

February 2016

Between the Lines

Alpine Public Library and Friends

Library News

A lot has been going on at Alpine Public Library since our last newsletter. Here is a quick review.

Silent Auction:

The APL Silent Auction during Alpine's Artwalk last November was a big success. Thanks to organizers Kathy Donnell and Linda Bryant, along with Pat McCall, our volunteer coordinator, and the long list of Friends volunteers, everything went smoothly. The weather this year went easy on us and with decent crowds we raised over \$22,000, up from about \$18,000 last year. That was a very welcome surprise.

End-of-the-year Donation Challenge:

During the second week of December a generous and longtime library patron (who would like to remain anonymous) offered a \$10,000 matching contribution. The requirement was that we raise \$10,000 in contributions before the end of December. I'm very happy to report that Alpine Public Library patrons donated over \$32,590 to meet the challenge.

With the Silent Auction and December donations, Alpine Public Library is in a very good position starting 2016.

I would like to mention a couple of special events in the works. First, we are planning the next Friends of the Alpine Public Library Adult Spelling Bee. We hope to make this an annual spring event. The tentative date for the next Spelling Bee is May 21. As that date approaches more information will be available. Also in the works is a 5K walk/run fundraiser in cooperation with the Food Pantry of Alpine. We haven't settled on a date for the 5K. The library's popular Hump Day Lunch is on a short break while we make some changes. We expect to resume the lunches this spring. To find out about upcoming 2016 events and library activities please check the monthly calendar on the library's web site or pick up a copy when you visit the library.

Finally, on behalf of the library staff and the Board of Directors I would like to thank all the Friends of the Alpine Public Library for your generous support. Alpine Public Library is a private nonprofit organization. We receive about 25% of our financial support from the City of Alpine and Brewster County. Additionally, some of our income comes from grants, but, we rely on individual contributions, like Friends memberships, for over half of the funds we need to meet our yearly operating budget. Moreover, library volunteers, including Friends, give their time to help the library by operating the Re-Reads Used Book Store, helping at fundraising events, working at the front desk, shelving books, watering trees, helping with kids' programs, and any number of other things. The value placed on the time a volunteer gives a nonprofit organization is \$23.07/hour¹. Volunteers gave about 7,000 hours to Alpine Public Library last year. That's another \$160,000 of value that isn't in the budget. So thank you for making Alpine Public Library a great resource for our community. If you haven't been to the library lately, stop by and see what your generosity has created.

—Don Wetterauer, PhD
Executive Director

1. Latest figure from 2014 Bureau of Labor Statistics data, indexed by Independent Sector in March 2015.

APL Travel Talks, February – June 2016

Unless noted Travel Talks are on the fourth Friday of the month.

February 26	Mike Davidson. "Running Mexican Rivers"
March 24 (Thursday)	George Pitlik and Janet Stewart. "Walking With the Predators in Tanzania"
April 22	Jim Wightman. "A Tale of Two Cities-Portugal"
May 27	Ginny Brotherton. "Peru and Machu Picchu"
June 24	Trey Gerfers. "Patagonia and Tierra del Fuego-Uttermost Parts"



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In Memory of: From:

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John T. Forbis, Jr.	Leigh Kirby
Becky Terry	Kay & John Green
Mother of Shelley	Martha Scott Sanborn & Gordie Atwood
Mother of Tamara	Martha Scott Sanborn & Gordie Sblegio

In Honor of: Given By:

Marilyn Terry (Brick)	Marilyn Terry
Karen Boyd & James B (wedding)	Kathy Bork
Lou Rene Barron & Bob Hext	Monika Rodgers
Gwynne Jamieson	Eve Conlin Vanetta Plumlee Sharon Brooks Cathy Bastrop Martha Seroggins Kathy Bork
Kathy Bork (brick)	Wayne Cline & Deborah Allison
Pat McCall	Kathy Bork
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Pat Boone	Kathy Bork
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Paige & Allan Delaney	Kathy Bork
Leslie Jones	Clifford & Luanne Hirsch
Paige Kinucan	Kristie & Robert Kinucan
Mr. & Mrs. Dale Fife	Kristie & Robert Kinucan
Rob & Margaret Matthews	Pace & Associates
Martha Latta	Kathy Bork
Paige Delaney's Birthday	Kathy Bork
Audrey Painter (Community Centr. Serv.)	Kathy Bork

Google can bring you back 100,000 answers, a librarian can bring you back the right one.

