

BETWEEN THE LINES

New Library Interior Taking Shape

The library is coming into focus! The Brewster County roads crew has begun hanging sheet-rock in the new library, and is doing a magnificent job. When that step is complete, our new library will take on a new persona! We will be able to visualize the circulation and collections area, the new Re-Reads Bookstore, and our new multipurpose meeting room. I hope this will inspire you to think of new ways to use the library as it has us! With the additional space and facilities, our opportunities to serve patrons, partner with other agencies and civic groups, and promote literacy will continue to grow. Be thinking of ideas to share.

For 2011 the library budgeted for six months in the old library and six months in the new library. While this goal may or may not end up corresponding with the availability of county and contractor construction crews, **we hope to complete the building by the first of October, 2011.** We are very close! About \$200,000 more in donations and grants should get us in the building.

The library board of directors continues their search for funders. Anything you can do to help complete the building will make a big difference. We are looking for that knight in shining armor to make a happy ending!

Book fundraising is also almost complete! **If we raise \$4,600, we will receive a \$10,000 grant from the M.S. Doss Foundation,** and this will complete our goal. Make your donation go

even further by helping us reach that match!

This project has moved steadily forward thanks to kind and generous donors and the cooperation of Brewster County. Now that we're on the homestretch, we can't slow down. **Whatever you may have heard, we still need your support.** The federal appropriation for \$300,000, when we receive it, is not eligible for construction, only equipment. Thanks for helping us get this far!



Technical services workroom



Main library collection area

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From the President, APL Board of Directors



"I give a little each month and have done so since the project started."

Giving Circles

I'm dizzy from the assault on libraries, museums, non-commercial radio. Every time I turn around, someone else wants to cut funding for institutions I consider essential to the life I want to live.

So what to do? We can write letters and make phone calls, of course, but I've been looking for something more active than reactive. A friend sent me something about "Giving Circles" a while back. I put it aside to read later, but later is now.

The Giving Circle might just be a way to both help the institutions we just can't live (well) without and help us connect with like-minded folks. About.com defines a Giving Circle as a way to "allow donors to leverage their assets by pooling their contributions to achieve a greater impact. . . . In the process, donors connect with one another and with their community."

These things can be very complicated, like investment clubs. What I envi-

sion, however, is a group of us who believe in (in this case) public libraries but who don't have buckets 'o money. We can form a Giving Circle dedicated to the Alpine Public Library and its Marathon branch, pool our donations, commit to making those donations *every single month* come hell or high water, and maybe make a difference at a critical time in the library's life.

Right now, we're scrambling to come up with the final \$200,000 or so to finish construction on the new library. Sounds like a lot of money, but when you consider how much we've raised in a relatively short period, it's peanuts. We need this money *right now*, today, tomorrow, immediately—however you want to say it.

Brewster County has been extraordinarily generous with in-kind donations of labor, but county crews' busy season is coming up, and the recent Alaskan weather pulled them away from the library project. What we've been getting as

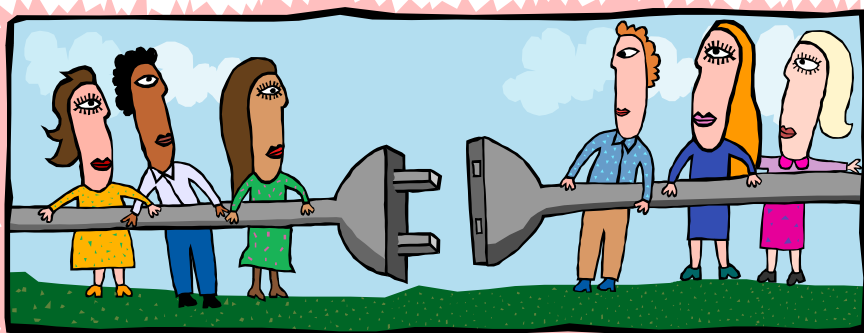
an in-kind donation will probably now have to be purchased on the open market.

I give a little each month and have done so since the project started. I can't give enough at a single blow, however, to have the impact we need *right now*, today, tomorrow, immediately. If I could get a group of, say, 25 friends of the library to join me each month, *no matter what*, and give \$100, that's a door or two or a couple of office chairs or some light fixtures—*right now*, when we need them, not in a year, when my solo contribution might have added up to enough to purchase a door.

And if *you* could get a group of 25 friends of the library also to commit to a Giving Circle, we could open those doors we'd be buying right now all the sooner. And you might make a few new friends along the way.

If you want to be part of my Giving Circle, give me a call (432-386-3551) or send me an e-mail (borkedit@sbcglobal.net). We can meet, decide on what we can do, sign a contract to fulfill our goal, and get our beautiful new space open.

