

# LIBRARY INK

Harper Library Newsletter

September 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 provides so much more than "just" books! There are other services available. 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 Harper and Fredericksburg newspapers
- ✓ Choose and read from many different magazines
- ✓ Check out VHS and DVD movies
- ✓ Check out audio books on CD and cassettes
- ✓ Use the Community Room for meetings. (There is a charge if used for classes, seminars, or personal gatherings. It is free for local organizations.)

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

Monthly Library Board meetings are held every 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday at 5:30 in the Library community room. The public is always welcome.

Computer "Questions and Answers" class, Wednesday, September 16<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 PM

**Adult Literacy: English as a Second Language** and **GED** second session classes have started on Tuesday evenings at 6:00 PM. Students are still welcome to join the current class.

## **SUMMER READING PROGRAM SUMMARY --- SANDRA POTTER**

Harper Library's 5th annual Summer Reading Program was a great success. Each week dealt with a different theme. Julian Franklin kicked off the summer with a fabulous puppet show that was enjoyed by all, including the adults. He really stressed the importance and the fun of reading. He also helped introduce our 30-Minutes-a-Day Reading Club. The following weeks featured plants, music, recycling, and rocks. Theme related crafts and snacks were part of each program. For instance, for the music session we made musical instruments and ate cheese in the shape of musical notes. On "rock day" we even made individual bags of ice cream using "rock" salt!

The Summer Reading Program has worked with children from 3 years of age to 5th grade. We have recently divided the children into 2 groups roughly by age. We would like to extend the program to include incoming 6th through 8th grade at some point. However, to run the program many volunteers are needed. If you would like to volunteer for next year, please call or go by the library to leave your name and a number where you can be reached. ANY help would be appreciated--helping the children with crafts, providing snacks, helping to get a program for the older children started, etc.

This year we had 5 ladies working the program--Martha, Sharon, Sandra, Marcia, and Kay, along with 4 junior librarians—Angela, Aryn, Lindsey, and Jacklyn. The Head Start ladies were a great help this year, also. We owe all of these folks many, many thanks! Tomi, the library director, checked out books to the participants which kept her very busy and happy to see so much reading going on.

We are eagerly waiting to see what happens next year! Let us know about any program ideas!

**NEW AT THE LIBRARY:** New items, either purchased or donated, are added to the library collection each month. Check our catalog on line for specific titles or to see "What's Hot". Here are just a few of the items added in the last month.

Books: Black Hills by Nora Roberts  
Milagro Lane by Brandon  
Wicked Prey by John Sandford  
First Family by David Baldacci  
The State of Jones by Sally Jenkins (Civil War non-fiction)  
Secret Lives of the First Ladies by Cormac O'Brian (non-fiction)  
Picture Books: Dewey: There's a Cat in the Library by Vicki Myron  
Juvenile Books: The Giver by Lois Lowry (Newberry Medal Winner)  
DVD's: Herbie Fully Loaded  
Brainiacs  
Lilo and Stitch 2  
Kronk's New Groove

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

It has been a very busy three months-- July was the Summer Reading Club, in August we hosted the Harper ISD teachers and staff for lunch and have just successfully completed our Labor Day book sale.

We've been working very hard to raise money to purchase a new facility to house both the library and the library's resale shop. More details will follow when all the paperwork is final. But for now, let me say that the library is close to making a big announcement.

Welcome to new volunteers Carol Wichman, Frances Dendy, Reba Goodman, Kala Briggs, and Brandon Rieger.

I want to recognize some very special people who have made this library and its programs and initiatives successful. Thanks to Tomi Pugh and all those who work the front desk and keep the library open. Thanks to Sharon Kasper who does all kinds of things for us including being treasurer. Thanks to George Keller for leading the Task Force on Growth and Building along with grant writing. He continues to lead us into the future. Thanks to all the board members who've spent many hours this summer in special meetings and who all contribute monetarily to the Harper Library Fund. A special thank you goes to Lou Ellen McGinley for contributing to our direct mail projects. Also to Bill Lange for leading that project. Thanks to Bonnie Taylor and Lou Ellen for our Library Float this year. We won third. Thanks to Marcia Greeding and Emilio Rendon for leading our ESL and adult literacy program. Also thanks to the tutors who include Sandra Potter, Sharon Kasper, Ed Greeding and Karen Conway. Thanks to Kathleen Keller who is constantly working on getting the Resale Shop up and running again and thanks to Glenda Rusin, Kathryn Jenschke and Jim and Gladys Jenkins. Thanks to Carol Wichman for designing a library brochure. Thanks to Bess Lester for reading to the preschool at story hour each month. Thanks to all the volunteers at the library, resale shop and special events; you have given over 4000 hours to the library already this year!

