



# BETWEEN THE LINES

Spring 2013

## APL DEBUTS PUBLIC SPEAKING AND PRESENTATION SKILLS PROGRAM

APL began filling another lifelong learning need with the introduction of a new program for adults, "Public Speaking and Presentation Skills Made Easy." Robbie McDaniel, circulation assistant since February, has experience with two Toastmasters International clubs in Texas, and is an award-winning public speaker herself. The program will provide "a fun and encouraging environment where people can increase their speaking skills and confidence," says Robbie. The target audience is professional adults, teen and adult students, or anyone else who has a need to give speeches to a crowd, but is unsure of his or her speech-writing or delivery. If interest exists, and early participation indicates that it will, the group may elect to become a chartered Toastmasters Club.

The six-week course, which started March 27, is held in the AEP Foundation Multipurpose Room at the library. The facility has the appropriate furnishings to simulate most local speech venues: a podium, audio-visual equipment for presentation of slide shows, and seating for

an audience. Since the APL acoustical improvements were completed late last year, the room now also has suitable sound quality. Students will learn from weekly lessons, by evaluating each other's progress, and by rehearsing speeches on prepared topics. They will gain poise and self-confidence by delivering very short impromptu speeches on topics chosen from a deck of cards. Doing this every week diminishes the fear of being caught unprepared, and allows students to develop their own presentation styles.

Topics covered during the course will include:

- \*Intro to Public Speaking
- \*Components of a Good Speech
  - \*Using Non-Verbal Communication
  - \*Tone, Inflection and Volume
  - \*Using Visual Aids
- \*Speeches for Many Occasions
- \*Speaking Games and Activities
  - \*Active Listening
  - \*Skillful Evaluation

and much more.



Robbie McDaniel

All classes are free and open to the public. Please, no children, but teens are welcome!

Call the library to sign up.

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### BACK TO THE FUTURE: 1947-2013

JOIN BAKE TURNER AND THE FRIENDS OF THE ALPINE PUBLIC LIBRARY FOR A NIGHT OF 50'S MUSIC AND DANCE, FOOD AND DRINK!

MAY 11, 2013 7-10PM at APL

TICKETS ON SALE NOW

All proceeds benefit the Alpine Public Library

## APRIL IS NATIONAL VOLUNTEER MONTH AND NATIONAL POETRY MONTH... AND DISABILITIES AWARENESS MONTH... AND JAZZ APPRECIATION MONTH...

When April rolls around, APL staff brains are busier than ever, preparing programs, planning events, and creating thematic displays.

This year, for National Volunteer Month, APL recognizes Wayne Cline as our 2012 Volunteer of the Year. Wayne has been a loyal circulation volunteer for over two years. The Friends of the APL voted to recognize Martha Latta as their volunteer of the year for her steadfast work on the library landscaping. Both will be invited as guests to the Pilot Club's Volunteer Big Bend Luncheon event, where their hard work can be publicly acknowledged. In 2012 APL volunteers donated 5,708 hours of work! That's 237 days!! This show of support is part of what makes APL a

nationally recognized small library and so attractive to foundation funders.

Also in April the Friends of the APL teams up with The Gathering Place to host events related to Disabilities Awareness Week (DAW). Two lectures at APL by Randell Resneder, disability advocate and founder/Executive Director of DAW, will discuss the founding of DAW and his life with cerebral palsy. APL will also show two movies, "Temple Grandin" and "Music Within," true stories of inspiring activists.

Cheryl has put together displays in the library featuring materials related to both Disabilities Awareness Week and National Poetry month.

For Jazz appreciation Month, come in and check out *Jazz: A History of Ameri-*

*ca's Music*, the biography *Louis Armstrong's New Orleans, 1929: a Novel of the Jazz Age*, *Jazz Fly* or *Tabby McTat*, the *Musical Cat* in Juniors, or download F. Scott Fitzgerald's *Tales of the Jazz Age* for your e-reader from our online catalog.

