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Harper Library Newsletter - March 2010 Edition

Harper Library's New Mission Statement: The Harper Library serves as a community wide resource providing full library services including use of computers and internet connectivity, faxing, copying, a public meeting room and community information.

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)

Email: harperlibrary406@aol.com URL: www.harperxlibrary.org

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Regular monthly meetings are normally held the second 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!

March 13th, Saturday, 1:30 PM -- Volunteer Appreciation & Recruitment Drive... starts at the Resale Shop for tour and then continues to the library for tour, refreshments, and volunteer awards. If you are interested in volunteering, this would be a great way to meet us all and find out what fun we have!!!

March 27th SATURDAY IN THE PARK --- live music, silent auction, cake auction, book sale, games and activities for the kids. Mark your calendars now!!!

April 12-17: National Library Week & Happy 4th Birthday, Harper Library! Come in during open hours for cookies & a cup of punch.

A SALUTE TO VOLUNTEERS

Many people recognize Spring as a period of awakening and a time for new flowers to bloom. In the case of the Harper Library and Resale Shop it means the start of the Library's fifth year of providing service to the Harper area and Western Gillespie County. One of our major "flowers" is our new building which already houses the Harper Library Resale Shop whose proceeds provide operations funding for the library and is the "rose" in our garden! After remodeling the

new building the Library will move from its current location to the new building that is located across from the Harper School campus on US 290 W.

Our “orchids” in our garden are our wonderful volunteers!!! Without our volunteers none of this would have happened since both the Library and the Resale shop are totally staffed with volunteers from all over the country and the world. Along with our local area residents, it is not uncommon to have Winter Texans and Exchange as volunteers. All of these volunteers have contributed more than 19,000 hours. They range in age from 10 years old to over 90. They volunteer for as short as 30 minutes or up to all day long. Some work one or more days a week. Many work to learn new skills or brush up old ones. Some work to get to know our community better and make new friends. **But all work because they see the need for the services provided by the Library and Resale Shop to the Community.**

The Harper Library and Resale Shop plan to recognize all our volunteers as well as encourage new people to volunteer at a party on Saturday, March 13. Why do we need more volunteers? We want to expand our services to the community with more programs and longer hours of operations. The Volunteer Party will be held at 1:30 PM and will start at the Resale Shop. After a tour of our new building we will continue with the second phase of this event at the current Library location where refreshments will be served as we give you an update on the library. All who attend will have the opportunity to "fish in our fishpond" where all will be able to catch a discount coupon good for as much as 20% off at the Library Resale Shop. Everyone is invited and we encourage you to bring a friend or neighbor and help us celebrate our volunteers who have made this all possible.

FROM THE PRESIDENT --- Martha Stevens:

As our fourth birthday approaches, I want to say thank you to all our patrons, volunteers and donors. Without the volunteer hours served and your generous donations of books and money, we wouldn't exist. Almost every day, I hear compliments about the Harper Library and its services. Again, thank you.

I want to highlight our annual fundraiser, “Saturday in the Park” which is scheduled for Saturday, March 27 in the Harper Community Hall in the park. It starts at 11:00 a.m. and includes barbecued chicken and sausage with homemade potato salad, beans and homemade desserts. In addition to the meal, we'll have two bands, the Eklectic Swing Band and the Bill Smallwood Band to provide entertainment from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

The library will be selling books (very cheaply) and we will have an exciting silent auction as well as selling raffle tickets for over twenty prizes some of which are three different doe hunts, a youth hunt, two barbecue pits, a full size quilt, a table, several pieces of art, a gift basket from Old Stone Market, jewelry, a bed and breakfast stay and much more. The library will be also selling tickets for a bluebonnet painting/print by local artist, Paula Wienecke. The winner for this will be chosen at the end of April.

Old Stone Market will be selling their many condiments, salts and gourmet items. The There will be face painting, grab bags and other activities for the children. There will be a cake auction, featuring some of the best Harper bakers.

Come and enjoy the good food, fabulous music and fellowship while helping the Harper Community support their library. It should be a wonderful day for the whole family! The Harper Library Resale Shop will also be open that Saturday. Every time I go in I find fabulous

buys, either in clothing or books or housewares. The Resale shop reminds me of an upscale boutique. There are name brands, L.L.Bean, Chicos and more . They have lots of baby furniture and other household items.

I hope to see y'all at Saturday in the Park!!

WHAT'S NEW AT THE LIBRARY--- Tomi Pugh, Library Director

The library continues to expand and update our collection...we have nearly 12,000 items including movies, audio books, newspapers, magazines, and books for all ages and interests. We just added the 2010 Newbery Medal Winner When You Reach Me by Rebecca Stead, Caldecott Medal Winner The Lion and The Mouse by Jerry Pinkney and the Bluebonnet Award Winner Help Me Mr. Mutt!, by Janet Stevens for our juvenile collection. Nineteen DVD's, new fiction and non-fiction books and several new magazine and newspapers have been added to our collection in the last month. We add items every month...some purchased and some donated. You can go to our website and click on Reserve Books to see our complete catalog. On the catalog page, click on "what's hot" to see what has been added in the last week, month, etc.

