



BETWEEN THE LINES

Alpine Public Library & Friends

October 2014

Family Leadership Institute Begins in November

Thanks to the generous spirit of Educational Achievement Services, Inc., APL and the Alpine Independent School District will begin offering Family Leadership Institute modules in November. Despite incomplete funding, EAS has offered to begin the program while fundraising continues.

This program teaches leadership skills to the parents of local students, increasing their own potential and the academic success of their kids. The program will continue into 2015 and we hope to graduate at least 25 parents per year. For more information, please contact the library, AISD, or see the APL website at www.alpinepubliclibrary.org. We welcome your support for this important program.

TED^x Alpine Public Library x = independently organized TED event

An open-minded and unbiased volunteer is needed for APL's new TEDx monthly programs! TED stands for Technology, Entertainment, and Design, and originated as a conference series introducing new and innovative ideas. These inspiring speakers are available to APL on video by special license for monthly viewings and discussion. Please contact Paige if you are interested in participating!

"This library is the hub of Alpine."

- Library Patron

"Most excellent Public Library! Have donated and it has been worth every penny. Keep up the excellence!"

- Gilbert E.



Kids and Technology make a great combination at APL!

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HumpDay Lunch Fundraiser

October 29th is your opportunity to share a hot baked potato and fixings with your friends and family. There may be a few visiting witches and goblins, but they won't eat any of the good parts. Join us for lunch at the library, October 29th, 11:30am. All proceeds benefit the library. Thanks to the board and Friends for organizing!



APL Science Club participants practice their engineering skills.

Special Donations

In Honor Of

Kay Green by The Book Club: Lady Hawkins, Kathy Donnell, Liz Rogers, & Anne Calaway

In Memory Of

Priscilla Maulsby by Rich & Jane Lundy, Faculty & Staff of Cranbrook Kingswood Upper School, Wayne Cline & Deborah Allison

Jeanne Williams by Gene & Valeri Deason

Mary Valenzuela by Betty Tanksley

Verna Bonner by Jean Pearce & Ellen Schwab

Jerry Scott by Robert & Margaret Matthews

Hope Collier by Robert & Margaret Matthews

Eunice Vincent by The Women's Club of Alpine

Glenda Spriggs by Betty Tanksley

Roy Melvin by Betty Tanksley

APL ArtWalk Silent Auction Approaching

APL's largest fundraiser of the year, the ArtWalk silent auction at the Granada Theater, is fast approaching. Please consider a donation of artwork or other unique items to this festive event, to be held November 21-22. Minimum bid is 30% of your retail value, and you may specify a reserve bid. We appreciate the support of all the volunteers, donors, library staff, and Friends who make this event happen!



Mousy Fundraiser Ornaments



Friends are Friends with Mice

Mice have become Friends of Alpine Public Library. The Friends of APL have a new project for Mountain Country Christmas. The group is making mice ornaments. The idea is borrowed from some volunteers in another state. The first mice ornaments will be library mice. We are making a limited number of regular library mice and planning on one special library mouse which will move to the home of the highest bidder.

The great mouse unveiling will be at Mountain Country Christmas (MCC). We have taken a few pre-orders but are not having a scheduled preview. The special mouse will be displayed at Mountain Country Christmas and bids will be taken much like the silent auction at Art Walk. If you can't get your library mouse ornament at Mountain Country Christmas, there may be some available in Re-Reads after the MCC sale ends.

Discussion and planning is underway for the theme of the 2015 library mouse ornament. Can you imagine your tree dancing with decorated mice ornaments you bought at Mountain Country Christmas? Our plan is to develop a system for taking orders in the future. -Linda Bryant



APL's new rainwater retaining basins filled to capacity

Rainwater Workshop Attracts a Wet Crowd

Thanks to everyone who attended our September workshop led by Brad Lancaster and organized by Will Juett of the National Resource Conservation District. Volunteers learned how to wring every last drop out of a storm—and were able to witness the technology in action. After digging new basins with the help of Big Bend Telephone, an afternoon storm demonstrated their effectiveness. Rainwater stayed on the APL site instead of running into the street. We hope that APL will become greener as a result of the improvement!

Arbor Day at APL

The first Friday of November is the officially designated Texas Arbor Day. Fall is a terrific time to plant trees, especially in West Texas. Arbor Day presents an opportunity for children, parents, and grandparents to strengthen the bond between generations by planting trees together and enjoying the legacy that planting trees offers.

Alpine Public Library is offering an opportunity for you and your family to celebrate Arbor Day this year. On Sunday, November 2, from 2-6pm, volunteers are needed to plant 19 small evergreen trees at the Library as part of the second landscaping phase along the west side of the property.

Please consider joining in the fun. Bring your own shovel, rake, gloves, hat, sunscreen, etc. Not up to physical labor? You can still participate by purchasing one of the four remaining trees needed for the project. Just go by One Way Plant Nursery and tell them you wish to buy one of the library trees...it's that easy! Remember, there is no more powerful demonstration than helping children plant and care for trees that their own children and grandchildren will enjoy.

Questions? Contact Martha Latta at 386-2452 .

The APL board of directors is still considering plans for your inscribed bricks. We hope to unveil a design very soon!

Re-Reads Inventory Is Online

Re-Reads has launched its inventory. Yes, you can look on-line to see if the bookstore has a particular title. We are still tweaking, but we are well pleased with the initial stages. We hope to have it progress to the point that both the price of the book and the picture of the cover can be viewed from your nearest computer. At this time, the process is to find a title you would like and then call Re-Reads. The volunteer at the desk will pull the book and hold it until you come into the store.

A library patron reported that he found a book using the Re-Reads inventory and now has the title at home reading it. Though the inventory is not where we want the final product to be quite yet, we hope that you are able to use it to find books of interest to you! -Linda Bryant

Donors Sought to Bring Educational Maze to Alpine in 2015

APL is working with the Midland Public Library to bring the Chimpanzee Challenge maze to APL for two months in fall, 2015. This hands-on display will provide physical and educational activity for kids in the Big Bend. Through role-playing activities and exhibits inside the maze, kids will learn to discover hope for the animal world and all of humanity.

APL has already received three donations toward our goal of \$7,500 to pay for assembly and freight from Midland. More information, details, and photos are available at the library.

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Give us a call for more information about our services and materials.

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