Upcoming events at the Alpine Public Library

Seniors, stop by the library on Friday mornings from 9:30 until noon for senior coffee. Enjoy Big Bend Coffee Roasters Kona Blend coffee while you read a magazine or newspaper.

Yarn Arts is a public workshop that meets every Friday morning from 10:00 AM until noon in the APL Community Room. Anyone interested in Yarn Arts (spinning, knitting, crocheting, weaving, etc.) at all participation levels from listening to personal projects to group activities is welcome and encouraged to attend. Experienced yarn artists are available and happy to answer questions and offer advice on your personal projects. Stop by Friday mornings and join the fun.

The next Hum Day lunch will be on October 21 from 11 AM until 1 PM. The menu includes loaded baked potato, drink and choice of dessert. Mark your calendars for the November Hum Day lunch on the 4th and the last Hum Day lunch of the year will be on December 16th.

The Art Walk Silent Auction is on November 20 & 21 this year. This is Alpine Public Library's biggest fundraiser of the year. There will be a treasure-trove of interesting items in all price ranges. You won't want to miss the excitement. We are also accepting items to be included in the silent auction and for the 'Buy-It-Now' table. Do you have an item or items you would like to donate? Please contact the library for more information about making a donation.

We are looking for GED tutors. If you are interested please contact the library.

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Gift Yourself or a Loved One a Limited Edition Holiday Mouse Ornament

Coming soon: the Artist Mouse, second in a series of limited edition handmade mouse ornaments created by Friends of Alpine Public Library. Friends have been designing, cutting, and sewing for months to create a mischief (yes, that’s what a group of mice is called) of felt ornaments for your collecting, hanging, and gifting enjoyment. Whether you have pre-ordered your ornament or wish to purchase one, they will be available at APL’s booth at the Mountain Country Christmas Show at the Alpine Civic Center in early December. The price for one of these limited edition pieces is $15, and all proceeds will benefit Alpine Public Library. Thank you for your support!

—Cheryl Frances, Circulation

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I declare after all there is no enjoy-ment like reading! How much sooner one tires of any thing than of a book! —When I have a house of my own, I shall be miserable if I have not an excellent library.

—Jane Austen, Pride and Prejudice
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- Florence Halpern from: Sara & Phil Mcgrew

In Honor of:
- Kathy Bark from: Patricia Culver
- The Spelling Bee from: Patricia Culver

Library Fourth Fridays

For more than a year it has been possible to travel to far-flung regions of the world without leaving Alpine. Travel Talks began more than a year ago with local travelers talking about travels far and wide. Slides and anecdotes take armchair travelers around the United States and the world in a variety of conveyances from foot, to water, to air, to tow truck when the car won’t go!

This summer the library committee of the Pilot Club of Alpine began serving “related” light refreshments. We enjoyed tapas for the talk about a house exchange in Spain. Café Cubano was served for the travel talk about a recent trip to Cuba. The next travel talk is “Six Months in a Casita and We’re Still Married.” Though the exact refreshments are not disclosed, there are always an adventure!

—Nicole Cardoza, Circulation

Gifts and Memorials

Would you like to honor a family member or a friend in a memorable way that would benefit our entire community?

Alpine Public Library has several ways that this could happen. One way is to have a brick engraved in honor of your loved one. You could have their name engraved on the brick with a small inscription that will be incorporated into the Alpine Public Library grounds; for all to see every single day. Ask at the Front Desk for more information.

Another way, if your loved one had a favorite book that they enjoyed reading, would be to make a donation to purchase a book in honor of her/him for the library collection. Maybe they had a favorite movie that they enjoyed watching over and over. Consider making a donation to purchase a DVD or audiobook in honor of her/him to add to the collection.

If your loved one taught children or just loved being around children, a gift towards children’s programs, supplies or books could be made that will make so many children smile and enjoy learning and the library that much more. If your loved one liked hiking or exploring the Big Bend area we have a special section of books in the library on this topic. Ask about making a donation that would go toward adding to our collection in this area. If your loved one enjoyed reading the newspaper, a donation for a subscription could be made in honor of your loved one.

