

What's happening at Alpine Public Library?

First, the 4th-ever Adult Spelling Bee is scheduled for April 7. So, it's not too early to start forming teams and preparing. Let's dedicate this year's Spelling Bee to Suzanne Bailey. Suzanne passed away last fall and was a team member of the *Spellicans*, two-time champions of the Bee. Suzanne was an enthusiastic and competitive speller and a long-time friend of the Alpine Public Library.

Our new parking lot is taking shape. The Brewster County crew has hauled in base material for the lot followed by grading and compacting. The lot is scheduled to be finished as the weather warms sometime this spring, probably late April or May. Martha and Mike Latta have installed all the engraved bricks we currently have in the sidewalk leading from the parking lot to the library. There is enough space for about 100 more bricks. That said, we are planning to end the brick fundraiser at the end of May when the parking lot is finished. If you've been thinking about getting an engraved brick in honor of a special person or in lasting memory of a loved one, please consider helping us get enough bricks to fill the space. Order forms are on the library Website or may be picked up at the library front desk.

I'm thrilled about the live concerts we've been able to schedule at APL. Hungrytown returned to Alpine on February 23. They played to a good crowd last year and liked Alpine enough to want to come back. On March 4 at 7 p.m. we have someone new, Sofia Talvik. She is described as Americana Folk with Swedish roots. She is touring the U.S. and has lots of great reviews. On May 22, John Lilly will make a return appearance at APL. I hope more events will be scheduled as the year progresses.



Watch the APL Website and social media posts for information as it becomes available.

Are you tired of the same old boring fund-raisers? Well, so are we! Send us your ideas for fund-raisers that have the potential to bring in \$10,000 to \$15,000. A committee will select the winning idea, and the winner will receive \$100 in cold, hard cash. The contest runs through March 15, 2018. Send entries to Don Wetterauer, don@alpinepubliclibrary.org or by mail to 805 W. Avenue E., Alpine, TX 79830. Entries must be postmarked by March 15. All entries become the property of the Alpine Public Library.

Finally a word about Re-Reads. The library depends on Re-Reads sales to generate about \$10,000 to go toward library operations. Currently, we are a bit short of volunteers to help in the store. If you are interested in helping at Re-Reads with a weekly shift or on an as-needed basis, Linda Bryant would love to talk to you.

—Don Wetterauer, PhD, Executive Director

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Coming to Re-Reads

On March 1 Re-Reads began offering *frequent buyer cards*, which work like frequent buyer cards from other vendors.

Customers will receive one punch for the purchase of any regular-price adult book, CD, or DVD. Ten punches earn a free

book, CD, or DVD. Buy one/get one items, sale items, monthly bag sale items, and children's/teens' items do not qualify for the frequent buyer card.

Customers must ask for a card. At checkout, Re-Reads cashiers will ask if the customer has or wants a Re-Reads frequent buyer card. Customers are responsible

for the card until it is complete; *lost cards cannot be replaced*. When a card is exchanged for a free item, it will be surrendered to the Re-Reads cashier. We have many returning customers and hope the frequent buyer card will add to their shopping experience at Re-Reads.

Friends Patio Sale

Spring cleaning? Finding stuff you don't need or want anymore? Donate it to Friends of the Alpine Public Library, and we'll sell it in our Patio Sale on Saturday, April 28. We'll take any garage sale items—electronics, craft materials, kitchenware, tools, even exercise bikes. You'll have a less cluttered house, and APL will have more funds to support its terrific programs. Watch for additional information on the APL Facebook and Web pages and plan to deliver your items to the library the week before the sale.

GARAGE SALE!

Can I get the book I want at Re-Reads?

Re-Reads is a donation-driven used-book store. Inventory is totally dependent upon what has been donated.

Is it possible to tell what is available? Is it possible to request something you really want? Yes on both counts, though there is no guarantee a request can be met.

All items except children's books are now inventoried. That inventory is available through the library's Web page: <https://alpinepubliclibrary.org>. On the home page, the left-hand menu includes a link to Re-Reads Bookstore. Click that link to get to the inventory database ("see our current inventory"). The inventory database can also be reached directly using the following URL: <http://aplmembers.org/aplrereads>.


