

BETWEEN THE LINES

Friends of the Alpine Public Library NEWSLETTER

LET THE SUNSHINE IN!

The Alpine Public Library has received a \$25,000 donation from the Green Mountain Energy™ Sun Club™, a program that funds solar technology for nonprofits. The Sun Club program is funded by Green Mountain Energy Company customers and employees who elect to contribute money each month to help give the gift of solar to organizations like ours.



We were one of hundreds of applicants and only a handful of those to be selected. Bennett Jones was instrumental in securing this donation for us.

The solar energy can help offset some of our electricity costs and partially power our organization with renewable energy. We're looking forward to working with the Sun Club, which has been around for more than 10 years and has donated over \$2.5 million in solar installations to nonprofits like us.

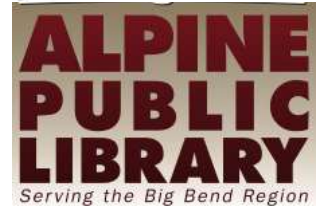
In December, Tony Napolillo of the Sun Club presented us with the check to fund the purchase and installation of our solar array. We'll start working on the installation in January and plan to have it fully installed and functioning by spring. Stay tuned for updates on our progress!

To learn more about Green Mountain Energy, visit greenmountain.com. To learn more about the Sun Club and how to become a member, visit gmsunclub.com. We encourage other nonprofit organizations to follow our lead and apply for a future Sun Club solar donation at greenmountainenergysunclub.com/apply-for-a-donation/.

Follow Green Mountain at [facebook.com/greenmountainenergycompany](https://www.facebook.com/greenmountainenergycompany) or twitter.com/greenmtenergy. —Paige Delaney, APL executive director

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M–F 9:30–6:00
SAT 10:00–3:00

JANUARY 2014



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RESOLVED . . .

As I begin this year I have the privilege of serving as the volunteer coordinator of Re-Reads and the president of the Friends of Alpine Public Library. As a fairly recent area resident, I have a lot to learn about our community, our opportunities, and events. As a very long time employee in various libraries, I have very high expectations for “MY local library!” APL is an outstanding small library. in my opinion (and that of the Gates Foundation and *Library Journal* as determined by the 2013 award), that is providing me with the opportunity to meet my lifelong learning needs and serve my community! I believe APL continues to be a “Best Small Library”! In that vein, I am making some resolutions in my roles as the Friends president and the Re-Reads volunteer coordinator.

I make the following commitments to the Friends:

Leadership: There is a tradition of strong, active, and forward-thinking leadership in both Re-Reads and the Friends group as a whole. ***I resolve to continue this strong tradition in a positive, enthusiastic manner.*** I hope to increase the active membership and attendance at the monthly Friends meeting while also providing information and venues to those not at the monthly meeting.

Fund-raising: The Friends group of any library includes fund-raising as an ongoing activity. Due to the structure of APL, fund-raising is a somewhat more important part of the Friends’ activities than it is in other library structures (specifically, government funded and -overseen.)

I resolve to be a very active, positive part of the fund-raising initiatives of the Friends of APL. I will share the ideas I have gleaned from interaction with other fund-raising endeavors. I will encourage suggestions from others—both in terms of adapting from other examples and developing original ideas.

Membership: There is a strong, active core of people who are Friends of the APL, and a larger group of people who are Friends members but not especially active. ***I resolve to work to increase the size and presence of both groups.*** Belonging to the Friends helps the library not only with the money provided by the membership but also in terms of perceived community value (of the library) for grants and goodwill. I hope to help people determine that membership in the APL Friends provides not only the expected “feel-good” of a charitable contribution but also the personal benefit of a library that is an asset in the daily life of those of us the library serves.

Volunteers: A lot of volunteer time is contributed to assist in making APL the outstanding library that it is. ***I resolve to make sure volunteers know both the work they do and the volunteer as an individual is appreciated and well valued.*** I need to be sure that I—as a patron of Alpine Public Library—both recognize the work of volunteers and express my appreciation for that work. As a fund-raising source for APL, keeping Re-Reads functioning smoothly is an asset for the library. The volunteer coordinator contributes to that effort in both the staffing schedule and the movement (sale) of inventory.

Leadership: I follow a tradition of outstanding, strong leadership. ***I resolve to do my best to continue and expand the fine leadership of Re-Reads.*** In Re-Reads, I would like to continue to build our pool of volunteers and expand the responsiveness we are able to provide the customers.

Staffing: The volunteers who staff the Re-Reads store are invaluable! They give time, enthusiasm, sometime shared reading interests, and encouragement to the people who enter Re-Reads. ***I resolve to let this body of people know they are appreciated while working to expand the number of people in the group.***

Events: There are a number of in-house and a limited number of out-in-the-community events in Re-Reads. ***I resolve to support the growth of all events in which Re-Reads can add to the richness of life available in our area.*** Special displays and sales will reflect community awareness and in turn generate sales. We will hold Fill-a-Bag sales about once a quarter in an effort to keep inventory fresh and turning over.

Inventory accessibility: Requests for books and volunteer willingness to search for desired items have generated a level of customer satisfaction with our inventory. ***I resolve to increase inventory accessibility through the use of digital information stage and retrieval.*** An inventory program has been purchased, and a core of backroom volunteers is working diligently to get the entire stock of Re-Reads recorded in this inventory. This will enable people to determine whether or not Re-Reads has a desired title.

—Linda Bryant, President,
Friends of the Alpine Public Library



ARTWALK 2013 SILENT AUCTION



AREA LIBRARIES JUMPING ON E-BOOK BANDWAGON!