Any way you slice it, APL has plenty to keep you busy this spring! We look forward to seeing you soon. Make it your goal to encourage at least one other person to become a library member this month!



## APL BOARD OF DIRECTORS ATTENDS IN-SERVICE

The APL board of directors attended a non-profit governance training session led by Jim McDonald, PhD, of Alpine last month. With most of its membership having joined in late 2012 and 2013, APL's board decided it was time to invest in some self-discovery.

Members brainstormed their interests, roles, and objectives for board membership, and identified issues and risks that they fear might affect the library in the future.

The APL board has a history and reputation for professionalism and appropriate adherence to rules of order. "It is always satisfying for me to see people working diligently on organizational matters that are not always as easy as they might appear," says Jim.

## DR. PERLA BERMUDEZ JOINS APL BOARD OF DIRECTORS

APL welcomes Dr. Perla Bermudez, OD as the newest member of our board of directors. Dr. Bermudez is an Alpine native. "I have an awareness and appreciation of the library's past, present, and future role in our community, and want to help advance its objectives," she says.

Dr. Bermudez graduated from Southwestern University in Georgetown, Texas in 1993 and obtained her doctorate at the University of Houston College of Optometry (UHCO) in 2001. She now manages 4i's Optical, a full-service private optometric practice in Alpine.



Dr. Perla Bermudez



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## ESL FOR THE BIG BEND ADDS LEARNING TECHNOLOGY

APL's ESL for the Big Bend Program is a volunteer-based English tutoring service provided free to adults in the Big Bend region.

Recently, in addition to traditional book and audio CD learning materials, new technology has become available to tutors and learners. Lee Smith, program coordinator, identified language learning podcasts as a fun and versatile way to deliver lessons. APL purchased four MP3 players that are available for learners to check out. The players are loaded with files specifically recorded for adults new to the English language. MP3 files will be added and changed regularly. Tutors can also load new materials via links Lee posts on the new ESL for the

Big Bend Facebook page, another technology upgrade for the program. The page also allows tutors to share teaching ideas and resources, and gives Lee a forum for providing tutors with updated program information.

APL recently received a donation of Rosetta Stone software, which uses images, sound recordings, and keyboard lessons to teach reading, writing, and spoken languages. This English version of the software, along with the accompanying Rosetta Stone workbooks, is now available to tutors and learners at the Big Bend Library, APL's partner in South County.

Lastly, we are encouraging tutors and learners to take advantage of APL's col-



Lee Smith

lection of ReadAlong kits. These are easy-level book and audio CD pairs that can be used to enhance English lessons. CD players are available for checkout.

If you are interested in volunteering as a tutor, please contact the library.

## APL WELCOMES NEW COMPUTER ED INSTRUCTOR

We are happy to announce that Alberto Cavazos has joined APL as the new instructor of Basic Computer Education for Adults. This is a free and ongoing program available to adults wishing to improve their job skills and employment potential. "My hope for the program is

to continue assisting students in mastering basic computer skills. Knowledge in this area is a necessary asset not only in today's job market but in everyday life. Lessons are easy to follow with plenty of practical exercises," says Albert

Albert is a Texas native who spent over 25 years as a teacher and administrator in public schools. He has many years as an instructor of adult education classes, including computer skills. Albert retired from La Joya ISD in 2000. He and his wife, Christine, moved to Alpine in 2009. They are both very active in their retirement and participate in craft shows and markets selling handmade jewelry, writing instruments, knives, and other fine keepsakes.

If you know someone who might be interested in gaining computer skills, please encourage them to call the library to sign up for the next computer class session, which begins on April 23.



Alberto Cavazos

## APL'S KRIS CELAYA EARNS MILITARY RANK

Kris Celaya, APL Circulation Assistant, has earned the rank of Sergeant in the US Army. Kris joined the US Army Reserve in 2009 and is a member of the 606th Military Police Company in El Paso.

Kris is the son of Ricardo and Selma Garcia in Alpine.

Congratulations, Kris!



