concern in every area of the library but also in areas of our community events. They sponsor functions such

as the Blue Moon Concerts, host puppet shows, summer reading programs, magic shows, classical concerts, and several other children's and adult programs that allow every person in our community to benefit from Reading, Music and the Arts. My first experience with the library was while taking a literary class almost 16 years ago and I have been hooked every since.

May 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
National Physical Fitness & Sports Month				1 Mother Goose Day	2	3 In 1904 New York State became 1st state to institute auto speed limits
4	5 Comanche Spring Art Show Begins Cinco De Mayo Investment Club meeting	6 Sigmund Freud, psychiatrist, birthday	7 Robert Browning, poet, birthday	8 Story time @ 10am	9 J.M. Barrie, author, birthday. Famous for <i>Peter Pan</i>	10
11 Mother's Day Irving Berlin, songwriter, birthday. Famous for <i>God Bless America</i>	12	13	14 George Selden, author, birthday. Famous for <i>The Cricket in Time Square</i>	15	16 Margaret Rey, children's author, birthday. Co-creator of <i>Curious George</i>	17 Comanche Spring Art Show Ends
18	19 Apache 1st Gr Tours Lorraine Hansberry, playwright, birthday. Famous for <i>a Raisin in the Sun</i>	20 Apache 1st Gr Tours Mary Pope Osborne, author, birthday. Famous for her <i>Magic Treehouse</i> series	21 Apache 1st Gr Tours	22 Apache 1st Gr Tours Story time @ 10am Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, birthday. Famous for his Sherlock Holmes stories	23 Apache 1st Gr Tours	24 Emanuel Leutze, painter, birthday Famous work is <i>Washington Crossing the Delaware</i>
25 Disney's Three Little Pigs opened in 1933	26 SRC Presentation @ Apache Memorial Day Library closed	27 SRC Presentation @ Alamo Piano was invented in 1796	28	29 Last day of school	30 FSHS Graduation Day	31 Walt Whitman, poet & reporter, birthday Famous work is <i>Leaves of Grass</i>

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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!



Julie Andrews



2008 Honorary Chair



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