

BETWEEN THE LINES

FRIENDS OF THE ALPINE PUBLIC LIBRARY

Major Construction Donors Recognized

On September 27, the Alpine Public Library board of directors held a donor recognition event at the library to honor major donors to the building project and to unveil a custom appreciation display.

About forty invitees turned out to view the display and enjoy the new library, some for the first time. The wooden display, fashioned as a bookshelf with book spines engraved with donor names, was designed by Candice Granger, an Alpine resident, and constructed by Jim Bob Salazar and Scott Wasserman with students Hunter Willkie, Bobby Elliot, and Mando Hernandez, in the "IT 3315 Techniques in Furniture and Cabinet Making" class at Sul Ross. It can be viewed in the library front entrance vestibule.

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THANK YOU!



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FAPL Officers

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Friends of the Alpine Public Library meet at noon on the Tuesday before the second Thursday of the month, at the library. Everyone is Welcome to attend!

Marathon Citizens Form Group to Explore Library Options

In late June, the board of the Alpine Public Library reviewed with the county commissioners, and later with the Marathon community, the on-going challenges of bringing library services to Marathon. The initial recommendation was to relinquish the current county-owned building and use lower-cost delivery methods to satisfy many of the existing needs. Later, the Friends of the Marathon Public Library and concerned citizens met to explore ways to support the branch in its current form. **Danielle Gallo, Neal Harrison, Sande Pedro, Ray Santos and Connie Springfield** were elected to the *Marathon Library Executive Committee*, with Commissioner **Ruben Ortega** as an *ex officio* member, to work with the APL board towards maintaining traditional library services.

The Marathon committee is committed to addressing the challenges first outlined in June and hope to have a plan in place by the beginning of 2013.

-Ken Durham, APL Treasurer



Alpine Mayor Avinash Rangra and City Councilman Julian Gonzales present a check to Chris Ruggia, APL President, Hildy Santos, MPL representative, and Carol Townsend, MPL Branch Manager.

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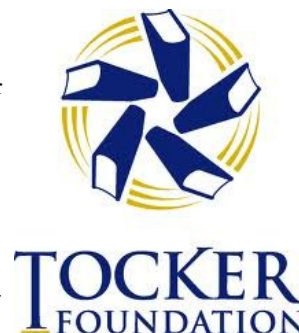
ArtWalk Silent Auction Fundraiser Fast Approaching

ArtWalk Gallery Night, a weekend art extravaganza of art, music, and food, is coming up on November 16-17 in Alpine. For the past several years, APL has been fortunate to hold its annual silent auction fundraiser at the Granada Theater. The library has benefited from generous donations of art and collectibles from talented artists from around the Big Bend Region and beyond. If you have items valued less than \$25, you may contribute a donation to the “Buy It Now” table as well. The board of directors has begun preparing for the event and will soon be soliciting donations. This year’s event will feature a **mini LIVE auction** on Friday night, showcasing several different types of items! Start planning now to invite your out-of-town friends! They won’t want to miss it!

Tocker Foundation Grant Brings APL Aid to over \$90,000

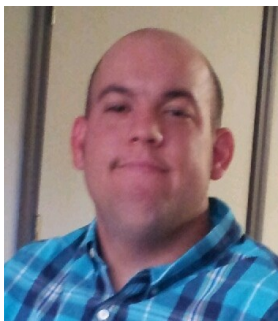
APL is a 2012-2013 recipient of a Collections Enhancement grant from the **Tocker Foundation**, an Austin-based library supporter. The \$5,000 grant will be used to purchase books and periodicals for the libraries. Total aid from the Tocker Foundation to APL now surpasses \$90,000.

In the past three years alone, the Foundation has awarded APL \$50,000 for furniture, almost \$15,000 for a new automated online cataloging system, and various grants for computers and travel. They provide much-needed resources for libraries serving a population of 12,000 and under. APL’s service area is just over 9300 people. We appreciate the continued generous support, and hope to continue our positive relationship with the Foundation.