The Alpine, Marfa, and Ft. Davis libraries are joining forces to bring new and popular e-book titles to our patrons. In December 2013, all 3 libraries invested the same amount to purchase titles from the 3M Cloud Library. Patrons are now able to choose from the shared collection. The 3 library directors are extremely proud of this collaborative effort.

Kindle Fire, smartphones, and android tablets and iPads can access the collection via a free app and use their library card number to borrow titles. Users with older readers, such as Kindles and Nooks, can download the app onto their computer and then transfer titles to mobile devices via hardwire. The 3M system is less cumbersome than other vendors' products and maintains user privacy by avoiding third-party software authentication

Big Bend-region libraries have long wanted to provide this service, but until now, it has been financially prohibitive.

Depending on budget availability, more and more popular titles should be come available throughout the year. We plan to pursue grant funds to help fund this program, but your donations are still needed.

Library staff members are standing by to show you how to download and borrow books!

—Paige Delaney, executive director

The 6th Annual Artwalk Silent Auction, benefiting the Alpine Public Library, was held in the Granada Theatre on November 22 and 23.

The “IceWalk Auction,” in spite of decreased traffic resulting from very low temperatures and icy conditions, still managed to bring in \$13,000.

We had to cancel the planned Live Auction because of low bidder turnout, but we still had the Buy It Now Table and the ever-popular beer and wine wheelbarrows.

We had a great mix of old hands, some of whom have been involved with the auction since the beginning 6 years ago, and first-timers eager to lend a hand in what has become a premier community event. THANKS to all of you for putting on the smoothest running, most “professional” auction event we’ve ever had.

—Ken Durham,

Retiring APL Board president & Silent Auction volunteer coordinator



No man is so poor as to have nothing worth giving. Give what you have. To someone it may be better than you dare to think.

—*Henry Wadsworth Longfellow*

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KID STUFF

Exciting new programs this year include the Science Club and the Garden Club for kids and cool events for teens like this cosmetology workshop. Coming in April will be the library's first-ever Family Science Night! This is an evening of quality, hands-on science activities for families with children in elementary school.

—Mary Beth Garrett, children's librarian



Cosmetology workshop



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Coming to Re-Reads

An inventory control program has been purchased for Re-Reads. A core group of volunteers is working diligently to input all Re-Reads titles into this program. We hope to have it up and running before the end of January. Unfortunately, this means Re-Reads will have to close for two days—Friday, January 17, and Saturday, January 18—to get the inventory into the database.

When the information is in the database, Re-Reads volunteers will be able to tell whether or not a title is available in Re-Reads. We hope this will help you in your personal book searches.

—Linda Bryant, Re-Reads
volunteer coordinator

LIBRARY LANDSCAPING

It's a good thing that the landscaping around the Library is a "Demonstration Landscape" because it is certainly demonstrating how resilient native plants can be! Since it was planted a little over a year ago, it has endured drought, snow, a very hard late freeze on May 3, a tremendous hailstorm in June, and an ice storm in November.

Not only that, after the trees had already been in the ground a year, the deer suddenly discovered them and decided they were tasty, or at least something that was good to rub on. That necessitated building wire cages around all the trees for protection.

The June hailstorm totally destroyed the TreeGator watering bags, but after some serious negotiating, we were able to get them replaced. They have now been taken up for the winter to prevent them from cracking due to cold.

Despite all of this, every plant is still alive and actually growing! And to help direct this growth, it is often necessary to do some judicious pruning. On Saturday, January 11, we are going to do just that!



Oscar Mestas, regional urban forester with the Texas A&M Forest Service, will hold a pruning workshop from 1 to 4 at the library. There will be a short indoor presentation in the AEP Foundation Multipurpose Room on the basic whys and how-to's of pruning. Then with pruners in hand, participants will head outside, and, under Oscar's guidance, do the recommended pruning on the Library's trees. Garden gloves, appropriate clothing for being outside, and a sharp pair of hand pruners are recommended for the workshop.

The program is free, open to the public, and a cooperative venture of Keep Alpine Beautiful and the Tierra Grande Chapter of the Texas Master Naturalists and hosted by APL. For more information call 432-294-3183.

—Martha Latta

ADULT COMPUTER EDUCATION

Free computer education classes for adults begin February 4, 2014. The 5-week session meets on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 6:00 to 7:30 in the library. Learn how to use a computer, surf the Internet, and communicate with family and friends via e-mail. More advanced classes are also available. Please call the library at 432-837-2621 or stop by to sign up.

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- ✓ ESL tutors (training class on March 2, 2014, 8:00 AM–4:00 PM at APL)
- ✓ Spanish books and magazines for Brewster County Jail outreach
- ✓ Bookcases for Re-Reads workroom (size and aesthetics don't matter much)

AND WE HAVE STUFF FOR YOU!

- ✓ The Friends of the Library will hold 2014's first **Fill-a-Bag Sale** on January 31 and February 1. We have hundreds of books from which to choose. Fill 2 plastic grocery bags for \$5.00 (3 bags if you're a card-carrying Friend of the Library—Join at the door). Friday 9:30–3; Saturday 10–3; Friends sneak preview Thursday 3–6. Bring your own bags or use ours.
- ✓ **Travel Evenings**, one Friday a month, begin in January to encourage people to travel and to introduce books relevant to the destination (e.g., *A Walk in the Woods* after the Appalachian Trail talk). Jim Glendinning will host. Dates and topics to be announced.

MORE STUFF FOR YOU!

To fill that void in your life now that the holidays are over, we have Bookworm Blend coffee from Big Bend Coffee Roasters for \$12/pound and whole pecans from Surratt Pecan Farm for \$15/pound. You can make coffee cake with the pecans and enjoy it with a cup of coffee while you read a book purchased at the Fill-a-Bag sale or downloaded onto your e-reader or to prepare you for a Travel Evening talk.

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