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LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP IS AWARDED FOR EXCEPTIONAL SUPPORT OF THE LIBRARY.

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Between the Lines

Friends of the Alpine Public Library

Winter 2009

FOUNDATION GRANTS RECEIVED!

The Capital Campaign committee was jubilant to receive two foundation grants in December. The Yarborough Foundation, based in Midland, contributed \$5,000 toward building costs. The Permian Basin Area Foundation donated \$10,000 toward construction of the children's area of the new library. Funding for this gift was provided by the William B. and Marian West Blakemore Memorial Fund, and other undesignated component funds of the Foundation.

The library board of directors has been diligently writing foundation grant proposals to secure funds for

the new building. However, until now, nearly all of the over \$700,000 raised has been from individual sources, most local and regional.

We are hoping that these recent successes will lead to additional foundation interest.

The Capital Campaign also received about \$13,000 from ArtWalk auction revenues, and over \$20,000 in private local donations in the last two months. We hope to maintain this fundraising momentum as we approach Phase III of construction, finishing the interior. A US House of Representatives



appropriations request for \$300,000 for APL was presented to President Obama for ratification this week. This money would be used for heating and air-conditioning installation.

We'll keep you posted!

--Paige Delaney

NEW FAPL OFFICERS ELECTED

New officers were elected at the December meeting of the Friends of the Library. The Friends voted to abolish the office of Treasurer, since all Friends bookkeeping is done internally at the library.

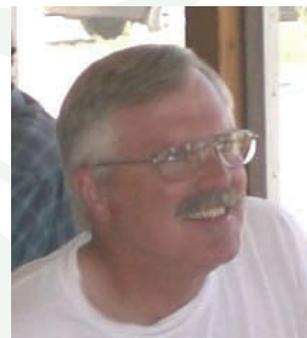
New Friends Officers:

President: Don Wetterauer

Vice-President: Connie Roe

Secretary: Karen Boyd

**THANKS
FOR VOLUNTEERING!**



New FAPL president, Don Wetterauer

FALL IS HERE — LITERALLY

Unless you've been living under a big tumbleweed for the last couple of months, you know that a freakish wind took down the nearly completed framing of the new library building in late October. Mother Nature pulled the Halloween prank to end all Halloween pranks.

But we cleaned up, picked ourselves up, and started all over again. (Sounds like a song, doesn't it?) No one was hurt, and the insurance company settled with us satisfactorily and quickly. In only a little over a month as of this writing, we are already beyond where we were.

Rumors have been flying that the construction was shoddy, that the design was flawed, that, in short, we did something wrong. I promise each of you that this is **absolutely untrue**. The insurance company would not have settled so quickly and a structural engineer we consulted would not have signed off on the work were any of these allegations founded in fact instead of in sour grapes.

I was discouraged that anyone would revel in our misfortune, but that did happen. Most of our wonderful community, however, has come to our aid yet again. We've received more than \$15,000.00 in donations since the Fall.



It's clear that this community wants a new library come wind or high water.

And it's clear that most of this community has a good and trusting heart.

—Kathy Bork, President



Quote of the Year

“...Oh but if there *were* such a thing as a liberry! I bet it would be especially tasty. And then would there also be liberry wine or liberry pie? Mmmm.”

—Valerie Richard

RE-READS VOLUNTEERS BRING HOME THE BACON

Again, income from Re-Reads has surpassed expectations! Revenues this year represent nearly ten percent of the library's operating income. This is a big deal in today's economy, when applying for grants is the only way to make ends meet AND provide quality materials and programming.

In 2010 we hope to expand Re-Reads hours of operation to

maximize income and to make shopping more convenient for patrons and customers.

If you would like to volunteer to work at Re-Reads, please contact Karen Boyd at 837-0838. One paid position may be available through the Experience Works program for seniors; contact Paige at 837-2621.



**RE-READS
VOLUNTEERS MAKE A
DIFFERENCE!
THANKS!**

APL KIDS PROGRAMS



Be sure to check out winter reading programs at Alpine Public Library! At right, Santa reads to kids at Pajama Story Time.



BETTER WORLD BOOKS



We have found a way to deal with some of our excess books—resell them in an environmentally friendly manner through Better World Books. This organization is an online bookseller that returns 15% of the sale price to the library, and donates another 15% to literacy organizations worldwide. This is a great way to save staff time, make sure that unwanted books wind up in the hands of those who can use them, AND keep material out of the landfill! Pilot Club and FAPL members Bette Kelly and Vickie Wilson have offered to pack and

ship the books, and the freight charges are paid by Better World Books. Rare books mean an additional 35% returned to the library. Marilyn Terry and Sylvia Richards are sorting books and pre-screening them through the BWB website. While most donations are useful in the library collection or at Re-Reads, some are duplicates or geared to only a very specific audience, which makes them ideal candidates for the BWB program.

