

LIBRARY INK

Welcome to the September 2008 Edition of the Harper Library's Newsletter –
catch up on the latest happenings at your library.

NEW 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)

Harper Library's Mission:

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

SERVICES

Do you need to make copies, send a fax, use the internet, or use a personal computer? Do you want to read national newspapers or magazines? Do you need a video or DVD for the weekend? Do you need a book on tape for that long road trip? All these things and more are available at the Harper Library.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Regular monthly meetings - Everyone welcome

Sept. 8, 2008, 5:30 PM at the library

Oct. 6, 2008, 5:30 PM at the library

Nov. 3, 2008, 5:30 PM at the library

Book signing at the library: **Sunday, 9/7/2008, 2:00 PM**, Gene Bode will speak and his books will be available.

December – Saturday to be announced. Children's Christmas party with Santa

NEW BOOKS AT THE LIBRARY:

The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Society by Mary Ann Shaffer

Moscow Rules by Daniel Silva

Robert Ludlum's TM the Bourne Sanction by Eric Van Lustbader

Tribute by Nora Roberts

Secrets by Jude Deveraux

The Gift of Dyslexia by Ronald D. Davis

FROM THE PRESIDENT --- MARTHA STEVENS

It has been a busy summer and year to date. The library invited all the elementary students to visit in May to advertise the Summer Reading Club which was held on the five Thursdays in July. During those Thursdays we had a puppet show, made a quilt, heard wonderful speakers about bees, bugs, bats and horses. The children made candles, bat puppets, stick horses and more. They enjoyed healthy snacks of fruit, trail mix and juice. Many students earned a t-shirt by reading thirty minutes a day during July. All received certificates and other prizes. In addition to the Summer Reading Club coordinators (Sandra Potter, Sharon Kasper and Emilio Rendon) we had junior librarians helping us: Aryn Turner, Lindsey Milner and Angie Pascarella. Between thirty and fifty children attended each week.

During the summer we also held two successful fund raisers: the Fireworks Jamboree and the Music Fest. Together they earned about \$4800.00 for the library. It was a real treat to have authors Elmer Kelton, Mae Durden-Nelson and Terry Thompson at the Music Fest.

The library hosted back-to-school luncheons for Harper teachers in August to show them the library's progress. The library will have a float in the Frontier Days Parade.

Our other most amazing accomplishment is the Harper Library Resale Shop. Thanks to Glenda Rusin, Kathryn Jenschke and Kathleen Keller, resale shop managers, the enterprise is doing quite well. It is a little cramped but the volunteers are wonderful and donations are coming in every week. Sales are strong and there are always treasures to buy at the resale boutique.

On September 7, at 2:00 p.m. the library is hosting a book signing for Gene Bode who has just published his third book. All are invited.

The library is putting together a long-range task force which will plan for future expansion and a new building.

The library invites all interested people/volunteers to attend monthly meetings on the first Monday of each month unless that is a holiday as in September. This month's meeting is on September 8.

LIBRARY NEWS – TOMI PUGH

The library purchases 6-12 new books each month. Check our "NEW ARRIVALS" section across from the circulation desk for the most recent. If you have a

particular author or new book that you feel should be part of the library collection, please give the information to the librarian on staff and we will try to meet your requests.

The Harper Library continues to expand services, collection, and hours as we grow along with Harper's growth. 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.

Harper Library is staffed by an all volunteer group from the Harper area. These folks are on the executive board, staff the library, plan and facilitate all fund raisers and programs, and continually work to improve your library. In calendar year 2007, the volunteers clocked 4675 hours while physically moving the library from the original location to our new spot, automating the entire collection on-line, shelving the collection on our newly installed library shelves, staffing the library, and working on fundraisers. January through August, 2008, volunteers have worked over 2500 hours.

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 will be able to 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 and easy access directions.

We are always looking for more volunteers to staff the library each week. Focus is now on manning the circulation desk and all volunteers will be trained and will work with seasoned staff members.

We have enjoyed having so many area residents become “regulars” at the library and welcome all to come and enjoy YOUR library.

HARPER LIBRARY RESALE SHOP BIG HIT

Since opening their door on May 3 the Harper Library Resale Shop has been strongly supported by the area residents, as well as US-290 travelers. The Shop stands out with its purple doors and unique frontage, not to mention getting great coverage by all the local newspapers.

One of the wonderful new additions to the shop is the "Big Woo Memorial Bridge" (our new deck and handicap ramp) built and designed by Jim Wooten.

The theme of the store is "New Treasures Every Day" and that is the truth! The Store Managers, Glenda Rusin, Kathryn Jenschke and Kathleen Keller, said they have seen

some very unusual items. One day it's giant pinecones from the California Redwoods, another day it may be a like-new mountain bike or a recently a slightly used chain saw. Often clothing comes into the shop with the tags still on – all in all, a great place to find great buys. Things are in the works to start selling on eBay (we have a Chanel Vintage Bag and other collectibles).

If you haven't come into the Shop for your own personal treasure hunt, put it on your list of '**GOTTA DO's**'. Remember this Resale Shop is to support the Harper Library. There will be a **special SALE on Saturday, September 20th**...featuring lots of hunting gear....so put it on your calendar!!!

The hours the store is opened are Wednesday and Thursday 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. and Saturday from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. The store is accepting clean, slightly used or new donations during the hours they are open. Volunteers are treasured, so if you have some time to have fun at the shop please call Kathryn Jenschke at 864-4322 or leave a message at the shop 864-5870.

LIBRARY WISH LIST

Sustaining donors – join the list of residents who donate automatically each month from their bank account. Ask about the program! These funds help pay normal ongoing operating expenses.

New books, periodical subscriptions, new DVD's – check with library to make sure we do not have the title.

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