On the inventory page, searches may be done by author or title using the search box (searches are not case sensitive) or by subject matter, for example, mystery. Customers may search for their favorite author, for example, Sue Grafton, then narrow the search by format, for example, hardback or softback. In the bookstore, the cashier can search the database to determine if the store currently has a copy of a particular title. When the bookstore does not have a copy available, customers may ask the cashier to alert the inventory volunteers to watch for the title. Customers are contacted if their item is donated.

—Linda Bryant

Re-Reads Bookstore

Alpine Public Library

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About Re-Reads

Re-Reads Bookstore is a project of the Alpine Public Library and is staffed by Friends of the Alpine Public Library volunteers. All proceeds from sales are used to supplement the library's operational budget.

Welcome to Re-Reads

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Kathy Donnell: APL's Rare Bird

Kathy Donnell is that rare bird, a person born and raised in the Big Bend; she's also one who gives her energy and time to make her home region a better place. Born in a clinic across from the Brewster County courthouse, the infant Kathy went home to Marfa, where her father was a doctor. Kathy attended Marfa public schools, went to Bloys Campmeeting, watched the filming of the movie *Giant*, and enjoyed the life of small-town Marfa, which at the time had two doctors, two dentists, two grocery stores, two pharmacies, several clothing shops, and excellent public schools.

Kathy's mother, Jane Stover, was an artist, part of what Kathy says was already a vibrant artist community in Marfa. Jane was also a pilot and a member of the Ninety-nines, a national organization of female pilots, and she participated in air races around the state. Kathy's father was also a pilot and flew the family to Austin to visit Kathy's sister, who was attending the University of Texas. Each August, Dr. Stover closed his practice, and the family traveled for the month. Kathy's life was not limited by the smallness of her hometown.

When she graduated from high school, Kathy moved to Austin to attend the University of Texas, as her older sister had. After college, she married another Big Bend native, Billito Donnell, and moved to South-Central Texas, living in the Uvalde area for the next 17 years. Billito managed his family's ranches, and Kathy sometimes accompanied him as he worked the cattle. Initially, the young couple lived in a trailer house with no phone, no electricity, and water pumped by a windmill. Kathy had to provide lunch each day for the ranch hands, so she learned to cook, and to cook for a crowd, with the help of the proprietor of the local store. Kathy points out that, although Marfa was a small town, it *was* a town, and ranch life was a new experience for her.

From the trailer, Kathy and Billito moved to a house on a neighboring farm and then into Uvalde. They also increased the size of their family to four with the addition of two sons, Conly and Walter. While living in Uvalde, Kathy earned a master's degree and a teaching certificate from Sul Ross State University and taught sixth grade for four years.

When family ranches required Billito's help in the Big Bend, the family moved to Alpine. Kathy got a position at Alpine Elementary School teaching social studies and reading; eventually, she taught math. She retired in 2008 after 25 years of teaching.

Kathy's connection to Alpine Public Library began in 2011, when a friend suggested that she join the English as a Second Language tutoring program sponsored by the library. Since that time, Kathy has continued to tutor, but she has also extended her volunteering with the library into other areas. For a time, she helped with shelf reading—keeping the books on shelves neat and orderly. She also became an active Friend of the Library, attending regular meetings and serving as president from 2015 to 2017. Along with two other Friends, she maintains the FAPL-sponsored library at the county jail, making monthly trips to the jail to restock and arrange the books on the shelves.



Kathy's commitment to the library also took her to Re-Reads and other fund-raising projects. Along with other volunteers, she has culled through donated books to stock the store. She helps with fund-raisers like the Adult Spelling Bee and for the past three years has co-chaired the Silent Auction committee. As with ranch life, Kathy has been all in as a volunteer for the library, jumping in to fill whatever position necessary, which currently includes serving as vice-president of the library board.

In addition to her work with Alpine Public Library, Kathy volunteers with and serves on the U.S. board of Casa Hogar, an orphanage in Ojinaga, Mexico. She also leads a busy personal life full of family, friends, projects, and books. APL is fortunate that this rare bird decided to land in its yard.

—Lee Smith

Alpine Public Library means a lot to me. Whether it's looking for the latest book or needing some quiet time, this is the place to be for a book lover like me, where I can genuinely reflect on the various intricacies of life!

—Roxana Hill, Alpine

Kids' Programs Looking for Sponsors

Increasingly difficult to fund these programs. If you want to help sponsor a program, contact Mary Beth Garrett, children's librarian, at 432-837-2621, kids@alpinepubliclibrary.org.

