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I declare after all there is no enjoyment like reading! How much sooner one tires of any thing than of a book! – When I have a house of my own, I shall be miserable if I have not an excellent library.
–Jane Austen, *Pride and Prejudice*

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Between the Lines

Alpine Public Library and Friends

Fall 2015

Upcoming events at the Alpine Public Library

Seniors, stop by the library on Friday mornings from 9:30 until noon for senior coffee. Enjoy Big Bend Coffee Roasters Bookworm Blend coffee while you read a magazine or newspaper.

Yarn Arts is a public workshop that meets every Friday morning from 10:00 AM until noon in the APL Community Room. Anyone interested in Yarn Arts (spinning, knitting, crocheting, weaving, et al.) at all participation levels from listening to personal projects to group activities is welcome and encouraged to attend. Experienced yarn artists are available and happy to answer questions and offer advice on your personal projects. Stop by Friday mornings and join the fun.

The next Hump Day lunch will be on October 21 from 11 AM until 1 PM. The menu includes loaded baked potato, drink and choice of dessert. Mark your calendars for the November Hump Day lunch on the 4th and the last Hump Day lunch of the year will be on December 16th.

The Art Walk Silent Auction is on November 20 & 21 this year. This is Alpine Public Library's biggest fundraiser of the year. There will be a treasure-trove of interesting items in all price ranges. You won't want to miss the excitement. We are also accepting items to be included in the silent auction and for the 'Buy-It-Now' table. Do you have an item or items you would like to donate? Please contact the library for more information about making a donation.

We are looking for GED tutors. If you are interested please contact the library.
—Don Wetterauer, Executive Director

Talk About the Silent Auction at Art Walk

The Silent Auction held during Art Walk each year is a big event for the library. It is a fund raiser to help bring money into the library's coffers. It is also a chance for the generosity of the people of Alpine to shine, and for items to find new homes where they can be used and enjoyed. Not too long ago, a friend lent me a book about the art of 'tidying' by a Japanese woman. One of the things that struck me was items may have a limited life span in a person's life. (My words—not the author's.) In this vein, I can look at some of the things surrounding me and begin to think perhaps it is time to thank the item for the joy it has brought me and send it on the way to a new destination achieved through donations to Art Walk.

Last year the BUY-IT-NOW table was not a part of the Auction. Kathy Donnell and I were in our first year of co-chairs event and didn't feel qualified to manage so much. We comments indicating that portion of the Silent Auction was the attendees. This year the BUY-IT-NOW table is returning, thanks in large part to the additional volunteers who are working to make this year's Silent Auction an event to be enjoyed by the people of Alpine as well as guests to our city as they visit from other locales.

—Linda Bryant, President Board of Directors



Gift Yourself or a Loved One a Limited Edition Holiday Mouse Ornament

Coming soon: the Artist Mouse, second in a series of limited edition handmade mouse ornaments created by Friends of Alpine Public Library. Friends have been designing, cutting, and sewing for months to create a mischief (yes, that's what a group of mice is called) of felt ornaments for your collecting, hanging, and gifting enjoyment. Whether you have pre-ordered your ornament, or wish to purchase one, they will be available at APL's booth at the Mountain Country Christmas Show at the Alpine Civic Center in early December. The price for one of these limited edition treasures is \$15, and all proceeds will benefit your Alpine Public Library. Thank you for your support!

—Cheryl Frances, Circulation

Holiday Schedule for 2015

The Alpine Public Library will be closed starting December 24 for the Christmas Holiday. We will reopen on Monday, January 4, 2016.

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Gifts and Memorials

Would you like to honor a family member or a friend in a memorable way that would benefit our entire community?

Alpine Public Library has several ways that this could happen. One way is to have a brick engraved in honor of your loved one. You could have their name engraved on the brick with a small inscription that will be incorporated into the Alpine Public Library grounds for all to see every single day. Ask at the Front Desk for more information.

Another way, if your loved one had a favorite book that they enjoyed reading, would be to make a donation to purchase a book in honor of her/him for the library collection. Maybe they had a favorite movie that they enjoyed watching over and over. Consider making a donation to purchase a DVD or audiobook in honor of her/him to add to the collection.