Kris Celaya

## SPECIAL DONATIONS

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**95TH BIRTHDAY**

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**PAIGE DELANEY'S**

**BIRTHDAY**

BY KATHY & ALBERT BORK

**PAIGE DELANEY, MARY  
JANE MORGAN, & KATHY  
BORK**

BY JOHN & DONNA EHRKE

## MARATHON PUBLIC LIBRARY UPDATE

The Marathon Public Library, which previously served as a branch of APL, has been making progress toward independence. The library reopened with a new staff on February 11. Since then the new MPL board of directors, led by president Ray Santos, has been prioritizing services, working on fundraising plans, and developing the documents essential to becoming a non-profit organization. Until the necessary IRS filings are complete, MPL remains under the wing of APL's board of directors. Anne Calaway acts as a liaison between the two boards.

Children's programs have continued as usual with Jackie Boyd leading Wednesday Toddler Time.

MPL is open Mondays 2:30 pm - 7:00 pm, Tuesdays 1:00 pm - 6:00 pm, Wednesdays 12:30 pm - 6:00 pm, Thursdays & Fridays 1:00 pm - 6:00 pm, and Saturdays 10:00 am - 3:00 pm.

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# CHRISTINE'S CATALOGING REPORT

## 2013 Adult Non-Fiction:

- ▣ Friendfluence: The Surprising Ways Friends Make Us Who We Are
- ▣ Why Priests?: A Failed Tradition
- ▣ The Future: Six Drivers Of Global Change
- ▣ Intellectuals And Race
- ▣ Law & Disorder: The Legendary FBI Profiler's Relentless Pursuit Of Justice
- ▣ Ninja: 1,000 Years Of The Shadow Warrior
- ▣ Damn Few: Making The Modern SEAL Warrior
- ▣ Catastrophic Care: How American Health Care Killed My Father--And How We Can Fix It
- ▣ Radical: Fighting To Put Students First
- ▣ Creating Room To Read: A Story Of Hope In The Battle For Global Literacy
- ▣ Outside Shot: Big Dreams, Hard Times, And One County's Quest For Basketball Greatness
- ▣ Good Prose: The Art Of Nonfiction
- ▣ How Literature Saved My Life
- ▣ The Children Of The Revolution: How The Mexican Revolution Changed America

## Biography:

- ▣ Let Go Of The Rope (Marie Blazek)
- ▣ Coolidge
- ▣ Wave
- ▣ The Distance Between Us: A Memoir
- ▣ After Visiting Friends: A Son's Story
- ▣ American Sniper: The Autobiography Of The Most Lethal Sniper In U.S. Military History
- ▣ Mao: The Real Story
- ▣ The Boy Kings Of Texas: A Memoir
- ▣ Hitmaker: The Man And His Music (Tommy Mottola)
- ▣ Roll Me Up And Smoke Me When I Die: Musings From The Road
- ▣ Soundings: The Story Of The Remarkable Woman Who Mapped The Ocean Floor
- ▣ Open Heart (Elie Wiesel)

## 2013 Adult Fiction:

- ▣ The Aviator's Wife
- ▣ Traps
- ▣ Parlor Games
- ▣ Man In The Empty Suit
- ▣ Middle C
- ▣ The Sunshine When She's Gone
- ▣ The End Of The Point
- ▣ The Carriage House
- ▣ Benediction
- ▣ The Unchangeable Spots Of Leopards
- ▣ Fever
- ▣ Double Feature
- ▣ The Chance
- ▣ Here I Go Again
- ▣ Lake People
- ▣ The Utopia Experiment
- ▣ The Supremes At Earl's All-You-Can-Eat
- ▣ Good Kids
- ▣ The Accursed
- ▣ Daddy Love
- ▣ Lessons In French
- ▣ Little Known Facts
- ▣ The Burgess Boys
- ▣ The Dream Merchant
- ▣ Gray
- ▣ The Retrospective