—Kathy Bork



Special Donations

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Library Programs



Spanish Conversation

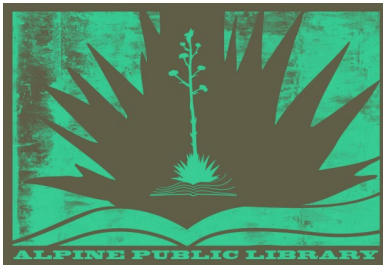
APL's Janie Ferrell began a weekly Spanish Conversation group in February. This is an ongoing program that meets Thursdays at 1pm for casual lessons and practice conversation. Everyone is welcome!



Join Karen Boyd and friends on the last Wednesday of every

Yarn Arts Program

month for knitting and crocheting fun! The group meets at 5pm in the Southwest room. Everyone is welcome to come work on projects, learn, or just yak. For information call Karen at 432-837-0838.



NEW green library t-shirts available at the Alpine library and Re-Reads!

Free with your \$20 donation.

New at APL: Visitor Library Cards

Previously, out of town visitors could only borrow materials from the Alpine Library if they are a Texas resident and a member of the TexShare library card system. Now, for \$15, any of your visiting relatives and friends can borrow materials. The card is good for six months and allows patrons to check out books, DVD movies, and audio-books. Due dates are the same as for all other patrons. See a circulation librarian to sign up.

Visiting Lecturers



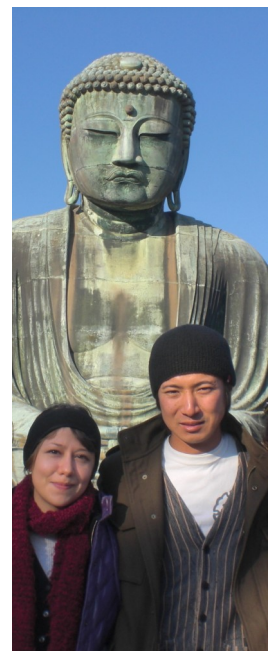
In February, Karl Peterson (above), former curator of amphibians and reptiles at the Houston Zoo, gave a fascinating lecture at APL on snakes of the Trans-

Pecos. He brought two live specimens and discussed identification, behavior, and snake safety. Upcoming lectures at the library include Dr. Martin

Terry, botanist and peyote expert at Sul Ross State University, and Matt Walter, curator and historian at the Museum of the Big Bend, who will talk about Railroads of Texas.

APL book keeper and circulation assistant Nora Ohnishi and her husband Masa (right) spent two months in Japan this winter for their honeymoon. Nora is back at work now and they plan a slideshow at the library sometime soon. Stay tuned!

If you are an expert in your field and would be interested in giving a free talk at the library, please call Paige at 432-837-2621.



ESL for the Big Bend

APL is proud to announce an upcoming program to teach English as a second language (ESL). We hope to begin during Spring, 2011. Often we receive inquiries at the library about the availability of free English tutoring in the area. At present, no other agencies are offering these classes. We have partnered with the Sul Ross State University Academic Center for Excellence (SRSU ACE) to form ESL for the Big Bend. This program will provide free tutoring to adults interested in building English language and conversation skills.

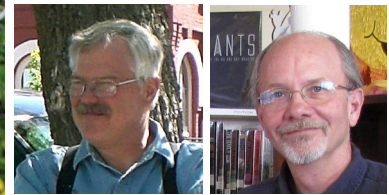
While English is taught in our local schools, over 40% of our families speak primarily Spanish at home.



Many older residents and those new to our area have few free opportunities or resources to learn English. ESL for the Big Bend will allow these residents to acquire basic necessary English communication skills. Adults of all learning levels and native languages are welcome.

Kathy Stein, Director of the SRSU ACE, writes, "The Academic Center for Excellence at Sul Ross State University is excited to be partnering with the Alpine Public Library in support of literacy efforts here in the Big Bend region of Texas. ESL for the Big Bend looks to be an excellent program that brings together the best elements of the frontier spirit of this area which identifies a problem and then works to fix it." The ACE will provide classroom and office space.

We are extremely fortunate to have an expert volunteer team leading this effort. Our program coordinator, **Lee Smith, PhD**, comes



ESL for the Big Bend Program Coordinator Lee Smith, left, and tutors Don Wetterauer, above left, and Ken Durham.

from a background in English teaching at the college level and has many years of experience in college staff administration and ESL tutoring and tutor training.

Don Wetterauer, PhD, an experienced GED teacher and adult English tutor, will teach all levels of the *English, No Problem* curriculum. **Ken Durham, MBA**, whose background includes professional development, will teach the functional literacy portion of the curriculum, which deals with job hunting, commerce, and other life situations which require reading and writing skills. **Annette Maestas, EdD**, who also has expertise in ESL educa-

tion, has agreed to serve as a program consultant.

We hope to form a bank of at least ten tutors in order to maximize service to adult learners. Four additional volunteer tutors have already been identified. Tutor training will begin in March, 2011. We hope to identify childcare volunteers who would be available on site. APL has applied to the Dollar General Literacy Foundation to seek funding for this important program. Learning materials will be free to students.

If you would like to donate or participate in ESL for the Big Bend, please contact us.