APL Welcomes New Computer Instructor

Heath Young (right) is APL's new instructor for the Basic Computer Ed program. Heath hails from Del Rio and has extensive education in basic and workplace computer skills. Heath has past experience with computer and network maintenance. The curriculum he has developed for the program includes the very basics of computer hardware and Windows-based software to internet communications and security. The APL Computer Ed program is funded this year by the Yarborough Foundation of Midland. Classes repeat in six-week sessions four times per year. Call or stop by the library to sign up for free classes. Welcome Heath!



Library Birthday Celebration Brings in Generous Gifts of Support

The Friends of the Library recently hosted a celebration of the Alpine Public Library's 65th birthday with a party and Art Chair Auction, and quite a celebration it was! On display was a scrapbook, on loan from the Archives of the Big Bend, chronicling the library's origins and activities; attendees were able to page through the original documents. There were 40 bidders on 18 chairs which were decorated by local artists. Bidding was lively as **Greg Schwab** and Friends volunteers encouraged the crowd to support the library; and indeed it did, to the tune of total of \$2700, which will go into the library's operating funds. Thanks go out to all the Friends and board volunteers who made the event a success; to all the bidders, and to the winning bidders who took home beautiful art chairs while supporting the library; and, to the artists who gave so generously of their time and talents.

-Cheryl Frances



Greg Schwab & Kathy Bork
Photo by T. Ramsdale

Re-Reads Meets Annual Sales Goal in Third Quarter

While planning this year's annual budget, the APL board estimated \$1000 per month in income from book sales at Re-Reads. The third quarter of 2012 is now ending, and the Friends have already met that goal! The store is handling over 250 transactions per month, and that number is rising. The average daily sale is under \$3, but event sales and special books can bring in much more. Paperbacks and softbacks combined bring in 41% of sales, hardbacks bring in 31%, and specially priced books bring in 26%. Other merchandise include DVDs, CDs, t-shirts, and miscellany.

It was unknown whether the new library location would affect sales. Some feared that visitors driving by would not notice the store. Some felt that increased library traffic would boost sales. Whatever the cause, the Friends are contributing more than ever to the library's operations budget. Thank you!



Super-Volunteer
Kathy Fox Shelves
Books

Bookstore Volunteers Sweating Over Surplus Inventory

Re-Reads used book store, a project of the Friends of the Library, is suffering an embarrassment of riches! Book donations have been arriving at a record rate at the new library location and have already exceeded our storage capacity. ReReads exists solely through the efforts and dedication of volunteers.

During the past couple of months, two volunteers have exceeded expectations. **Kathy Fox** and **Glen Kramer** have tackled making order out of chaos in the "back room." Kathy and Glen have been doing a monumental job of shuffling and arranging books so that other volunteers can find desired books and get them on the shelves of the store. These other volunteers work in 3 ½ hour shifts to keep ReReads open M-F from 10-5 and Sat from 10-1. Some may work one shift per month and others three or four per month. The individual schedules are flexible to fit ever changing needs. Each volunteer can work on his/her favorite task (straighten books, shelving, alphabetizing) but helping customers is primary.



Karen Boyd

Huge thanks go to **Dallas Baxter, Elaine Davenport, Betty Fitzgerald, Penny Flack, Gayle Lewis, Cindy Lockwood, Priscilla Maulsby, Jane Micallef, Gail Munson, Audrey Painter, LaFerne Scudday, Tomius Strauss, Marilyn Terry** (who oversees special sales and is ever-alert for books for these sales,) **Alicia Trillo, Eleanor and Rex Wilson, and Candace Yaquinto**. They are the current volunteers along with Kathy and Glen and they keep ReReads open 38 hours each week.

-Karen Boyd



Pajama Story Time
Photo by T. Ramsdale



Kids' Page

Top Left: Big Bend School kids play vegetable bingo during a nutrition program brought to South County by APL Children's Librarian **Mary Beth Garrett**. Left: APL recognized Banned Books Week by displaying often-censored books and encouraging patrons to read freely. Below right: **Jose Aguayo** reads to **Lucia & Avram**



PROGRAM UPDATE:

APL's **Border Patrol Family Challenge**, funded by the Priddy Foundation through UNT's Promoting and Enhancing the Advancement of Rural Libraries (PEARL) program, was held on September 8. Three kids received reading prizes and three parents won prizes for completing crazy stunts! The stunts were modeled on the TV show "Minute To Win It." Shown at right are **Kathy, Tori, Horatio, Gabe and Jaden of the Velascos family**, and **Max, Jet, Angela, and Keech Clift**. Inset: Jet and Max Clift racing the clock!