—Neil Gaiman, Author



Mrs. Doris Knauer: A Century-Plus of Adventure and Learning

APL serves patrons of all ages, and our most senior member is Mrs. Doris Knauer who recently celebrated her hundred-and-first birthday!

Like many Alpine residents, she has lived in other places before settling here. Born in Clifton, Texas, and raised in Silver City, New Mexico, Mrs. Knauer has led an extraordinary life. She and her husband prepared for living abroad and learned fluent Spanish by attending the American Institute for Foreign Trade (now the Thunderbird School of Global Management) in Phoenix, Arizona. They then lived in Peru and Brazil while her husband worked for Citibank.

She later worked at UCSB in Santa Barbara, California, and during World War II, worked with the Border Patrol in El Paso. Between 1959 and 1975, Mrs. Knauer worked for the State Department in Indonesia, Guatemala, and Vietnam, and witnessed history in the making. Alongside her explorations, she spent time volunteering, at times in libraries. One of her most significant volunteer efforts resulted in the adoption of ten Vietnamese orphans by American families. Two days before the fall of Saigon, she escaped on the final flight out of Tân Sơn Nhất Airport and stayed in Bangkok for a few days before returning to Santa Barbara, where she retired that same year.



Doris Knauer, 101, worked in Saigon for 12 years beginning in 1963.



Doris Knauer, left, of Alpine celebrated her 101st birthday at Holy Cross Anglican Church with family and friends like Rev. Damien Grout, right. Photo by Jim Street.

The adventures continued when she moved to Mexico near Lake Chapala in 1978 and stayed there for four years. Mrs. Knauer's travels continued and included cruises and a train crossing of Canada.

Mrs. Knauer has three nieces, one of whom lives in Ft. Davis. It was this connection that drew her to move to Alpine in 2004 at the age of ninety. She has had a lifelong love of horses, which was nurtured early on at her uncle's ranch, and she still enjoys riding the Amtrak from Alpine to Bandera, Texas, where she spends time at the Mayan Dude Ranch.

Mrs. Knauer, often assisted by the APL Homebound Program coordinator Cindy Sotelo, regularly visits the library and most enjoys our extensive collection of large print books and audio books. Modestly summing up her numerous and varied experiences over the past hundred-and-one years, she explains, "I've always enjoyed my work and traveling."

—Cheryl Frances, Circulation Librarian

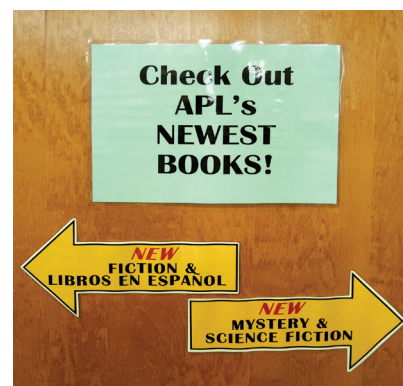
How Your Donations Benefit the Library

Your donations of books, audiobooks, and DVDs help our collection grow and help us stretch our budget. Our goal is to maintain a collection of current and recently published titles. Let's keep our library up-to-date and growing.

Our most popular "in-demand" items include the following:

- DVD's**—Less than two years old, classics, and award-winners
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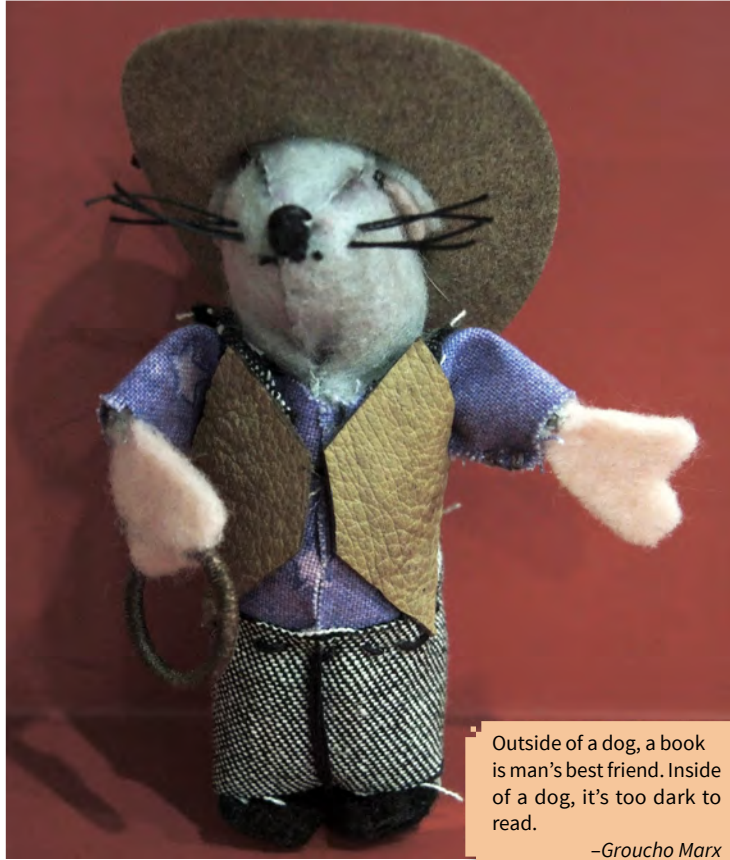
When you finish reading that book or watching that DVD, please consider sharing it with us so that our patrons—your friends, neighbors, and community members,—can enjoy it, too.



—Christine Cavazos, Cataloger

Order the 2016 Collectible Holiday Cowboy Mouse Now!

The Alpine Public Library's collectible mouse for 2016 is a cowboy! The model is on display in Re-Reads, as are order forms. You may also contact Pat McCall 920/579-8619 or by email: secretary@alpinepubliclibrary.org



Outside of a dog, a book is man's best friend. Inside of a dog, it's too dark to read.

—Groucho Marx

Thank-you to the Citizens of Alpine and Brewster County

In late 2015, the APL board and the library's director determined that the funding known to be available for 2016 would not be sufficient to maintain the library hours as they were in 2015. We decided to close the library one day a week (Monday) to help projected income meet outgo. It was a painful decision for all concerned.

As the president of the board, I am sending a resounding thank-you to the citizens of Alpine and Brewster County. Primary thanks go to the anonymous local donor who told our library director, "I'll match any amount up to \$10,000 you can generate by December 31." This certainly provided an incentive!

The library director informed the board, the staff, and the Friends of the Library of the opportunity. People in our community were apprised of the need to raise money. We were given time to talk about the need on the local radio station, KALP, and an article was published in the *Alpine Avalanche*. The Friends of APL and members of the community not only made personal contributions, they also shared the need with friends and via social media.

I must also thank the citizens of Alpine and Brewster County. You, the community, gave so generously that we did not just meet the \$10,000 match; we surpassed it! Because we are not a government entity and receive less than 30% of our annual budget from funding provided by the City of Alpine and Brewster County combined, we need to raise a lot of money each year in order to provide the library services and resources we all enjoy. I stress that it was you, the people who live here—not outsiders—who valued the library enough to provide the money needed.

I did not live in Alpine when the board was raising the money to build our lovely library, but I am so impressed with your efforts. I am a professional librarian with more than 30 years' experience, so I have some understanding of what an outstanding library is. As a community, you understood the need and made the monetary commitment to build a new library.

Thank you for helping make Alpine and Brewster County such an outstanding place to live.

—Linda Bryant, President, Alpine Public Library Board of Directors

We Depend on the Kindness of Strangers (and Friends)

As many of you now know, the Alpine Public Library has been struggling financially for the last couple of years because of stagnant City of Alpine funding, severely reduced Brewster County funding, and diminishing donations from individuals. We asked for help in December, and you stepped up big time to help us make up a shortfall that could have had potentially devastating consequences on our overall financial health (more on this in other places in this newsletter).

Even though we've had a dollars-and-cents dilemma, however, you have continued to support us with volunteer hours and hundreds upon hundreds of donations of books. Books have come from locals and from as far away as California, from people we know well and from others who know us but who are unknown to us personally. We welcome donations because we don't have the budget to purchase everything we want in the library's collection.

At the risk of sounding ungrateful, though, may I, as the person who processes most of the donations through Re-Reads, ask that you look carefully at the things you are giving to us. We will happily accept and try to sell (or put in the collection) anything that is in *saleable condition*, that is, not torn, mildewed, coverless, dirty, infested with insects, in boxes full of leaves or grass. If you wouldn't want it in your home library, we probably can't sell it.