A final note: the Harper Library is a public library, privately funded! We exist because of the generous donations made by our members and by local residents. We have a "Sustaining Donor" program that members donate through by having their banks send a monthly bank draft to the library. Come by the library and pick up a form to take to your bank. It's easy and very painless to donate every month.

The minimum donation is \$10.00. The library is hoping to get 150 sustaining donors--this (\$1500/month) would pay most of our operating expenses each month and allow us to buy more DVDs and books. Consider joining the "150 Club!"

### **ESL or GED CLASSES --- MARCIA GREDING**

The Harper Library Adult Literacy Program welcomed returning students and six new ESL students into our program on September 1st. Of the six, there is a family of four that originated from Mexico City--father and mother with fourth and ninth grade daughters. They now live in Harper and the children attend the Harper ISD. The family needs very basic English language skills. The other two ESL ladies appear to be intermediate students who came to improve their English language skills. The GED students really want to crack down on their studies in order to be ready to complete the January 2010 battery of tests. Tuesday night classes at the library continue to be a success. If you would like to be a volunteer, please contact the library. We need another GED math tutor or two to be able to offer one-on-one tutoring.

### **LIBRARY NEWS – TOMI PUGH**

Fall is here, school has started and our library continues to grow each day! We have been adding 60-90 items to our collection each month...some new, some donated, but all adding to a very diverse collection of books, audio books, and movies. We have 6 laptop computers available to the public and WIFI for personal laptops.

We have our toddler story hour every 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday and Thursday mornings at 10:00 AM for about 30 minutes – when the Head Start classes join us to listen to some of our many picture books. Moms with toddlers in the area are welcome to join the fun!

We are excited to see our card holder list grow each month...only 41 more to go to hit our 1000 number.

We are now also offering a general computer "question and answer" class given by Brandon Rieger – next class is Wednesday, September 16<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00 PM in our community room. Brandon will answer questions on general computer use, email use, security, Word, Excel, Photoshop, PowerPoint -- come join us. Bring your own laptop or use one of our 6 laptops available for library card holders.

The Harper Library's Wish List: If you are searching for something to donate that we might need....think about these items. Remember all gifts and dollar donations are tax deductible because we are a 501( c) 3 non-profit public library. Call the library and ask what **YOU** can do for **YOUR** library!

- ✓ New Books, Audio-Books on CD, DVD Movies, or magazine subscription: Ask the librarian before you purchase one to be sure it is not a duplicate, or donate dollars and ask specifically that it be spent on a new item.
- ✓ Donations of office supplies (printer paper, specific printer cartridges, cleaning supplies, new binders, notebooks, large glue sticks, clear mailing tape, business size envelopes, paper products, etc.)
- ✓ New heavy duty vacuum cleaner
- ✓ Multi-media projector
- ✓ **Volunteer!** We would like to open on Mondays and Fridays but in order to do so need some more volunteers. Besides working as regular staff, volunteers can also sign up to help on fund raisers and special events, cover vacationing regular volunteer staff, or tutor our ESL and GED students.

**Library Staff and Committee Volunteers:**

Sue Balasa, Kala Briggs, John Canfield, Karen Conway, Elaine Endicott, Reba Goodman, Marcia Greding, Gladys and Jim Jenkins, Kathryn Jenschke, Sharon Kasper, Kathleen and George Keller, Kay and Gale Kloesel, William Lange, Bess Lester, Lou Ellen McGinley, Jan Miller, Donald Oehler, Sandra Potter, Tomi Pugh, Emilio Rendon, Glenda Rusin, Martha Stevens, Carrie Tarr, Bonnie Taylor, Carol Wichman, and Jim Wooten. Thank You.

**LIBRARY EXECUTIVE BOARD**

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