## DVD Movies:

- ▣ Anna Karenina
- ▣ Argo
- ▣ Beasts of the Southern Wild
- ▣ Brave
- ▣ Frost/Nixon
- ▣ The Iron Lady
- ▣ Les Misérables
- ▣ Life of Pi
- ▣ Lincoln
- ▣ Moonrise Kingdom
- ▣ Oranges and Sunshine
- ▣ Robot & Frank
- ▣ Skyfall 007
- ▣ The Twilight Saga
- ▣ Five Broken Cameras
- ▣ God in America
- ▣ How to Survive a Plague
- ▣ Shakespeare Behind Bars

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## Easy:

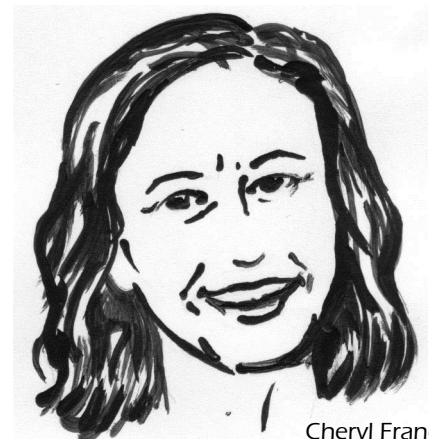
- ▣ Superworm
- ▣ Picture a Tree
- ▣ What Will Hatch?
- ▣ The Giant Seed
- ▣ Olivia and the Fairy Princesses
- ▣ Bear Has a Story to Tell
- ▣ I'm Bored
- ▣ Spaghetti in a Hot Dog Bun
- ▣ Dinosaur Pet
- ▣ When I Was Small
- ▣ A Gold Star for Zog

## NEW FAMILY STORY TIME PROGRAM

On April 16, Cheryl Frances will debut APL's new Family Story Time for toddlers. This program replaces Toddler Time, which for many years served this age group by providing fun and diverse developmental activities. Family Story Time will provide a new structure for the early literacy learning, crafts, and music activities that made Toddler Time popular, while encouraging more coordinated family interaction.

Cheryl Frances, who has been circulation assistant at APL for over a year and a library volunteer for many years prior, has formal experience teaching at all levels. She brings many creative and worldly skills to the program!

For up-to-the-minute information on APL programs, visit us at [www.facebook.com/alpinepubliclibrary](http://www.facebook.com/alpinepubliclibrary).



Cheryl Frances

## LANDSCAPING UPDATE

Work on Phase 1 of the library landscaping was completed earlier this spring, with help from students of the Texas Challenge Academy in Sheffield. Seventeen young women turned three piles of rock into attractive dry creek beds that will help retain rainwater on-site for the benefit of the trees and wildflowers that were planted last fall. A big thank-you to these students who took on a challenge and did a great job!



The fall rains and winter snows provided precious moisture for the wildflower and grass seeds, which are now starting to come into full

Martha Latta

bloom. Take time to go out and enjoy the flowers! It will take a couple of seasons for the plants to reseed themselves and fully cover the ground, but they are off to a good start. All of the trees have leafed out, and it won't be too long before the Desert Willows start putting on flowers. Thanks to Mimi Smith and Bennye Meredith for being our volunteer tree waterers, Robert Flanders for weeding out things that weren't planted, and Jim Glendinning for "planting" the signs that identify the trees!

By the time this newsletter is out, there should be a new sign near the parking lot letting folks know that our landscape is demonstrating native plants and watering techniques that are appropriate for the Alpine area. Please take one of the brochures on the sign to learn more about our demonstration landscape.



Phase 2 of the landscaping will begin after the completion of several construction projects...the outdoor children's area on the west end of the library (soon to be started) and a parking lot to serve the AEP Community Room on the north side. Stay tuned!

-Martha Latta



SUMMER FUN AT THE ALPINE PUBLIC LIBRARY!