We want your donations; we rely on your donations. We just don't have the staff or the volunteers to tear covers off recyclables and take them to the recycling center (like you, we just hate to throw books away

so we recycle as much as we can). Please help us out even more than you already do by looking at your donations with an eye to whether we can sell the books or whether they need to be recycled (by you, we hope) or simply thrown away.

Most of what you bring us is great stuff, so please don't take offense and stop donating. We depend on the kindness of strangers and Friends.

—Kathy Bork, Re-Reads volunteer and Vice president, APL Board of Directors



You Know Those Books You Were Supposed to Read in High School?

But didn't . . . You read the Cliff's Notes or watched the movie instead? Alpine High School and Re-Reads are giving you a chance to right the wrong, to become a sparkling conversationalist, to impress your friends, and to confound your teachers. Start a book club and choose all of these books as your selections. Cheap and oh so high-toned.

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Titles available:

	4 Plays: Ibsen, Shaw, O'Neill, Chekhov Beowulf
William Barrett	Lilies of the Field
Richard Blackmore	Lorna Doone (not the cookies)
Michael Blake	Dances with Wolves
Hal Borland	When the Legends Die
Ray Bradbury	Dandelion Wine
Emily Brontë	Wuthering Heights
Arthur C. Clarke	Childhood's End
Robert Cormier	Beyond the Chocolate War
Sir Arthur Conan Doyle	The Hound of the Baskervilles
Stephen Crane	Red Badge of Courage
Margaret Craven	I Heard the Owl Call My Name
Charles Dickens	Oliver Twist
	A Tale of Two Cities
George Eliot	Silas Marner
Erich Fromm	The Art of Loving
William Gibson	The Miracle Worker
Bette Greene	The Summer of My German Soldier
John Gunther	Death Be Not Proud
Lorraine Hansberry	A Raisin in the Sun
Bret Harte	The Outcasts of Poker Flat
Nathaniel Hawthorne	The Scarlet Letter

Ernest Hemingway	The Old Man and the Sea
James Herriot	All Creatures Great and Small
Hermann Hesse	Siddhartha
Aldous Huxley	Brave New World
	We Have Always Lived in the Castle
Shirley Jackson	The Haunting of Hill House
	Come Along with Me
Alvin Josephy Jr.	The Indian Heritage of America
Jerome Lawrence	The Night Thoreau Spent in Jail
Bernard Malamud	The Magic Barrel
Christopher Marlowe	The Tragic History of the Life and Death of Doctor Faustus
James Marshall	Walkabout
Somerset Maugham	Of Human Bondage
James Michener	The Bridges of Toko-Ri
Arthur Miller	The Crucible
George Orwell	Animal Farm (read it before the stock show)
Vance Packard	The Hidden Persuaders
Edgar Allan Poe	The Gold-Bug and Other Tales
Chaim Potok	The Chosen
Erich Maria Remarque	All Quiet on the Western Front
	The Taming of the Shrew
William Shakespeare	Julius Caesar, Romeo and Juliet
	A Midsummer Night's Dream
Mary Shelley	Frankenstein
John Steinbeck	The Grapes of Wrath, The Pearl
Mark Twain	The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn
	The Prince and the Pauper
Jules Verne	20,000 Leagues under the Sea
Oscar Wilde	The Picture of Dorian Gray



ART and CRAFT afternoon with friends

Come spend time with us, and explore your creativity with music, drawing, collage making, doodling, and lots of FUN!

Groups are for ages 15 to 18

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When? January 28, 2016 from 4:15-5:30 pm
Next dates: Feb 25 and Apr 28 same time

This program is FREE and is offered by
Alexandra Moldovan, MSW

Thank You, APL Volunteers!

Volunteer Appreciation Event, January 18, 2015



Whatever the cost of libraries,
the price is cheap compared to
that of an ignorant nation.

—Walter Cronkite, Broadcaster





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My son placed that brand new driver's license in his wallet alongside his library card, and it occurred to me that these two documents have much in common. Both support America's free and independent way of life. The driver's license allows my son, and all of our sons and daughters, the individual freedom of personal mobility. The library card gives him, and all our sons and daughters, the freedom of thought and speech so essential for members of a democratic society.

—Edsel B. Ford II, Board of Directors, Ford Motor Company

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