-Paige Delaney

MEMORIALS & HONORARIA

The Alpine Public Library has received the following donations in memory and in honor of friends and family:

In Memoriam

BUD POWERS from Ann McDaniel
from Dale & Robie Burns
from G. William & Linda Fowler

JOHN ZUKOWSKI
from Desert Sky Quilters

ROBINSON EDGER
from Desert Sky Quilters

JAMES SCUDDAY from Fern Scudday

ANNA JOHNSON
from George Johnson and family

N. MAY ELLIOT from Marilyn Terry
from APL staff
from Jodye & Cookie Stone
from Kathy Bork

TED SCOWN from Texas Dept. of
Transportation
from Dale & Robie Burns

In Honor of

Dr. Ralph L. Brock
in honor of his family and the
Rotary Club of McComb, MS



WHAT DO I HAVE TO BE THANKFUL FOR?

- ☺ A hard-working, easy-going library staff with whom I love spending the day
- ☺ A world-class, creative board of directors who are truly dedicated to the Alpine and Marathon libraries
- ☺ Diligent and eager volunteers
- ☺ A history of great decision-making by previous directors that allows me to rest on the improvements they brought about
- ☺ A new dream library under construction
- ☺ A beautiful weekly commute across 26 miles of west Texas to visit the Marathon branch
- ☺ Two honest and generous Friends groups who give their seemingly endless time and expertise to our libraries, and who are flexible and open to new ideas
- ☺ Generous donors from all across Brewster County and West Texas
- ☺ Steadfast support from Brewster County and the City of Alpine
- ☺ Friendly, interesting patrons who challenge us to provide top-notch materials and services



- ☺ A supportive husband who lets me work hard, but not too hard, and who helps with and participates in library activities
- ☺ Cooperative business partners who help us keep our non-profit operating efficiently

What else could I possibly ask for?

—Paige Delaney



HOMEBOUND OUTREACH UPDATE

The Homebound Team is busy every Wednesday with Ken Durham faithfully delivering magazines to Big Bend Regional Medical Center as well as assisting me to select and transport materials to Alpine's homebound folks.

The Team also makes sure the jail library is kept orderly and supplied with new books and magazines that are provided by other dedicated Friends of the Library volunteers.

If you or someone you know could use the service of our

Homebound Team, even if it's just temporarily, please call me (837-9607) and leave a message.

—Gayle Lewis

FRIENDS HAPPENINGS

The Friends sold books at the Center for Big Bend Studies conference, bringing in much-appreciated extra funding for the capital campaign. Marilyn Terry expertly displayed books she had identified and saved for this sale. Most had natural history and southwest themes. The Friends also contributed to the campaign with proceeds from the Mountain Country Christmas bazaar, where volunteers sold books and other holiday items.

Thanks to all the volunteers and friends who participated!



READ WHAT'S NEW AT THE NEW LIBRARY.

Sponsor a portion of the Opening Day Collection.

Your donations will help fill the shelves with new, exciting materials. Please see Paige to help, or call the Alpine Public Library at 432-837-2621. Partial donations and pledges are welcome. What is needed:

ARTS & MUSIC	\$425	BIOGRAPHY	\$550	ESPAÑOL:	
LITERATURE	\$5,300	REFERENCE	\$2,500	ADULT	\$13,600
LARGE PRINT	\$1,500	GENERALITIES	\$290	EASY/JR.	\$6,700
GEOG/HISTORY	\$1,800	PHILOSOPHY/		CHILDREN'S:	
SOUTHWEST	\$500	PSYCHOLOGY	\$600	EASY	\$2,701
ADULT FICTION	\$3,950	RELIGION	\$2,200	JUNIOR FICTION	\$1,630
WESTERN	\$2,600	SOCIAL SCI.	\$640	JR. BIOGRAPHY	\$1,000
SCI FI	\$360	LANGUAGE	\$430	JR. NON-FICTION	\$4,630
MYSTERY	\$500	MATHEMATICS/		KID'S AUDIO/DVD	\$1,200
AUDIO BOOKS	\$940	NATURAL SCI.	\$730	YOUNG ADULT	\$1,700
DVD MOVIES	\$400	TECHNOLOGY	\$690	GRAPHIC NOVELS	\$1,670

MARATHON BRANCH NEWS

Things are happening in Marathon! Three new programs are under way. Toddler Story Time started this year and is hosted by the Friends of the Marathon Public Library. A Halloween Story Time featured spooky books and kids in costume! The winter reading program has also begun.

Marathon has a new board of directors committee representative: Danielle Gallo. Danielle has helped to organize volunteers to build picnic tables, hang a bulletin

board, and install a new bathroom sink. We are very happy to have help at the branch library, where many building improvements are needed.

Carol Townsend and Shirley Rooney are eager to see you when you pass through Marathon! Library hours are M-F 11am—5pm.



Scenes from the MPL Christmas Open House



MPL Toddler Story Time



FRIENDS OF THE ALPINE PUBLIC LIBRARY

Who We Are

We are a nonprofit group of citizens who believe that any community is a better place in which to live if that community has a first-rate library.

What We Do

- We act in cooperation with the Alpine Public Library's director and Board of Directors and serve as liaison between the community and the library.
- We create public support for and awareness of the Alpine Public Library through children's programs, homebound-patrons services, workshops, staff training, equipment purchases, building repairs and renovations, landscaping, and special purchases.