Summer Science Camp: entering grades 4–6

An exciting new science experience in collaboration with Alpine Middle School that features professional instruction from Ashlee Castro, AMS science educator for grades 5 and 6, AMS lead S.T.E.M. (science, technology, engineering, mathematics) teacher, and currently pursuing graduate studies in science curriculum development.

Kids will work in small groups and engage intensely with levers, gears, springs, scales, pulleys, and wheels. A multitude of simple machines will be built. Science concepts include potential and kinetic energy, gear ratio, torque, fulcrum, force, load, mass, elasticity, compression, friction, acceleration, speed, and velocity.

Meeting three times a week for two hours a day for three weeks.

Toddler Time: ages 0–5

2017 stats: 1,608 participants; 45 programs; 36 participants/program

An early literacy program featuring reading, singing, finger plays, flannel work, fine motor learning centers, S.T.E.M. activities, musical movement. Parachute play and baby yoga were added this year, much to the delight of parents and kids.

S.T.E.A.M. Family Night *(began in May 2017):* ages 4–12, with a parent

Needed for program annually: \$150.00

Stats: 179 participants; 7 programs; 26 participants/program

S.T.E.A.M. adds an art component to S.T.E.M. Each monthly program focuses on one topic, which gives the participants time to internalize scientific concepts and language for that specific subject. A “things to try at home” component has been added to foster application of learning from the library to other settings.

World-class children's programming doesn't come cheap. Although APL never charges for programs, we have to pay for program materials and fees. Thousands of Alpine kids participate in, learn from, and enjoy a wide variety of programs each year, and our new Campaign for Kids will double the size of the space available to us for these programs. But we're finding it in-

Outreach Programs: ages 0–10

2017 stats: 1,968 participants; 167 programs; 12 participants/program

- ★ *After-school visits: 458 participants; 35 programs; 13 participants/program*
- ★ *Day care visits: 964 participants; 95 programs; 10 participants/program*
- ★ *Food Pantry of Alpine: 24 participants; 6 programs; 4 participants/program*
- ★ *Private schools: 81 participants; 5 programs; 16 participants/program*
- ★ *Public schools: 415 participants; 26 programs; 16 participants/program*

Early literacy programs, after-school programs, dental health programs, nutrition programs, book talk programs, science and S.T.E.M. programs.

Saturday Story Time *(began in August 2017):* early literacy, ages 0–7

Needed for program annually: \$100.00

Stats: 117 participants; 29 programs; 29 participants/program

Story Time takes place Saturday morning once a month for an hour of engaging stories, finger plays, singing and musical movement, flannel board storytelling, and craft projects. Each month has a different theme.

Teddy Bear Sleepover

Needed for program annually: \$30.00

Stats: 38 participants (not including bears!)

Children read to their teddy bears on Friday afternoon and retrieve them during Story Time the following morning.

Aqua Vision: pre-k–4th grade

Needed for each program: \$100.00

Stats: 23 participants; 2 programs; 11 participants/program

Children participate in real-time distance-learning activities in conjunction with the Texas State Aquarium.



Summer Reading for Kids

The Summer Reading Program last year served 261 kids with 19 programs, and we look forward to continued success in 2018. The theme this year is “Libraries Rock,” a curriculum developed by the Collaborative Summer Reading Program (CSRP) that entices kids to interact with music and sound in varied and creative ways. Music plays a fundamental role in everyday life: it is used in celebrations, as a means of self-expression and communication, and helps connect children with others at home and around the world. Kids will learn about famous musicians, understand the science of music, experience the music of nature, and make an original instrument or two.



Books, games, musical experiences including live performances and rhythm classes, and S.T.E.A.M. (science, technology, engineering, art, and mathematics) activities will allow kids to learn and grow within the wonderful world of music.



Meet Our New Staff Members

Elle Puckett (pronounced EL-lee) has been on the job at APL for a little over a month. Elle and her husband moved to Alpine from central Minnesota about two years ago. She brings to APL a love of libraries and years of experience working in them. She's been working in libraries since she was 15!

Kevin Hathaway has been on the circulation desk at APL for about a month. He and his wife moved to Alpine two years ago when he retired from high school coaching, teaching, and administration in districts around Texas. Three of Kevin's former students play in the NFL—two with the Los Angeles Rams and one with the Pittsburgh Steelers.