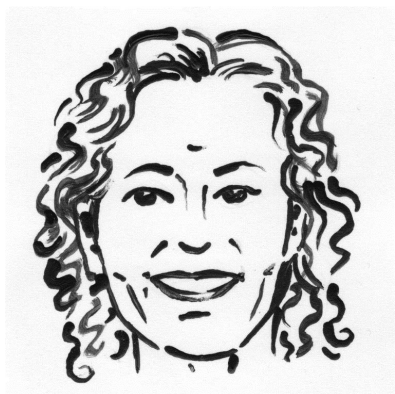
## SUMMER READING AND GARDENING

During the 2012 ArtWalk Live Auction at the Granada Theater benefiting APL, one of the items up for bid was a 9-bale haybale garden donated by Anne Calaway. Cathleen Gruetzner generously purchased this item, with the stipulation that the garden be installed at APL for children to enjoy. Children's Librarian Mary Beth Garrett will feature the garden this summer as the focus of the Summer Reading Program "Read & Seed," for kids ages 6 and up.

Haybale gardening has come into popularity during the past few years as a sustainable technique that utilizes bales of hay as both bed liner

and soil container. Repeated watering and the addition of soil and compost create a steamy mix of organics that are easily populated by garden plants. Better yet, the hay provides more nutrition as it decomposes, and disappears on its own with time.

Mary Beth will coordinate hands-on gardening activities with library reading materials to teach gardening skills and concepts and the benefits of growing food. Call the library to sign up.



Mary Beth Garrett

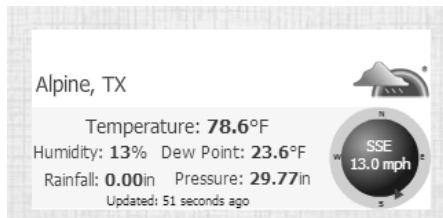
Sat., May 11	10-11am	Clever Compost!
Sat., May 25	10-11am	Marvelous Manure!
Thurs., June 6	3-4pm	All About Top Soil & Drip Hoses!
Thurs., June 13	3-4pm	Let's plant!
Thurs., June 20	3-4pm	Insects: Friends & Foes!
Thurs., June 27	3-4pm	Fire Cracker Hats!
Thurs., July 11	3-4pm	Icing for the garden! Organic gardening
Thurs., July 18	3-4pm	Grow your own lunch! Nutrition
Thurs., July 25	3-4pm	Healthy Balance: Eat smart, play smart!

## APL UNVEILS NEW WEATHER STATION AND WEATHERCAM



APL has joined the ranks of weather junkies and installed a weather station and weather camera.

As part of UNT's PEARL project (Promoting & Enhancing the Advancement of Rural Libraries), APL received \$1,000 toward outreach programs. We used part of this award to purchase the equipment and to develop weather-related activities for middle-school aged kids. The station was installed by volunteer Allan Delaney, a retired earth sci-



ence technician with over 40 years of experience developing and operating scientific instrumentation.

The weather station is a Davis Instruments Vantage Pro2 that measures wind speed and direction, relative humidity, temperature, rainfall, and barometric pressure. Data are collected every minute and saved on a dedicated library computer. The station is linked to the online weather website Weather Underground, where APL's data are displayed alongside other regional stations. Mapped together, the stations may reveal local trends. APL's station identification on the site is KTXALPIN8. APL's current weather is also displayed on the library's website, [www.alpinepubliclibrary.org](http://www.alpinepubliclibrary.org).

Raw weather data and several other derivative values are archived at the

library and are available by request for teachers and amateur meteorologists. The library has already developed brief student graphing and interpretation worksheets for teachers to distribute.

To enhance your weather-watching pleasure, we also installed a weather observation camera on the library. This online webcam is one of only a few dedicated weather cameras west of the Pecos River and offers a live view of the sky from APL. We hope the camera will provide a means for Big Bend residents to check Alpine conditions from home, as well as provide an entertaining and dynamic online distraction!

## BUILDING CONTRACT FOR CHILDREN'S OUTDOOR AREA

Tom Mangrem is the APL Board of Director's contact when it comes to continued enhancement of the new library building and access. In January the board voted to award a building contract to Charles Maxwell of The Maxwell Company of Alpine for the construction of the outdoor children's

porch. The slab was completed during library construction. Mr. Maxwell will build a steel beam structure with a metal roof on footers. Roland Rollins of Alpine designed the structure. An outdoor sink and drinking fountain for children will be added to the space, which will eventually be partial-

ly enclosed. Current plans for a papercrete wall built by Tom Curry will serve as an eco-design demonstration project.