Border Patrol Family Challenge participants



Library's Citizenship Prep Program Needs a Volunteer!



Instructor needed! Help those interested in gaining US Citizenship to study for the required tests and interviews. By offering a comfortable environment and easy-to-use materials, the instructor can help the student to gain confidence and necessary skills to become a productive and involved citizen. Materials and curriculum are provided. You make the schedule. Some knowledge of US civics and history preferred. Please see Paige or call for information.

Kris Celaya Named Editor of SRSU's Sage Newsletter

APL's own **Kris Celaya (right)**, circulation assistant, has been named Editor of the 2012-2013 Sage Newsletter, a student literary publication. He is already wading through piles of submissions.

Kris is a senior and an English Major, and provides valuable technical skills to the library. Congratulations!



Nicole Cardoza Named to Texas State Library's TexShare ILL / Courier

APL's circulation librarian **Nicole Cardoza (above)** has been chosen by the Texas State Library & Archives Commission to serve on the TexShare ILL / Courier Program Working Group. The group reviews and recommends policies and procedures for the Interlibrary Loan and TExpress courier service programs, and provides input from member libraries. Congratulations!

ESL for the Big Bend is Cutting Edge in Texas



Lee Smith (left), coordinator for the library's ESL for the Big Bend English tutoring program, attended the Literacy Texas Conference in July. Not only did she gather important information and make strategic contacts with other Texas program administrators, but she also learned that APL's program is one of the most sophisticated programs run by a small rural library in the state.

Statewide, ESLBB has memberships in ProLiteracy and Literacy Texas, which provide advocacy, support, and resources for adult and family literacy programs. ESLBB also relies on

the Texas Center for the Advancement of Literacy and Learning for resources.

Lee learned about opportunities to qualify for free training and travel by joining and participating in a pilot database project called the Texas Online Database. By providing program statistics, ESLBB may qualify for new ESL grants via the Literacy Texas Volunteer Training Initiative. Tutors may also soon be able to attend extra training sessions at the West Region Great Center in El Paso.

Additional ESLBB goals for the coming year are to Adopt a standardized assessment tool (Best Plus) and to strengthen our tutor evaluation process. Tutors are still needed! **Please volunteer** by calling Paige at 432-837-2621.



*Christine's
Cataloging
Report*

NEW APL ACQUISITIONS

"AD Chronicles" Bible story audios

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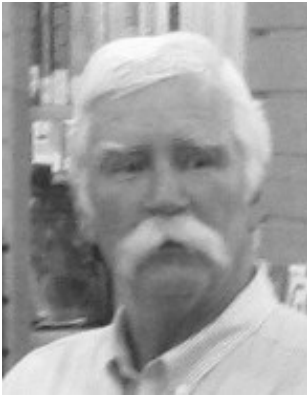
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Library Policies Update

The library board is undertaking a routine update of the library policy and procedures manual. While most core policies will not change, certain procedures may be updated to reflect our new infrastructure and services. One major update is the inclusion of our overdue collections policy, which was unveiled in February, 2012. (Unpaid losses over \$25 will be referred to a library collections agency after 45 days.)

The new policies will be publicly available on our website and at the library after the board completes the review.

Our current policies and procedures manual is already available online.



New APL Board Members

The Alpine Public Library has two new board members as of this summer—**Tom Mangrem**, above, and Big Bend Telephone's **Tom Dickinson**, right. Both bring valuable skills to the board and are helpful, welcome additions.

Tom Mangrem is tasked with finishing up construction details and lightning repairs. Tom Dickinson is helping with our abundance of networking and telephone issues. Welcome to the board, and THANK YOU for bring a volunteer!



Thank you to the
City of Alpine &
Brewster County
for generous 2013
budget allocations!