If your loved one taught children or just loved being around children, a gift towards children's programs, supplies or books could be made that will make so many children smile and enjoy learning and the library that much more. If your loved one liked hiking or exploring the Big Bend area we have a special section of books in the library on this topic. Ask about making a donation that would go toward adding to our collection in this area. If your loved one enjoyed reading the newspaper, a donation for a subscription could be made in honor of your loved one.

A gift or memorial made here at APL will truly go a long way in our community; in a special way that will touch young and old hearts for a long time. Talk to the librarians at the Front Desk for more information about making a donation today.

—Nicole Cardoza, Circulation

Win a One-of-a-kind Pumpkin

Be the envy of all the ghosts and ghouls on your block when you win a one-of-a-kind hand-painted pumpkin in APL's Pumpkin Raffle! Tickets are available at the front desk for a donation of \$1 for one ticket, or \$5 for six.

The five pumpkins were painted by APL's in-house artist, Cheryl Frances, and each one is based on a literary reference. Themes range from the scary to the whimsical and include *The Canterville Ghost* by Oscar Wilde; *The Legend of Sleepy Hollow* by Washington Irving; *The Raven* by Edgar Allan Poe; *Georgie's Halloween* by Robert Bright; and *Black Cats* by Edward Gorey.

All proceeds will benefit the programs and operations of your non-profit Alpine Public Library. The drawing will be held on Wednesday, October 28 at 6:00 PM. **Happy Halloween!**

—Cheryl Frances, Circulation

Library Fourth Fridays

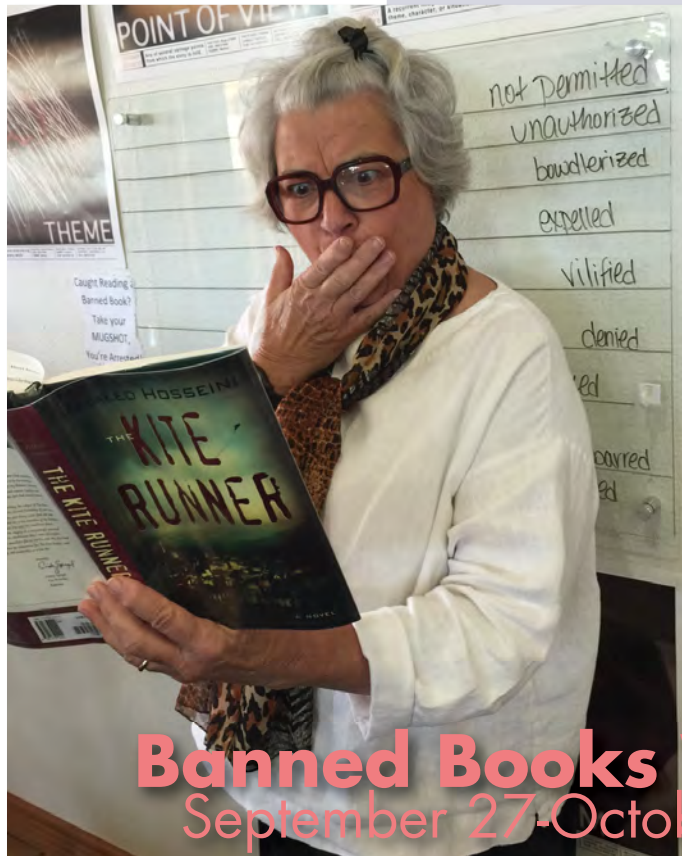
For more than a year it has been possible to travel to far-flung regions of the world without leaving Alpine. Travel Talks began more than a year ago with local travelers talking about travels far and wide. Slides and anecdotes take armchair travelers around the United States and the world in a variety of conveyances from foot, to water, to air, to tow truck when the car won't go!

This summer the library committee of the Pilot Club of Alpine began serving 'related' light refreshments. We enjoyed tapas for the talk about a house exchange in Spain. Café Cubano was served for the travel talk about a recent trip to Cuba. The next travel talk is "Six Months in a Casita and We're Still Married." Though the exact refreshments are not disclosed, the Pilot Club promises they will not be six months old!

—Linda Bryant, President Board of Directors

The only thing that you absolutely have to know, is the location of the library.