We look forward to finally having a dedicated space for children's programming, which has outgrown the library interior.

## APL'S COLLECTION MEETS TX COMPREHENSIVE STANDARD

The Texas State Library & Archives Commission sets standards for library services, facilities, and collections. APL has met the most stringent level for the age of its collection, the comprehensive level.

We remove books from the collection based on accepted practices for usage, copyright date, condition, and quality. Books that are considered "core collection" titles that every library should own have special priority. Book donations

and requests are carefully evaluated to make sure they also meet the same guidelines. Because space is limited at APL, we take special care to make sure that each book earns its place. More than 25% of our collection is less than 5 years old, putting us at the top of Texas libraries. Because we do recognize the value of certain seldom-used materials of local interest or origin, we maintain a Rare Books collection at APL too.

We recently revamped our entire Sci-

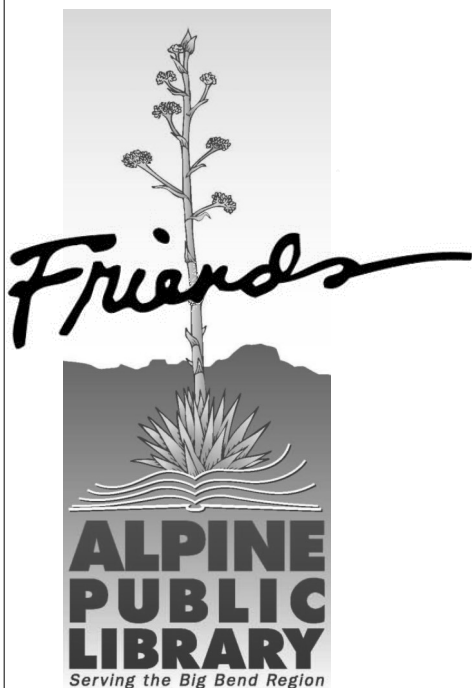
ence Fiction collection, removing unused and soiled materials, and replacing them with the highest-rated newly published books and with new copies of core collection titles. We also added new materials to our adult Spanish collection, purchasing core classics of Spanish literature and titles used in Sul Ross Spanish classes as recommended and required reading.

It's official: APL's collection is yet one more thing worthy of your special pride!



## FRIENDS OF THE ALPINE PUBLIC LIBRARY

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## APL MOBILE SERVICES GRANT FROM TEXAS STATE LIBRARY

APL's proposal for a custom library services mobile app has been approved by the Texas State Library & Archives Commission. The TextShare Mobile Solutions Subsidy was created to ensure that Texas libraries have an adequate mobile presence suitable to their community and to help increase library usage via mobile services. The amount of the subsidy available is dependent on library service population. APL qualified for a \$3,000 grant, which must be spent by August 31, 2013.

Alpine's online catalog provider, Biblionix, currently offers a limited interface for mobile devices. APL entered into an agreement with Q4 Mobile, a vendor of Libserra custom library solutions. Q4 Mobile built a custom package for APL including these additional capabilities:

- Library Locator map to help patrons find our library
- Ask-A-Librarian for reference requests
- QR Codes to provide links to library information sources

- Blog and Social Media Integration
- Virtual Library Card so patrons may use their phone as a library card
- Catalog Integration so patrons may search for and reserve books
- Library Calendar for up-to-the-minute program information
- Scan2Give, an easy way to donate
- Library TV gives APL the ability to develop online programming that patrons can watch at home

Maintenance past the first year will depend on usage and APL budget allocations. TSLAC may have additional funds past the first year, but cannot commit until the state legislature approves additional funding.

On a somewhat related note, it is true that federal sequestration may cause some impact on future library grant funding. We do not anticipate any cuts in current APL services funded by state and federal programs.



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