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# Between the Lines

WINTER, 2010

## AEP Foundation Funds New Library

The Alpine Public Library capital campaign has caught the attention of the American Electric Power Foundation. AEP does business in west Texas and believes in supporting communities where their employees and customers live and raise families. In October, AEP representatives visited Alpine and presented the library with a generous donation of \$100,000. Wade Smith, president and COO of AEP Texas, and Fred Hernandez, director of community affairs, feel a strong commitment to Alpine.



Wade Smith, president and chief operating officer, AEP Texas; Fred Hernandez, director of community affairs, AEP Texas; Kathy Bork, president, Alpine Public Library Board of Directors; Paige Delaney, Alpine Public Library executive director



Kathy Bork

"The new central Alpine Public Library will reflect the needs of the community," Smith said. "It will be a family center offering programs and services for all ages, a high-tech center to support a modern society, a cultural center offering diverse programs for all citizens, and an information center for a community of lifelong learners. On behalf of

the AEP Foundation, we are proud to play a role in helping to bring this new facility to the Alpine area."

The Library board of directors has decided to name the library's multipurpose room the "AEP Foundation Multipurpose Room" in appreciation of

the Foundation's contribution. This donation will put the project on the homestretch, with sheetrock next up for completion.



Don Wetterauer, president of the Friends of the Alpine Public Library, meets Mr. Hernandez and Mr. Smith.

*To make a donation in memory or honor of someone, please submit in writing your name and address and the name and address of the person to acknowledge to the library with your donation. We will make every effort to include them in the newsletter.*

## HOLIDAY CLOSURES:

**Both the Alpine Main Library and the Marathon branch will be closed for the holidays from December 23 through January 2.**

**Re-Reads will be closed Dec. 25 - Jan 2.**

**Happy Holidays!**

## Special Donations

### IN MEMORY OF

Ralph Meriwether:

Audrey Painter

George & Sally Johnson/  
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Toni Pate Brookover & Family

Judge Kenneth D. DeHart

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### IN HONOR OF

Kathy Hibbert:

Scott & Karen Williams

## Opening Day Collection Update

Wow! When I realized we were faced with raising \$67,000 for 3,000 new books to fill the shelves at the new library, I was a little nervous. I thought it would be nearly impossible to raise that kind of cash while still seeking major grants and donations for construction itself. I didn't need to worry! Thanks to generous booklovers and several grants, we have raised over \$52,000! The remaining \$16,000 is needed to purchase teen books, books in Spanish, and adult and children's audio books and DVD movies.

We know there are a lot of movie lovers out there! Our DVD circulation is skyrocketing, and most of our new movies now come only from donations. If you feel strongly about a quality free movie selection at the library, please consider making a contribution to the opening day collection!

Do you drive long distances on a regular basis? Consider making a donation to purchase CD audio books. An updated collection will ensure that the time you spend in your vehicle will fly by.

Thanks to everyone who has contributed. We know the anticipation is difficult! All those new materials will be worth the wait.

-Paige Delaney



Thank you to  
Brewster County,  
City of Alpine,  
and all  
2010 library  
supporters!

### Quote of the Year:

"Well, then, it  
obviates that..."

- Chris Ruggia

**Mary Beth, Valerie, Nora, Janie,  
Carol, Shirley, and Karen:**

Thank you to my  
Dream Team  
for a magnificent year!

-Paige



# Third Annual ArtWalk Silent Auction a Success

**Question:** What do a geologist, an engineer, a math teacher, a rancher, a drama teacher, a bank teller, a former president of the Friends of the Library, a copyeditor, a Border Patrol agent, a graphic artist, a studio artist, and an animal rights activist have in common?

**Answer:** All of them worked with dozens of other volunteers for dozens of hours during ArtWalk, November 18–21, to bring the Silent Auction together and to raise \$15,500 for the Alpine Public Library's Building Campaign.

New this year was a Buy It Now area for lower-priced items, but area artists and arti-

sans were as generous as ever with donations. And, obviously, ArtWalk goers demonstrated their support of the library's building campaign by purchasing art and other items ranging from vases to oil paintings to beaded shawls to signed first editions.

The variety and quality of items were shown to best advantage by a design team headed by Suze Quiett and Carla Lowry of Cheshire Cat Antiques. Karen Travland again donated the Granada Theatre space for four days.

The Alpine Public Library had a lot to be grateful for this Thanksgiving.

