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Harper Library Newsletter

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Harper Library's Mission:

To serve and enhance Western Gillespie County by providing full library services.

Library Hours:

Tuesday and Wednesday: 9:00 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Thursday: 9 a.m.-9 p.m.

Saturday: 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Phone Number: 864-4993

Location: 23797 West U.S. Hwy 290 (Right across from Bode's Feed)

SERVICES

Your Harper Library provides so much more than "just" books! While that is still a very important role for libraries, now there are many other services available to the community. Patrons can make copies; send a fax; access the internet through our WIFI connection. The Harper and Fredericksburg papers along with many different magazines are here for your reading pleasure. There are VHS and DVD movies available for checkout. Our collection of audio books on CD and cassettes continues to grow for your convenience. Our book collection includes new bestsellers, classics, westerns, large print, non-fiction, biographies, and many Texas titles.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Regular monthly meetings are normally held the first Monday of each month at 5:30 PM at the library – Everyone is welcome!

January 5, 2009, 5:30 PM at the library

Feb. 2, 2009, 5:30 PM at the library

Saturday, December 13th, 10:00 – 12:00: Children's Christmas party with Santa, crafts, and stories.

English as a Second Language classes start in February. Come by the library for information on dates and to sign up. Registration and first class will be January 27th at 6:00 PM.

NEW AT THE LIBRARY:

- Books: The Lucky One, by Nicholas Sparks
- The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Society, by Mary Ann Shaffer and Anne Barrows
- Bats in the Library, by Brian Lies (An EASY reader for young children)
- The Dangerous Days of Daniel X, by James Patterson
- Dewey: The Small-Town Library Cat Who Touched The World, by Vicki Myron
- My Stroke of Insight: A Brain Scientist's Personal Journey, by Jill Bolte Taylor
- Texas Sunrise: Two Novels of the Texas Republic, by Elmer Kelton
- Manic, a memoir by Terri Cheney about living with Bipolar Disorder

New Magazines:

Time, Redbook, Newsweek, Business Week, Good Housekeeping, American Quilt, Family Fun, The New Yorker, The Wall Street Journal Magazine,

- DVD's: Speed Racer; Leatherheads; Indiana Jones and the kingdom of the crystal skull; Sex and the City, the movie; Bucket List; Charlie Wilson's War

FROM THE PRESIDENT --- MARTHA STEVENS

2008 has been an exciting year for the Harper Library. We've held two fund raisers, opened a resale shop to support the library, held our fourth annual Summer Reading Club and organized a monthly story hour for preschool.

We have three new board members: Sandra Potter, secretary; Gene Bode and William Lange. We've starting a Planning Task Force which is working on building plans for the next several years that will include a new library building and resale shop.

We've added over two hundred new books to our collection and probably five hundred gently used books. Our circulation has greatly improved, computer use and visitors are up and we've added twelve hours to the time the library is open.

We are planning English classes for Spanish speakers to begin in February.
We are planning a new fund raiser for the spring--Saturday in the Park.
It includes a raffle of longhorn cattle, barbecue, music and several other family activities still in the planning stage.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the volunteers who have worked the front desk in the library, worked on fund-raisers, donated money as well as time, worked in the resale shop and sold raffle tickets. The support of the volunteers and patrons has been super.
Thank you all!!!

LIBRARY NEWS – TOMI PUGH

We order new books every month and welcome title suggestions for either adult or children's books and DVD's to add to our collection. We continue to accept donations of good quality, newer books, DVDs, audio-books, and periodicals for the collection. Remember, items not added to the collection are sold for operating expenses or shared with other non-profits. We cannot accept any soiled, bug or mold infested and damaged items.

Our new website is now available for your convenience. The URL is www.harperxlibrary.org – please check it out and give us your feedback! There will be a calendar of events, news articles, pictures, and general library information available. You can access our collection catalog, renew and reserve books, and update your personal profile by clicking on the appropriate link and logging in with your library card number and your phone number. Come in or call the library to get your library card number. If you do not have access to a computer, please notify the Library of any personal profile changes (address, phone, email, etc.).

Pre-School Story time is back at the library at 10:00 AM the third Wednesday and Thursday morning of each month. Harper area pre-school children are welcome to join the Head Start classes to hear some delightful stories. Our two readers are Jennifer Flores and Bess Lester.

Remember, your Harper Library survives on donations. There are several ways to help. One is to be a Sustaining donor – join the list of residents who donate automatically each month from their bank account. These funds help pay normal ongoing operating expenses and can start at just \$10.00 a month. Of course, any donation to our operating funds is appreciated. You can also designate a donation to our Building fund --- and help pave the way to the future! We are always looking for more volunteers who can commit to a regular routine to allow us to open for more hours each week. We also love

volunteers who step forward with special skills (computer skilled, income tax help, teaching ESL, website, etc.)

We have enjoyed having so many area residents become “regulars” at the library and welcome all to come and enjoy YOUR library. May you all have a safe and joyous Holiday Season!

Library Volunteers:

Sue Balasa, Elaine Endicott, Peggy Ernst, Jennifer Flores, John Graham, Marcia Greding, Gladys and Jim Jenkins, Kathryn Jenschke, Sharon Kasper, Kathleen and George Keller, Kay Kloesel, Becky Leal, Bess Lester, Lou Ellen McGinley, Jan Miller, Sandra Potter, Tomi Pugh, Emilio Rendon, Glenda Rusin, Martha Stevens, Carrie Tarr, and Bonnie Taylor. Without all of these hardworking people the library could not exist. Thank You.

HARPER LIBRARY RESALE SHOP BIG HIT

DO YOUR HOLIDAY SHOPPING ...at the Harper Library Resale Shop

There are so many bargains just waiting for your discovery. Last week we sold a new digital camera, who knows this week it might be a new Shuffle I-Pod (going on sale this week). We just brought from the warehouse a lovely selection of *like new* winter clothing priced to sell. There holiday items, new and in the box, for you to select from perking up your home. You only limit yourself by your own imagination! If you haven't stopped in the shop for awhile put the Resale Shop on your list of “gotta do”. Remember, 100% of our profit goes to support your Harper Library.

We are open Wednesday & Thursday 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. and Saturday 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

Any questions, just give us a call at 864-5870.

Resale Shop Volunteers:

Kathryn & Al Jenschke, Kathleen & George Keller, Glenda Rusin, Robin Gamble, Gladys & Jim Jenkins, Mary Kampa, Donna & Oliver Scofield, Martha Stevens, Sally Sandstrom, Jean Leinweber, Sue Balasa, Jim Wooten, Donna Kremp, Jan Miller, BonnieTaylor, Karen Pardue, Janean Alexander, and Rusty Keck.

LIBRARY EXECUTIVE BOARD

President: Martha Stevens Vice President: Kathryn Jenschke
Secretary: Sandra Potter Treasurer: Sharon Kasper
Directors: George Keller, Gene Bode, and William Lange
Library Director/Head Librarian: Tomi Pugh