

LIBRARY INK

Harper Library Newsletter - June 2010 Edition

Harper Library's 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.harperlibrary.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!

**Every THURSDAY IN JULY: The Summer Reading Club “Catch the Reading Express”
10:00 AM to 12:00 PM**

**July 3rd --- Join us for the Fireworks Jamboree at the Double B Ranch & Resort, 7:00 PM.
Mark your calendars now!!!**

SUMMER READING CLUB “CATCH THE READING EXPRESS

Thursdays in July, 10:00 A.M. until Noon at the Harper Library!!! Each day will include a book, a special guest speaker, a craft, and refreshments!!! Join the 30-minute-a-day reading club and earn a T-shirt. REGISTER EARLY (June 8-12) during library open hours and earn a prize.

July 1: Catch the Reading Express with guest storyteller Julian Franklin

July 8: Mary Lee Towell from KLRU with a special program

July 15: Guest storyteller Vanessa Potter

July 22: Anita Lenihan brings animals (porcupine, wallaby, kinkajou, boa, and more!!!)

July 29: Readers Theater / Celebration / Awards

UPDATE ON NEW BUILDING

Last September we purchased the Sanders Farm & Ranch Supply building that is located on US 290. Although we had to take out a mortgage to do this we were able to make a sizable down payment with money from the Library Building Fund, which had been growing almost from the day we opened the library. Further, Security State Bank helped us with a favorable mortgage.

This is an excellent location and the best commercial building in our community. It has plenty of safe parking and the front of the building was already a retail store so we were able to reopen the Harper Library Resale Shop immediately with minimum building modification required at that time.

Do you realize that the Library and Resale Shop are strong contributors to the economy of Harper? Almost 50% of our customers/patrons at the Resale Shop come from out of the Harper area.

The Harper Library and Resale Shop have become information centers for the area. Remember "A Good Library Helps Make a Good Community" and the Harper Library has a great library.

We are in the process of remodeling the back of the new building to house the current Library and we will have a much larger facility so we can add new services to better support our community. For example, we will be able to have much improved very high speed Internet for the library staff and patrons to use thanks to the HISD sharing their Internet service with us. Since we have more space, inside and outside, we will continue to have a Farmers Market on the first and third Saturdays at the new facility.

We are on schedule to have the library area completely remodeled in time to move the current Library into our facility shortly after January 1, 2011. Much of the cost of this is being paid for by grants from various foundations, as well as the money we raise with our various fund-raising programs and revenue from the Resale Shop.

As in the past we are also going to need a little help from the community.

If you are bored this summer why not volunteer at the Resale Shop or the Library. Meet some new people, learn some new skills and give back to the community.

FROM THE PRESIDENT --- Martha Stevens

Summer time is reading time for me. When I was teaching, summer was the time I had to read. I went to the library and checked out all the latest best sellers and read while my daughter took swimming lessons. When we went on vacation (back in the "olden days" before books on tape or CD), I read books out loud to my family while traveling. My daughter always participated in the Summer Reading Club; we'd check out ten or twelve books at a time for her to read or me to read to her. I encourage you to take advantage of our incredible library — there are many wonderful books here and quite a few new best sellers.

Fireworks Jamboree

The Double B Ranch and Resort is once again holding its Fireworks Jamboree on Saturday, July 3, 2010 at Beaux Hickey's off of Fiedler Road. The library benefits from this event and it is a fun-filled family time for all. It starts at 7:00 p.m. with kid games,

races and face painting. There will be food and drinks and dessert for purchase. Reid Well's Segovia Band with Barbara Puckett will provide dance music until midnight. Around 10:00 p.m., the band will break and the fireworks begin. Last year the fireworks lasted about 30 minutes! Admission is \$5 for adults and \$1 for kids 12 and under. It is a wonderful way to spend the holiday without leaving town and facing a lot of traffic. And the library receives considerable funds each year from this event! Plan to celebrate our country's birthday with the library folks at the Double Ranch and Resort. You'll have a great time and help out the library, also.

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

A big "Thanks" to our dedicated volunteers staffing the library and covering vacation shifts for others! While we need more volunteers to expand our hours, we have a wonderful group of dedicated folks who assist our patrons every day!

The library continues to expand and update our collection...we have nearly 12,000 items. 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, you can click on "what's hot" to see what has been added in the last week, month, etc.

New best sellers recently added include C.J. Box's Nowhere to Run, Barbara Kingsolver's The Lacuna, Stieg Larsson's The Girl Who Kicked the Hornet's Nest, Michael Palmer's The Last Surgeon and many others. Our non-fiction department continues to grow covering a wide variety of topics. Our juvenile, picture books, DVDs, and young adult selection improve all the time!

Stop in and check out some summer reading material. Sign the kids up for the Summer Reading Club that will be every Thursday in July from 10:00 to 12:00. There will be great programs and it's a great way to spend a summer morning.

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

The ESL and GED Tuesday evening tutoring sessions are in progress and will continue through July 27th. These are at 6:00 PM each Tuesday.

The Harper Library Adult Literacy Program (ALP) is not just for students who need to learn English; for some, it is an opportunity to study toward U. S. citizenship. We currently have an ESL student who wants to study for citizenship, just after 18 months of studying English in our literacy program. The program is also for GED hopefuls. During official sessions, tutors are available as needed for whatever subject study requested. Some students who cannot attend the evening sessions come to the library for independent study, using computer tests or available ALP materials. Staff members offer suggestions and help them whenever time allows. Several students have gained enough confidence to test in June. Good luck to them.

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

No. 1 is to thank our loyal volunteers for all their time and efforts.

If you want to join the fun and volunteer at the shop briefly here is what happens: We have two shifts for the days we are open and they are about 3-4 hours each. Some of the general duties are keeping the store shiny and clean, accepting and sorting donations, hanging clothing, tagging, restocking the floor inventory, assisting acting manager at front counter wrapping and bagging purchases and other assignments as needed. There is even Internet research for unusual items. This is a wonderful opportunity to help your Library and community. Just call the shop if you are interested at 864-5870. Store hours are Wed. & Thurs. 10:00 - 5:00 and Sat. 10:00 - 2:00.

Keep checking your e-mail as we will start announcing special notices "New Arrivals." and remember new treasures arrive every day so come see for yourself. Ask our friendly staff if you are looking for something special. **HIGH QUALITY AT COUNTRY PRICES IS OUR MOTTO!**

HARPER YOUTH LIBRARY CLUB

The members of the Harper Youth Library Club have been asked to schedule time each week this summer to volunteer at the library. They will also be helping with the Summer Reading Club program each Thursday in July from 9:30 to 12:00. They help staff our front desk, work with the children on crafts, help to set up the programs, shelve books, and sort donations.

If you are a middle school student in our Harper area and are interested in volunteering at the Harper Library we welcome you! If you would like more information about the HYLC, call Angie Pascarella at cell 830-459-4804 or at home: 830-864-5169. You can also stop by or call the library to talk with the staff.

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 Conway, Frances Dendy, Stephen Eklund, Marlene Filut, Robin Gamble, Bridgit & Emily Giedeman, Reba Goodman, Marcia & Ed Greding, Mike Halloran, Glenna Hartmann, Gladys & 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, Nancy Skarich, Martha Stevens, Carrie Tarr, Bonnie Taylor, Bob Turner, Carol & Ken Wichman, and Jim Wooten. Thank You.

LIBRARY EXECUTIVE BOARD

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Directors: Kay Kloesel, Bob Turner, and Carol Wichman

Library Director/Head Librarian: Tomi Pugh

Resale Shop General Manager: Kathleen Keller