—Kathy Bork



## ArtWalk Auction Volunteers

**Ken Durham**  
**Kathy Bork**  
**Jodye Stone**  
**Chuck Newcomer**  
**Anne Calaway**  
**Mary Jane Morgan**  
**Paige Delaney**  
**Juliette Schwab**  
**Chris Ruggia**  
**Ellen Ruggia**  
**Albert Bork**  
**Carla Lowry**  
**Suze Quiett**  
**Bonnie Bratton**  
**Jackie Siglin**  
**Darcy Newcomer**  
**Gayle Lewis**  
**Patsy Culver**  
**Greg Schwab**  
**Connie Roe**  
**Cheryl Eakens**  
**Diane Brown**  
**Anna Kreger**  
**Shelley Dreiss**  
**Rhonda Cole**  
**Marilyn Terry**  
**Martin Terry**  
**Jim Fitzgerald**  
**Audrey Painter**

## Photos by Mike Perry



**Are you an expert in your field and eager to share your knowledge? Are you interested in volunteering at the library? Please call Paige at 432-837-2621.**

## Upcoming 2011

### Programs:

**Yarn Enthusiasts  
Group  
with Karen Boyd**

**Computer Basics  
for Adults  
with Dave Howard**

**Retirement Financial  
Planning  
with Jim Pogue**

**Local History  
Seminars  
with Matt Walter**



# Free Computer Classes in Full Swing

Session I of Basic Computer Education for Adults is almost over. The classes, made possible by a Texas State Library and Institute of Museum and Library Services grant, include an overview of computer hardware, the Windows operating system, common productivity software, internet, and email. Anyone who is interested in gaining basic computer skills for work or home is strongly encouraged to attend.

David Howard, the instructor,

is a former library media and information technology assistant at Sul Ross State University.

These classes will help participants to increase job readiness and allow them to stay in better touch with far-away friends and family. Dave's instruction will also help patrons become more savvy about internet safety.

Three more sessions will be held during 2011. The next round of classes will begin on

January 4, 2011, and will be held on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6pm to 8pm. Call or visit the library to sign up.



**Dave Howard**

## Speed Book Club

Finally! The library has its own book club! A *SPEED* book club, that is. The group has met three times, engaging in lively discussion of titles such as *Room* by Emma Donoghue and *Freedom* by Jonathan Franzen. What makes this program unique is the timed, rotating one-one-one discussions, followed by group reflection. This format allows everyone to contribute and

also get to know the other participants better.

All book genres are considered, and everyone is welcome!

Our next meeting will be in late January. Visit the library to sign up and to learn which titles are up for discussion, or call 432-837-2621. See you there!



**These Speed Book Club members are a blur!**

## Calling All Agencies:

**Do you have a program idea but need a partner to help get it going? Consider teaming up with the Alpine Public Library! Call Paige Delaney at 432-837-2621.**

## Teen Book Club

Alpine Public Library's new Teen Book Club is for kids 12 and up and meets monthly in the Southwest room at the library. Members choose the books! This program gives teen readers an opportunity to discuss titles that interest and inspire them, and to meet fellow book lovers!

Call or visit the library to find out the current book—copies are available for checkout at the library front desk.

Meetings last approximately 45 minutes and snacks are provided.



# Alpine Kids Love Their Librarian!

Alpine Children's Librarian Mary Beth Garrett, a volunteer and staff member for over nine years, has pulled off another terrific year of children's programming. Under her creative and efficient organization, APL has seen it's kids' program lineup grow and thrive during 2010. New programs have included Spanish Story Time (led by Dr. Filemon Zamora, and soon to be joined by Audrey Painter), a kid's chapter book club, a new teen book club, and lap-sit story time. Mary Beth has gained support from the Kiwanis Club, which faithfully contributes money to

our children's programs, as do the Friends of the Library. Parents have come to know and trust Mary Beth over the years, which has contributed to her success with recruiting volunteers and program attendees. In 2010, Mary Beth planned and implemented over 140 programs serving over 2,600 kids and teens! We look forward to expanding programming in our new library, with the addition of movie night, game night, and Wii tournaments. APL is very fortunate to have Mary Beth's expertise. Call or visit the library to find out about upcoming children's programs.

**Library  
Volunteer  
Helen Harman  
and Children's  
Librarian Mary  
Beth Garrett  
on Halloween**



**Puppet Show introduced by Mary Beth Garrett**



**Dr. Billings talks about bike helmet safety**



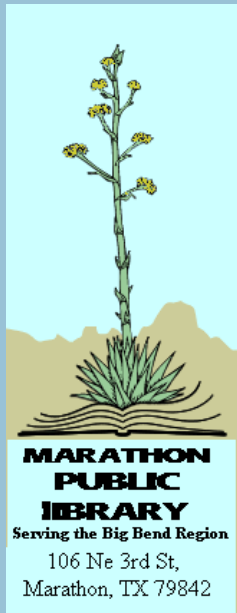
**Volunteer Rosemary Davis reads a story during Pajama Story Time**



**John Elsbury from Bikeman shows how to fix a bike**

**Photos by Toni Ramsdale**





*Contact Nichole  
Cardoza, Marathon  
Friends' president, or  
Carol Townsend,  
Marathon Branch  
Manager, for  
membership or  
programming  
information.*

## Scenes from the 2010 Marathon Branch Holiday Open House

# Marathon Branch Happenings

Be on the lookout for a Marathon Public Library Friends membership form in the mail! The Friends group at the Marathon branch is small but motivated. Friends volunteers administer the Toddler Time story hour, organize kids' crafts and activities, and help out with cash infusions to the library collection.

This fall the Marathon Branch held a craft fair and flea market at Shirley's Burnt Biscuit in Marathon. This event brought in several hundred dollars that will be used toward future Friends programming. We look forward to making this an annual event!