E-books at APL

We're stretching our wings here at the Alpine library and venturing into the world of e-books. For those of you who don't know, e-books are electronic versions of books that can read on portable devices called e-readers. Because the e-readers are expensive, and because copyright rules for e-book use in libraries are still in flux, we are taking this transition slowly.

Mr. Charles Sager of Calamity Creek generously donated a Nook e-reader to the library. On it we have loaded free workskills development e-books, GED and TAKS practice tests, and two of our Speed Book Club selections. The Nook is available for checkout to registered patrons who agree to and sign our e-reader use policy.

We hope to expand our e-book collection as budget and publishing laws permit. We have submitted a grant application to the Texas Book Festival to help us continue to explore this technology.

If you would like to make a donation to this new program, please contact the library at 432-837-2621.



The Nook e-reader by Barnes and Noble.

Kids' Programming



Boys Love Books!



Cub Scout Troop 141 visited the Alpine Public Library to learn about borrowing books. Everyone found something fun to read!

Alpine Public Library
Presents

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**El día de los Niños
El día de los Libros**

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APL's Pajama Story Time receives a visit from Belvie, the Alpine Buck's mascot. Belvie read a story and danced for the kids!

APL Children's Program Receives a High-Def Gift

Cliff Kocher, loyal APL patron and library supporter, has generously donated a 42" flat-screen high definition television to the library for children's programming. Children's librarian Mary Beth Garrett is already conjuring up ways to use this new equipment in existing and new programs.

In 2011 we have made plans to purchase a motion picture presentation license, which will allow both the Alpine and Marathon libraries to host movie night programs! We look forward to taking full advantage of this new outlet for both educational and recreational opportunities.

Thanks, Cliff!

Mexican Consulate Makes Generous Book Donation

A major wish list for our jail's library has now been fulfilled due to the generosity of the Mexican government. Spanish is the first language of the majority of our inmates and we have had a hard time finding Spanish language literature to put on the shelves for them. Due to Ken Durham's tireless efforts, Representative Gallego's office was able to put him in touch with the Mexican Consulate in Presidio where it was discovered that Mexico would be glad to provide many brand new Spanish language books for the

Alpine Public Library as well as our jail.

The day the boxes of books were delivered Ken was heard to say, "This is like Christmas!" and that pretty much expresses what all of the Homebound Team feel.

The next item on our wish list for the jail is to have some subscriptions for Spanish language magazines, i.e., Readers Digest, People, etc. Anybody interested in helping us out with this project, contact Executive Director Paige Delaney.

—Gayle Lewis



Ken Durham and Gayle Lewis look on as Mexican Consul Hector Acosta-Flores presents Spanish-language books to the APL outreach program.



Sarai Urdquizez reads a story time favorite "My Special Friend, Indeed" at APL.

As told to APL Children's Librarian Mary Beth Garrett:

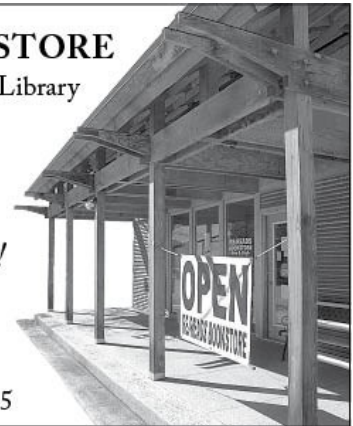
"I was paying for groceries at the check-out counter and was fumbling around for my credit card. There was a long line and people were waiting for me when my three year old son said 'Here Mom, just use my card - I have one now' and pulled from his pocket his library card!"

RE-READS BOOKSTORE

A project of the Alpine Public Library

*Support your library
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Mon-Tues 10-4 / Wed-Sat 10-5



Brewster County Sheriff Ronnie Dotson presents a check for \$1,000 from James and Joyce Braus to Shirley Rooney and Carol Townsend, the Marathon library branch manager. This donation will help purchase books and supplies for the Marathon branch library.



MPL's Toddler Time now meets on Wednesdays at 1pm.

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Volunteer News

The Friends of the Library sadly said goodbye to **Jan Williams**, who is moving to Fredericksburg. Jan has been a loyal and hard-working library and Re-Reads volunteer for many years, and served as the Friends Vice President. We will miss her and her bookstore expertise! We hope she will return this fall to help move Re-Reads into its new home.

This spring we also said goodbye to **Susan Lowrance**, who served as a circulation assistant volunteer for more than a year. Susan moved to San Marcos in February. We will miss her smiling face at the desk and her enthusiasm in the Speed Book Club.

Candace Yquinto, who served as circulation assistant while Nora was in Japan, worked many, many volunteer hours in the library during the winter. We miss her already!

Welcome to **Wayne Cline**, our new Monday morning circulation desk volunteer! We are very happy to have you at the library.

Thanks to all our volunteers!



Jan Williams loads books during a Friends sidewalk sale.

Re-Reads Volunteers

Dallas Baxter
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Linda Epps
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