—Albert Einstein



Banned Books Week September 27-October 3



How Do You Spell.....Cat or Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious?

If you were present at Alpine's First Ever Adult Spelling Bee, you would know. One of the words – **cat** – was the first word the teams had to spell in the contest. Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious was scheduled to be one of the words until a spelling group used it as a team name. Regardless, the words were called, defined, and used in a sentence while the team members determined how to spell the word and recorded the spelling on the team's whiteboard before holding it high and proud for the all star judging panel to see.

So much fun was had by the folks involved as spellers or audience members, that the date of May 21, 2016 is tentatively reserved with the Big Bend Brewery for Alpine's Second Ever Adult Spelling Bee. A "Save the Date" will find its way to participants and other Friends of the Library. We hope it will be on your calendar!

—Linda Bryant President Board of Directors



Delicious autumn! My very soul is wedded to it, and if I were a bird I would fly about the earth seeking the successive autumns.

—George Eliot

Did You Know...?

Would you like to know what I like best about my job as the cataloger for the Alpine Public Library? It could be the great folks I work with here at the library. Or yes, it could be the friendly patrons I get to visit with and "talk books" with. But the very best part is that I get to be the first person who sees the new titles that will be put on the shelves.

As a patron, you can also get excited about new titles in our collection. How do you know what's new? Well, while visiting the library, you could check the endcap shelving in the fiction and nonfiction areas which features new titles. Our new DVDs are also shelved in a separate display area. Or take a look at the bookshelf with new fiction and mystery fiction titles.

If you just can't wait to discover what is new, check out our online catalog. The colorful scrolling banner shows recently added titles. For the listing, click on "what's new" and "added in the last week". There you will find all the new titles that have been processed during the week. If you would like to reserve a new title, you're able to do so on-line or check with our front desk circulation staff to assist you.

Enjoy what's new here at your Alpine Public Library. It's always an adventure!

—Christine Cavazos, the Cataloger

Science Club Investigates Microbes

Ewww! After incubating for about a week in a nutrient rich agar gel, colonies of spectacular microbes flourished and prospered—much to the delight of our science club members. It got us all thinking about one thing: handwashing. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), handwashing is like a "self-administered" vaccination against common microbes that cause diarrheal and respiratory illnesses. Regular handwashing is the best way to remove germs, avoid getting sick, and prevent the spread of disease to others. The CDC studies show that handwashing reduces diarrheal illness by 31%, and respiratory illness by 21%. For people with weakened immune systems, disease prevention can be as high as 58%.

Alcohol based hand sanitizers can decrease microbes on hands in some situations, but do not eliminate all types of microbes. In general, people do not use a large enough volume of sanitizer, or they wipe it off before it has thoroughly dried. Also, sanitizers have been shown not to work well when hands are greasy or heavily soiled. The downside of sanitizers is that some beneficial microbes, known as probiotics, are killed off leaving the immune system compromised increasing the potential for harmful microbes to mutate.

The library serves around 180 people a day. That's a lot of microbe sharing on the computers, books, table tops, chairs, door handles and so forth. Library staff sanitize regularly each working shift, but the best way to protect your health is to make a habit of handwashing before and after visiting any public facility. I know our science club will!

—Mary Beth Garrett, Children's Librarian

Be a Wish Tree Santa

It's almost time for the holiday season, and soon APL will be featuring our annual Wish Tree near the front desk. All year long, we strive to bring you the gifts of literacy, entertainment, communication, and lifelong learning in a welcoming community space.

The Wish Tree provides an opportunity for you to give back to our library in a fun and unique way: From the tree you can pick cards that describe items the library needs including books, DVDs and children's educational items, as well as donation cards that support both children's and adult programming and library operations.

We love bringing you the best in materials and services all year long, and appreciate your continuing support!

—Cheryl Frances, Circulation



Re-Reads Receives Generous Donations

Re-Reads has recently received several generous donations due to moves from the area or downsizing while staying in the area. The result is a number of titles we've never had in the store before. Come see what treasures you can find. Volunteers both prepare the items for sale and staff the store so that it is open Monday through Friday from 10:00–5:00 and Saturdays from 11:00 until 2:30.

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