

# **LIBRARY INK**

Harper Library Newsletter

March 2009 Edition

*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.

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## **SERVICES**

Your Harper Library continues to grow and provide 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 or send a fax.
- ✓ Access the internet through our WIFI connection from one of our 6 public use laptops or their personal laptop.
- ✓ Read the Wall Street Journal, Harper and Fredericksburg newspapers
- ✓ Choose and read from the many different magazines
- ✓ Check out VHS and DVD movies
- ✓ Check out audio books on CD and cassettes

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

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

Pre-school story hour is every third Wednesday and Thursday at 10:00 AM at the library. Join the Head Start classes while our story readers entertain the young ones!

**RESALE SHOP -- BIG TAX FREE SALE on Saturday, March 21-Saturday. Come fine some great treasures and buys.**

**SATURDAY IN THE PARK, March 28, 2009: 11:30 til....** A fund raiser with a BBQ dinner, tons of activities, a book sale, a silent auction, a cake auction, drawing of the

raffle prizes and announcement of the winners of the “Americans Who Tell the Truth” contest. Two bands will be providing live music - Gary Potter and the Eklectic Swing Band and Bill Smallwood. Read the “From the President” article for details!

**RESALE SHOP -- BIG TAX FREE SALE on Saturday, April 18 with even more great treasures and buys!**

**English as a Second Language** classes have started on Tuesday evenings at 6:30 Through April 14<sup>th</sup>. Next session begins May 12, 2009.

**NEW AT THE LIBRARY:**

- Books:        Texas Zeke and the Longhorn by Davis David (Picture Book)  
                  Don't Eat The Bluebonnets, by Ellen Leventhal and Ellen Rothberg (Picture Book)  
                  The Underneath, by Kathi Appelt (Juvenile Newberry Honor Book)  
                  The Graveyard Book, by Neil Gaiman (Juvenile Newberry Award Book)  
                  The Unlikely Lavender Queen, by Jeannie Ralston (Story of the first lavender farm in the hill country)  
                  Adelsverein-- Sowing, Gathering and Harvesting, by Celia Hayes (a trilogy about the Texas Hill Country)
- DVD's:        Hairspray, 50 First Dates, High School Musical, United 93, Night at the Museum

**FROM THE PRESIDENT --- MARTHA STEVENS**

**Agreement with Gillespie County**

Success comes to those who are persistent! Last week (Feb. 27) the Gillespie County Commissioners agreed to sign an agreement with us which simply says we provide library services in Western Gillespie County. We may also get a nominal sum of money, but that remains to be seen. This agreement is the final piece needed to apply for membership in the Texas Library System. Judge Stroehrer and the County Commissioners were very complimentary of our efforts and the Fredericksburg Standard/Radio Post reported this in last week's issue. We must remember to thank the judge and commissioners when we see them.

**One in a Thousand**

The Harper Library has embarked on a challenge. We hope to have over 1000 library card holders by the year's end. We are asking all of Harper to be “One in a Thousand.” We will be having an ad in each issue of The Harper News that features “One in a Thousand” featuring a picture of a cardholder who uses the library regularly. I believe we now have about 820 library card holders. Please encourage your friends and

neighbors to be “One in a Thousand.”

### **Saturday in the Park - March 28**

On March 28, the library will be hosting Saturday in the Park. It is a fund raiser and will include a barbecue meal with homemade fixings and desserts. We will have kid games, a washers tournament, a book sale, a couple of authors including Gene Bode, a silent auction, a cake auction, draw raffle prizes and announce the winners of the “Americans Who Tell the Truth” essay contest. Serving will start at 11:30 a.m. with barbecue sausage and chicken, potato salad, beans and cake. Two bands will provide the music: Gary Potter and the Eklectic Swing Band and Bill Smallwood. Also face painting and games like 3-legged races, sack races and more. At 12:30 p.m. we will hold the cake auction, at 3:00 the library will announce the winners of the “Americans Who Tell the Truth” contest and at 4:30 p.m. hold the raffle drawing for Longhorns, barbecue pits, quilts, gift certificates and more (21 prizes in all). **Raffle tickets are available at the library and will be available that day.** Please put March 28 on your calendar and support your local library!