When We Meet

Monthly at noon on the Tuesday before the second Thursday in the library's Southwest Room.

What the Library Can Do for You

- Provide public-access computers
- Give you a convenient outlet to use your special skills and talents
- Provide serenity and reassurance, like "comfort food" for your mind
- Teach your children that libraries are fun and imaginative
- Help you with genealogical research
- Make the local newspapers available
- Provide fiction and nonfiction with books or audio books
- Make Alpine, your town, a better place to live

What You Can Do for the Library

- Staff the bookstore
- Help create programming for youths and adults
- Shelve/catalog
- Help with public relations for the library
- Help maintain and renovate the library buildings and grounds
- Donate to the building fund for the new Alpine Public Library

HELP THE FRIENDS HELP THE LIBRARY. JOIN OR RENEW TODAY!

Benefits of Friends Membership

- Make free copies
- Print from Library computers
- Receive quarterly newsletter
- Advance notice of Library events

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FRIENDS OF THE ALPINE PUBLIC LIBRARY

MEMBERSHIP FORM

Please fill out this form and send to **Membership, FAPL, 203 N. 7th, Alpine TX 79830.**

Your tax-deductible dues may be paid with check or money order (payable to Friends of the Alpine Public Library), credit card, or debit card.

Dues support the ongoing operations and programs of the library.

Your personal information will not be shared with any other organization.

Last Name: _____ First Name(s): _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail (saves us postage): _____

Annual Membership Type (calendar year)

Senior (65+)/Student: \$10.00 Individual: \$20.00 Family: \$25.00 Business: \$50.00

TEXAS STATE LIBRARY AND ARCHIVES COMMISSION HOSTS SECOND SUMMIT TO IMPROVE INTERNET ACCESS IN TEXAS PUBLIC LIBRARIES

Library, local, and state leaders come together to discuss new strategies to improve and sustain high-speed Internet access for communities through public libraries

SAN ANTONIO - The Texas State Library and Archives Commission assembled more than 270 public library leaders, community supporters, broadband providers, and local and state leaders for Texas' second Opportunity Online Broadband Summit on November 18 -19, 2009, in San Antonio, to discuss how to improve and sustain high speed Internet access in the Texas public libraries. Summit participants had the opportunity to build upon the work from the previous summit to further ensure that all Texas public libraries have a meaningful broadband connection. The Texas Opportunity Online Broadband Summit provides an opportunity to understand the value of community partnerships and the possibilities of technology as well as in-depth discussion about possible connectivity solutions and next steps necessary to reach improved connectivity speed.

Currently, more than 200 Texas public library systems lack Internet connections fast enough to meet the most basic needs of patrons, and many more report speeds that are inadequate to meet the true demand of their community. Ironically, some of these public libraries offer the only technology lifeline to their communities.

Both Texas summits were sponsored by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation as part of its pilot Opportunity Online broadband grant program. Texas, along with six other states, was invited to participate. The grant program supports public libraries as

they seek to improve their broadband connectivity and calls for a broadband sustainability strategy, to be developed by the Texas State Library and Archives Commission, to ensure that public libraries continue to improve and maintain adequate connectivity for patrons.

The summit included a comprehensive analysis of Texas' current broadband climate and the future of technology access in Texas public libraries. Stephen Abram, a library futurist, spoke about future library services and applications driven by technology that will influence how Americans use computers and the-more-Internet, and why reliable, sustainable broadband connections in libraries will be essential to ensure library patrons can use these programs to improve their lives.

Keynote speaker Graham Richard, former mayor of Fort Wayne, Indiana and partner of public libraries, highlighted the importance of public and private partnerships on the local and state level to prioritize funding for improved connectivity in public libraries.

Peggy Rudd, Texas State Library and Archives Commission's director and state librarian, led the summit and represented the agency.

"Every day we are reminded of the value of Texas' public libraries," Rudd said. "Today's public libraries continue to provide traditional services, but a growing number of patrons depend on library Internet access to apply for jobs, further their edu-

cation, run businesses or stay connected with families and friends. This summit and grant program will help meet these increasing personal and community needs better by improving library connection speeds."

Building on dialogue and ideas generated at the summit, the Texas State Library and Archives Commission is currently working with an advisory group— including Commissioner Todd Staples of the Texas Department of Agriculture, former Governor Mark White, and Texas State Library and Archives Commission Chairman Sandra J. Pickett — to develop a strategy to increase and sustain broadband connections in all Texas public libraries. The Texas State Library and Archives Commission will now work with libraries across the state to support their Internet connectivity upgrade and create a long-term state sustainability strategy.

"The summit highlights the vital role libraries play in connecting communities to information and knowledge through technology," said Jill Nishi, deputy director of U.S. Libraries at the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. "What is needed now is long-term collaboration among government, business, communities, and library leaders to ensure that public libraries can continue to provide the high-speed Internet access their patrons need to improve their lives and thrive.

-Texas State Library & Archives Commission



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