A gift or memorial made here at APL will truly go a long way in our community; in a special way that will touch young and old hearts for a long time. Talk to the librarians at the Front Desk for more information about making a donation today.

—Nicole Cardoza, Circulation

Win a One-of-a-kind Pumpkin

Be the envy of all the ghosts and ghouls on your block when you win a one-of-a-kind hand-painted pumpkin in APL’s Pumpkin Raffle! Tickets are available at the front desk for a donation of $1 for one ticket, or $5 for six.

The five pumpkins were painted by APL’s in-house artist, Cheryl Frances, and each one is based on a literary reference. Themes range from the scary to the whimsical and include The Canterville Ghost by Oscar Wilde; The Legend of Sleepy Hollow by Washington Irving; The Raven by Edgar Allan Poe; Georgie’s Halloween by Robert Bright; and, Black Cats by Edward Gorey.

All proceeds will benefit the programs and operations of your non-profit Alpine Public Library. The drawing will be held on Wednesday, October 28 at 6:00 PM. Happy Halloween—Cheryl Frances, Circulation

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Science Club Investigates Microbes

Eww! After incubating for about a week in a nutrient rich agar gel, colonies of spectacular microbes flourished and prospered—much to the delight of our science club members. It got us all thinking about one thing—handwashing. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), handwashing is like a “self-administered” vaccine against common microbes that cause diarrhea and respiratory illnesses. Regular handwashing is the best way to remove germs, avoid getting sick, and prevent the spread of disease to others. The CDC studies show that handwashing reduces diarrhea illness by 31%, and respiratory illness by 21%. For people with weakened immune systems, disease prevention can be as high as 58%.

Alcohol based hand sanitizers can decrease microbes on hands in some situations, but do not eliminate all types of microbes. In general, people do not use a large enough volume of sanitizer, or they wipe it off before they have thoroughly dried. Also, sanitizers have been shown not work well when hands are greasy or heavily soiled. The downside of sanitizers is that some beneficial microbes, known as probiotics, are killed when leaving the immune system compromised increasing the potential for harmful microbes to mutate.

The library serves around 180 people a day. That’s a lot of microbe sharing on the computers, books, table tops, chairs, door handles and so forth. Library staff sanitize regularly each working shift, but the best way to protect your health is to make a habit of handwashing before and after visiting any public facility. I know our science club will!—Mary Beth Garrett, Children’s Librarian

How Do You Spell....... Cat or Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious?

If you were present at Alpine’s First Ever Adult Spelling Bee, you would know. One of the words – cat – was the first word the team had to spell in the contest. Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious was scheduled to be one of the words until a spelling group used it as a team name. Because it’s such a long word, the judge decided to use a sentence while the team members tried to spell the word and recorded the spelling on the team’s whiteboard before holding it high and proud for all the star judging panel to see.

So much fun was had by the folks involved as spellers or audience members, that the date of May 21, 2016 is tentatively reserved with the Big Bend Brewery for Alpine’s Second Ever Adult Spelling Bee. A “Save the Date” will find its way to participants and other Friends of the Library. We hope it will be on your calendar!—Linda Bryant, President of Directors

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Re-Reads Receives Generous Donations

Re-Reads has recently received several generous donations due to moves from the area or downsizing while staying in the area. The result is a number of titles we’ve never had in the store before. Come see what treasures you can find. Volunteers both prepare the items for sale and staff the store so that the proceeds from the open Monday through Friday, from 10:00-5:00 and Saturdays from 11:00 until 2:30.

Be a Wish Tree Santa

It’s almost time for the holiday season, and APL will be featuring our annual Wish Tree near the front desk. All year long, we strive to bring you the gifts of literacy, entertainment, communication, and lifelong learning in a welcoming community space.

The Wish Tree provides an opportunity for you to give back to our community by placing a wish or donation card that lists needed items including books, DVDs and children’s educational items, as well as donation cards that support both children’s and adult programming and library operations.

We love bringing you the best in materials and services all year long, and appreciate your continuing support.—Cheryl Frances, Circulation