2012 Collections Budget: \$0; Number of Items Added: 1459

Thanks to generous donors and grantors, particularly the Union Pacific and Yarborough Foundations, APL has been able to add numerous new kids and adult titles in 2012, despite no budgeted funds for books. Because of our large opening day collection fund, the APL board of directors chose to zero out our collections budget for 2012. However this did not take into account periodical subscriptions, our leased book contract, or newspapers, which must be kept up to date. The Tocker Foundation grant (see page 2) will pay for APL and MPL magazine subscriptions for the coming year. The 2013 budget is in prep right now, and we anticipate a return to our regularly funded collections budget. Our mission obligates us to provide current and relevant collections to the community.

Acoustics in the New Library: A Whole Latta Work



The Alpine City Council approved a bid recommendation for materials and labor to remediate the acoustical problems in the new library. Their approval was required because the city administers the US Housing and Urban Development grant awarded to complete the library. **Mike Latta's** (left) bid was approved as was the materials bid from Acoustical Solutions, a fabricator of cloth-covered sound-absorbing panels. The panels will be affixed to the ceilings and walls in strategic areas of the library to lessen reverberations and echoes. We hope the work will be complete before the December holidays. Thank you to all our patrons, volunteers, and staff for your patience and good humor until the work is complete!



Library Gets Landscaping Upgrade

Landscape Architect and APL volunteer **Martha Latta** organized a tree-planting party at the Alpine Public Library on Saturday, September 29th. Charles Stair of the Texas Forest Service was on hand to demonstrate proper tree planting techniques and answer questions while volunteers worked to get 24 trees in the ground. This tree-planting was part of the Native Plant Demonstration Garden grant awarded to Keep Alpine Beautiful and funded in part by Lowe's, Keep America Beautiful and Keep Texas Beautiful. Thanks to all who donated!

- Dallas Baxter in memory of Rev. Sam & Kitty Baxter
- Wayne Cline
- Beth Collins

- Gerri Davis
- Elizabeth Foley in honor of Teresa Morgan
- Nina, Denis, and Patrick Foley in honor of Elizabeth Foley
- Martha Latta
- Julie Main in honor of Cole Main
- Mary Malgrem & Robert Steele in honor of those who serve
- Pollyanne Melton in memory of Mari-anné Melton
- Bennye Meredith in honor of Audrey Painter
- Jerry Mitchell in memory of her parents
- Karen Kakakihara
- Shirley & Mike Powell
- Rotary Club of Alpine
- Sally Schaefer
- Janith Stephenson in memory of Marjorie & Billie Vest
- Janet Stewart
- Betty Tanksley
- Katie Tetrault
- Women's Club of Alpine
- Candace Yaquinto



Special Donations

Memorials

David Forchheimer

By **Paige & Allan Delaney**

By **Vic & Mary Jane Morgan**

Jane Beard

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Anne Calaway's Birthday

By Mary Jane Morgan

Kay & Don Green

By Teeby Forchheimer

Ken Durham's Birthday

By Kathy & Albert Bork



Corporate Donations Match Library Gifts

Are you retired from a large corporation with a giving program? The library has benefited this year from several matching gifts from the ExxonMobil Foundation. The foundation's Matching Gifts Program has sent significant cash donations to APL to match cash, stock, and volunteer time donated by local library supporters. If you are a regular APL donor, please check with your employer to see if they will double your gift!

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Library Equipment For Sale

8' white plastic folding tables (2)
Heavy Duty, used \$45 each

In-counter soap dispensers New
(2) \$10 each

Metal chair feet (nail on) removed
from new chairs—1 1/8" \$10/
bag; 7/8" \$10/bag

Square D Contactor 2 Pole Open
type model 8910DP12v14 \$15
New

Netgear ProSafe 16 port 10/100
switch FS116P \$200 slightly used

Polycom internet desktop phone
handsets (3 + 1 for parts) model
Soundpoint IP321 \$150 for all –
slightly used.

QuickPhones WiFi cordless hand-
sets (4) with chargers \$150 for all,
slightly used

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model S844i slightly used \$250

Linksys Wireless G access point
model WAP54G \$15 slightly used

Happy Halloween

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