National Library Week and Harper Library's 4th Birthday will be celebrated during the open hours April 12th through the 17th . Come enjoy a few refreshments while you get reacquainted with the collection and the staff !!!

Our Library "Wish List":

Previous Harper I.S.D. yearbooks (for reference dept.) Have 1948-49, 1956-62, 2005-2008
DVD / CD repair machine
Multi-media overhead projector & screen
Heavy duty printer / copier
New Heavy duty vacuum cleaner
Receipt printer so PC can be set up for patrons to check out their own books
New Geneology research books
People Counter for our front door

ADULT LITERACY & ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE --- Marcia Greeding, ALP Director

The new ESL workbooks and GED workbooks have arrived! The ESL workbooks cover 4 levels of proficiency for English and reading subjects. The GED books cover all subjects with math having 2 proficiency levels. Also available are new Citizenship books and CDs covering basic to advanced areas of study in preparation for taking the citizenship test. There are even a few puzzle sheets that align with workbook lessons. We would like to give our sincere thanks to the LCRA Employees' United Charities for this small but valuable grant. This new supply of materials will aid our fantastic volunteer tutors and further their students' chosen goals.

WHAT'S NEW AT THE HARPER LIBRARY RESALE SHOP? --- Kathleen Keller, Store Manager

BIG NEWS....the Harper Library Resale Shop has now opened another room of Boutique treasures thanks to the hard work and donation of time and supplies by Ken Wichman. A BIG Thank You to Ken for making this possible. Now you can find the upscale items in their own room, along with other collectible and jewelry.

Special thanks to Gayle and Kay Kloesel for their generous donations of racks, display cubes, and great hangers for the shop. You will notice many of these items on your next visit to the Resale Shop. They also donated the special rubber mat behind the cash register which has been a life and leg saver. So many volunteers do so much and it is appreciated.

Also, we continue to be a 'work in progress' and things are constantly getting better. To continue progress we welcome new volunteers as there is always some way new hands and minds can help us with our continued success.

A couple of other new things...we are now having a rack with items that are now only .50 each, we are carrying Leaning Tree cards and magnets at a reduced rate for your convenience. Still have a few pieces left of lovely leather furniture (might be sold by the time you get this), some antique solid oak kitchen chairs with leather seats, and lots of baby car seats, carriers, clothing and a nice GRACO stroller.

We now have a WISH LIST so if you are looking for something special and it comes in we can give you a call. Many people search for special collectibles, as well as other items. What can I say....so many nice items keep arriving. Last week a blowgun and new Resistrol cowboy hat, one can only guess what new items will come through the door next week.

Our hours are Wednesday and Thursday 10:00 - 5:00; Saturday 10:00 - 2:00. Phone 864-5870.

Thank you to all who are supporters of the Library Resale Shop! We pride ourselves on having good value at country prices. Come and have your own treasure hunt!

HARPER YOUTH LIBRARY CLUB -- Angie Pascarella

In the early fall of 2009, after returning from a leadership camp, I decided to start a volunteer program for middle school students, to be known as the Harper Youth Library Club (HYLC). My goal is to get at least fifteen to twenty youth volunteers volunteering (in the library or resale shop) by the middle/end of April. Currently, I have about five people interested but I am still talking to people daily about the club. In the club we perform general tasks, mainly working the circulation desk at the library and the shop floor at the resale shop.

I have been involved with the Harper Library for a little over two years, mainly working with young children at the Summer Reading Program in July. I would like to thank all the people that have supported me in this process, including my mother, and my club sponsors (Mrs. Tomi Pugh and Ms. Martha Stevens), as well as all of the library staff who I am honored to work with each week.

If you would like more information about the HYLC, call me at 830-459-4804 or at my house: 830-864-5169.

Library and Resale Shop Staff and Committee Volunteers:

Effie Allen, Sue Balasa, Carol Beasley, Judy Bell, Kala Briggs, Florence Brown, Pam Buihner, Jane & John Canfield, Karen Casillas, Karen Conway, Frances Dendy, Marlene Filut, Robin Gamble, Bridgit & Emily Giedeman, Reba Goodman, Marcia & Ed Greding, Glenna Hartmann, Gladys and Jim Jenkins, Kathryn Jenschke, Mary Kampa, Sharon Kasper, Kathleen and George Keller, Kay & Gale Kloesel, Bess

Lester, Lou Ellen McGinley, Jan Miller, Kenneth Noah, Angie Pascarella, Sandra Potter, Tomi Pugh, Emilio Rendon, Glenda Rusin, Donna and Oliver Scofield, Martha Stevens, Carrie Tarr, Bonnie Taylor, Bob Turner, Carol & Ken 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

Resale Shop General Manager: Kathleen Keller