With Gratitude...

After years of continuous effort from people throughout our community, it’s hard to believe that as I write this we’re only a few weeks away from completion, but once the paving is ready for vehicle traffic, the doors of the new Alpine Public Library will finally open. So many have helped so much on the building project that any list of thanks from the Library’s Board of Directors is doomed to be incomplete.

We thank the City of Alpine and the Alpine Independent School District for the land we’ve built on and their ongoing support.

We thank Brewster County and particularly Judge Val Beard, without whose constant encouragement, timely fundraising whip-cracking, and construction management expertise there would certainly be no building before you now.

We thank Tom Hatch of Hatch + Ulland Owen Architects, Dinosaur Valley Construction, Don Wetterauer and Mike Latta for helping to shape, build, and handle finishing details on the building.

We thank our Director and our Staff for their tremendous efforts in juggling a dozen chainsaws while planning and carrying out the move. Thankfully, relatively few limbs have been lost in the effort.

We thank the volunteers who have given so many hard-working hours in assisting with the move, and the Friends of the Alpine Public Library whose dedication to preparing the new Re-Reads Bookstore has been phenomenal.

We thank every donor, large and small, who dug deep, gave early and often, and made every inch of this new building a true community effort.

And finally we give our heartfelt thanks to YOU for being our patron, for being a part of our community and giving the real meaning to the existence of the Alpine Public Library.

-Chris Ruggia, President, Alpine Public Library Board of Directors
From the Friends President

A New Year, a New Library and a new President. I look forward to serving the Friends as president for the next two years knowing I will be ably assisted by Don Wetterauer as advisor, Jodye Stone, as vice-president and Karen Boyd as secretary.

As I write this letter the staff is moving into the new library building and under the leadership of Don Wetterauer, ReReads is preparing to reopen in its new space in the new library. Hurray! It had begun to seem as if moving day would never arrive. Paige and her staff showed endless patience and good humor and after three months of “withdrawal pains” our ReReads customers are rejoicing.

As the new year begins, I encourage all of you to renew your membership and to encourage your friends and family to support our beautiful new library by joining the Friends of the Alpine Public Library. With our new larger space, the funds raised by the friends will be more important than ever in keeping the doors open, lights and heat on and new books on the shelves. At the December 2011 meeting the Friends budget for 2012 was passed. It was decided to give ALL funds raised by the Friends directly to the Library Board, who will include a line item in their budget for Friends’ expenses. In previous years, our funds had been designated for specific uses. Now, the Library Board will be able to use them wherever they are needed. Memberships are an important source of funds. As a Friend of the Alpine Public Library you can be as active or as inactive as you like in Friends activities. We would love to have you attend our meetings which are generally at noon the second Tuesday of the month and last an hour or less. Your ideas on how we can best support the Library will be more than welcome. If you are not a “meeting” person, join anyway. Your membership shows how much you value our Library!

-Diane Brown, President, Friends of the Alpine Public Library

From the Director

Dear Bonnie,

Now I know what you must have gone through decades ago when the library first opened! You must have felt similar butterflies in your stomach, and a mixture of fear and excitement as opening day neared. Now that the library is moved and everything is in place, I am stunned at the extent and quality of what we have all built. Thank you for doing the groundwork, and for creating the spirit of the Alpine Public Library. Even though the original quaint and cozy location is now being renovated, you can be sure that our staff will maintain your high standards for personalized service, and continue learning and growing with our patrons’ needs. It has taken a lot of hard work, and blood, sweat, and tears, but the staff continues to come in early and work late to ensure everything is in place to continue your, and our, mission. I wish you could join us on opening day, and I wish I could hear and see your response to our new library. Many people carry the torch that you lit. May it continue to shine for another sixty-five years.

Your friend,

Paige
Photos from the move...

Check out our Nooks! We have five categories: Kids, Juniors, Young Adult, Mystery/Sci-fi and Fiction/Non-Fiction. Each nook is loaded with a selection of titles for the category and you can read as many books as you’d like while you have the Nook checked out. These devices are easy and intuitive to use. We will be glad to give you a demo.

What I especially like is that you can change the book to suit your needs. Forgot your reading glasses? Just make the type larger. A simple swipe turns the page and one Nook can keep you in books for your entire trip! Come by and take a Nook tour.
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Volunteer English language tutors needed! Locations: Alpine, Study Butte, and Fort Davis. Contact Paige for details.
Thanks to so many volunteers who helped us move!

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Randy Mitchell

Booth Brothers Paving, the contractor who completed the star designs at Alpine city intersections, generously donated several pallets of extra pavers to APL. They will likely be used for sidewalks on the west side of the building.

APL Water Tank
Donated to Middle School Garden

Above, APL librarian Mary Beth Garrett helps Justin Cincineros move a water collection tank from APL to the Alpine Middle School. The tank will collect rainwater from the school roof for use in the school garden. The food grown in the garden is used in the cafeteria, and the kids are responsible for the work. Some of the water is used for the worm farm which lives at the garden.

Thanks to Dr. Jay Fielder, DDS, who donated materials for APL’s new Happy Teeth program. Mary Beth Garrett is kicking off this program in February, Dental Health Month, by taking the program on the road to South County schools.
Can you find these pictures in the new library? Cut out this page. Write down the names of these book titles, and win a prize!
Marathon Branch

Crystal Ybarro with Santa (Wayne Sheehan).

Max and Mia Lewis at the MPL tea party

Isaiah Briones and Santa

Deputy Joe and Cheryl Wallace with granddaughter Lottie King and Santa.

Kathy Wallace played the flute at the holiday open house.

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