### **LIBRARY NEWS – TOMI PUGH HAPPY BIRTHDAY, Harper Library!!!!**

April is our Third Birthday!!!! We’ve come a long way in a short time! We now have over 11,000 items in our inventory and 820 card holders! Also, the week of April 12<sup>th</sup> – April 19<sup>th</sup> is National Library Week. The Harper Library will celebrate the week with special displays and newspaper ads promoting our library and the “One in a Thousand” drive. We will also be having a special reception for all the many volunteers who have made the library a reality. In the past 4 years, over 70 people have contributed almost 16,000 hours at the library, fund raisers, resale shop, and special functions. That’s a lot of work, folks, and we volunteers are proud of each and every one of them. As you know, the Harper Library and Resale Shop are all volunteer staffed with a dedicated board of officers and directors. Without them all, the library would not exist.

The Harper Library’s funding is from donations and fundraisers. This month I would like to high light some of the ways you can support your library. In this current economy every dollar helps meet our budget!

- ✓ Building fund contributions to pave the way to the future. Long term plans include building a bigger facility with more meeting rooms, better parking, and more room!
- ✓ 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.

- ✓ A donation to our operating funds. Operating expenses include rent, insurance, utilities, new items for our collection, training for our staff, library supplies, postage, and advertising.
- ✓ Memorial donations.
- ✓ Donation of a particular book, DVD, magazine subscription, or office supplies. We ask that you check with our staff to see if we need a particular item, or if we already have the item you have in mind. Our space is limited so we can only have 1 copy of an item on our shelf.
- ✓ Volunteer! We would love some new volunteers so that we can expand our hours. Volunteers can also designate they only want to work on fund raisers or special events, cover ill or vacating regular volunteer staff, work with our ESL classes. We are currently searching for someone with excellent PC skills (possibly past IT experience) to volunteer to help maintain our 8 PC's, 2 printers, and our website.

**Library Staff and Committee Volunteers:**

Sue Balasa, Elaine Endicott, Jennifer Flores, Marcia Greding, Gladys and Jim Jenkins, Kathryn Jenschke, Sharon Kasper, Kathleen and George Keller, Kay and Gale Kloesel, Bess Lester, Lou Ellen McGinley, Jan Miller, Donald Oehler, Sandra Potter, Tomi Pugh, Emilio Rendon, Glenda Rusin, Martha Stevens, Carrie Tarr, Bonnie Taylor, and Jim Wooten. Thank You.

**HARPER LIBRARY RESALE SHOP BIG HIT**

**GOOD NEWS & BAD NEWS** - The Harper Library Resale Shop has lost their lease on their building and will be closing May 1. That's the bad news! The Shop has been a huge success but a lot of work for Glenda Rusin, Kathryn Jenschke, Kathleen Keller and the loyal store volunteers.

Now the 'Good News' is that you can benefit by stopping by the store for their ongoing sales. There will be a **BIG TAX FREE SALE** on March 21-Saturday and another **BIG TAX FREE SALE** on April 18 - Saturday. We are cleaning out the storage units and moving these wonderful buys to you. Make a point of stopping in the store and seeing what treasure has your name on it.

Due to this big liquidation we are trying to reap as much revenue as we can for the Library before closing. If you have some free time and can help it would very much be appreciated. Call Kathryn at 864-4322 to offer your help with sorting, pricing, working at the shop, etc.

We will start selling some of the donated treasures on e-bay as an ongoing fundraiser. The store is open on Wednesday and Thursday 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. and Saturday from 10:00 - 2:00 p.m. Any questions call the Shop 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, Bonnie Taylor, 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