Thanks to all the volunteers and members who made 2010 a great year in Marathon!



Friend of the Library Jackie Boyd



Above, Leigh Eaton plays carols while Joseph, Loyrena, and Nichole Cardoza, Friends president, sing. Right, former MPL librarian Eula Mae Colmenero



Shirley Rooney and Loyrena Cardoza



David Townsend and branch manager Carol Townsend

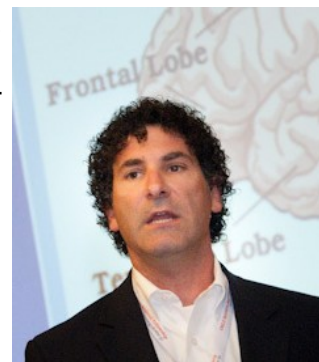
# Dr. Paul Nussbaum on Brain Health

From "Six Stimulating Solutions for a Fit Brain" ([www.fitbrains.com](http://www.fitbrains.com)):

**#2: Reading and writing** on a daily basis are a great brain workout, especially when you're learning or expressing something new. These 2 R's help engage the hippocampus—the major memory component of your brain. The more you stimulate and massage your hippocampi the better your chances of reducing the risk of memory loss and other forms of dementia. For an added brain stretcher, try reading words backwards or writing with your non-dominant hand.

**#4: Embrace Lifelong Learning** Learning involves structural, chemical, and functional changes in your brain that can boost your brain health. Lifelong learning allows you to acquire new knowledge and talents that increase your brain's neuroplasticity. In fact, research indicates that continuing education is a major factor contributing to brain longevity and health by helping lay down a rich network of neural associations or brain reserve, which helps delay the onset of neurodegenerative disorders such as Alzheimer's Disease.

Consider enrolling in community or university courses or educating yourself on a continual basis. Learn a new language. Research has shown that language learning and the level of sophistication of a language system in young adulthood might actually be predictive of brain health in late life. Language development and higher IQ early in life also appear to be related to a reduced risk of dementia. However, taking up a new language at a later age also provides brain health benefits.



**Dr. Paul Nussbaum in Portland, OR, September, 2010.**  
Photo: IMLS/TLA50

**2,879 people attended programs at the Alpine Public Library in 2010.**

## Statistics Show Business Is Booming

The Libraries were busier than ever in 2010! We compile statistics to keep track of growth and to justify grant proposals. Here are some surprising numbers to show how much our communities depend on their libraries:

**Re-Reads 2010:**  
Transactions: 3,872  
Volunteer hours: 1,087

### Alpine Public Library 2010:

Visits: 33,692  
Circulations: 48,363  
Computer uses: 8,128  
Number of programs: 192  
Program attendees: 2,879  
Volunteer hours: 1,846  
Homebound visits: 350  
Interlibrary loans: 560

### Marathon Branch 2010:

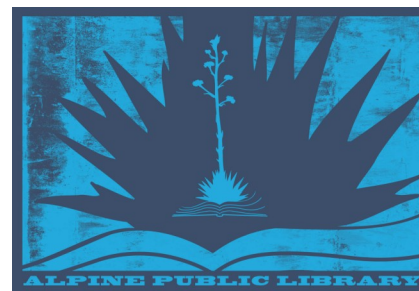
Visits: 2,173  
Circulations: 7,136  
Computer uses: 904  
Number of programs: 48  
Program attendees: 635  
Volunteer hours: 118  
Homebound visits: 22

Note: December 2010 numbers are carefully estimated.

## Staff News

Congratulations to **Valerie Howard** for completing the Texas State Library's Small Library Management course program! In September, Valerie completed the last class in the series, Library Technology. Previous classes include collection development, young adult and children's services, and reference services. The program takes over two years to complete.

## Delight Your Friends AND Support Your Library!



Library t-shirts and tote bags are available from the Friends of the Library at Re-Reads Bookstore next door to the library. Your donations are tax-deductible!

**Friends of the  
Alpine Public Library**

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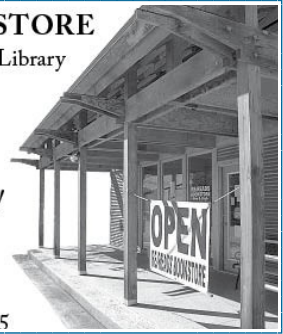
**New Friends Business  
Member Fall-Winter 2010:  
*Americana Salon***

**RE-READS BOOKSTORE**

A project of the Alpine Public Library

*Support your library  
by enjoying quality  
used books at great prices!*

Ave. E at 7th St.  
Now open 6 days a week!  
Mon-Tues 10-4 / Wed-Sat 10-5



**FRIENDS OF THE ALPINE PUBLIC LIBRARY**

**2011 MEMBERSHIP AND RENEWAL FORM**

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

Please fill out this form and send to **Membership, FAPL, PO Box 886, Alpine TX 79830.**

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

**Dues support the ongoing operations and programs of the library. Your personal information will not be shared.**

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Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail (saves us postage): \_\_\_\_\_

**Annual Membership Type (2011 calendar year)**

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