Please join us in welcoming Elle and Kevin to APL!



December 2017 library staff holiday photo.

Alpine Library is amazing. It has everything you need and more to expand your knowledge. I love it!

—Ziaire Mann, 7th Grader, Alpine

**4th-Ever Adult
Spelling Bee**
SAVE THE DATE!
April 7, 2018
Alpine Civic Center
5:00–8:00 p.m.
Doors open at 4:00 p.m.

Cash prizes for 1st and 2nd place! Tacos! Beer and wine! Costumes! Bring the whole family! Sponsored by the Friends of the Alpine Public Library. All proceeds benefit the operations of the Alpine Public Library, a 501(c)(3) association.

Entry forms are available at the circulation desk now!

Watch the library's Web and Facebook pages for more information and for a new chance to show off. Members of APL's recent and current citizenship classes are offering a friendly challenge to spellers and the audience. The USCIS Website lists 100 questions as required knowledge for people wishing to become U.S. citizens. See if you can answer questions in a head-to-head faceoff!

Get Your Donor Brick Now!

Sometimes it just takes a while for a good idea to come to fruition. Over a decade ago, when our current library was still only an idea on paper, part of the idea, labeled as “future phase,” was a parking lot on the north side of the building.

Now, ten years later, the future is NOW, and the parking lot is under construction due to a generous donation from Energy Transfer Partners for this purpose. To connect the new parking lot to the building and direct access to the ever-popular AEP Foundation Multipurpose Room, an Americans with Disabilities Act-compliant sidewalk with ramp is also under construction.

Design of the ramp provided an opportunity to incorporate yet another good idea, which surfaced just four years ago. It's no secret that APL employs multiple fundraising projects to meet its financial needs. One of these has been the sale of “donor bricks.” For a \$100 donation, one may purchase a brick that can be inscribed with up to three lines of print, each line limited to 18 characters. So, for instance, one might have a brick inscribed with “In Loving Memory of Jane Doe 2018” or “In Honor of APL Executive Director John Doe 2000–2004.”

And while a donor brick is a nice way to honor or remember someone, it also makes a great gift for the person who has everything: “Merry Christmas, Mary Contrary, 2017.” Or one could choose to purchase a brick and have it read, “We love APL, the Mummies.” As long as it is respectful and meets the character limits, the bricks may be inscribed with just about anything!

Since the fund-raiser was initiated in 2014, over 80 bricks have been purchased and are just waiting for the right project to become a part of. We now have that project, and the good news is that we need more bricks to complete it! Each donor-brick section of the ramp holds 50 bricks. One section is complete, and another one is nearly so, but the two remaining sections need a total of 100 bricks to finish the project.

You may make a donation to Alpine Public Library with the purchase of a donor Brick and actually see how your gift (in part) has been spent. It's super easy; just pick up a donor brick form at the library circulation desk and fill in the required information. Mail the form with your check to Alpine Public Library, 805 W. Avenue E, Alpine, TX, 79830. Or save a stamp and

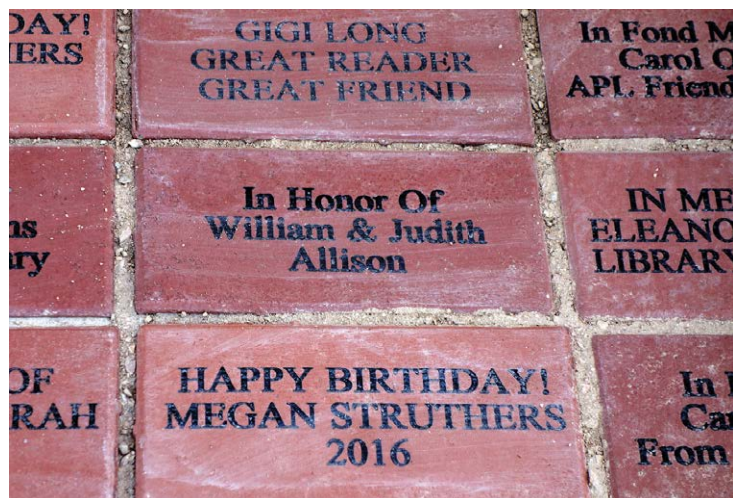
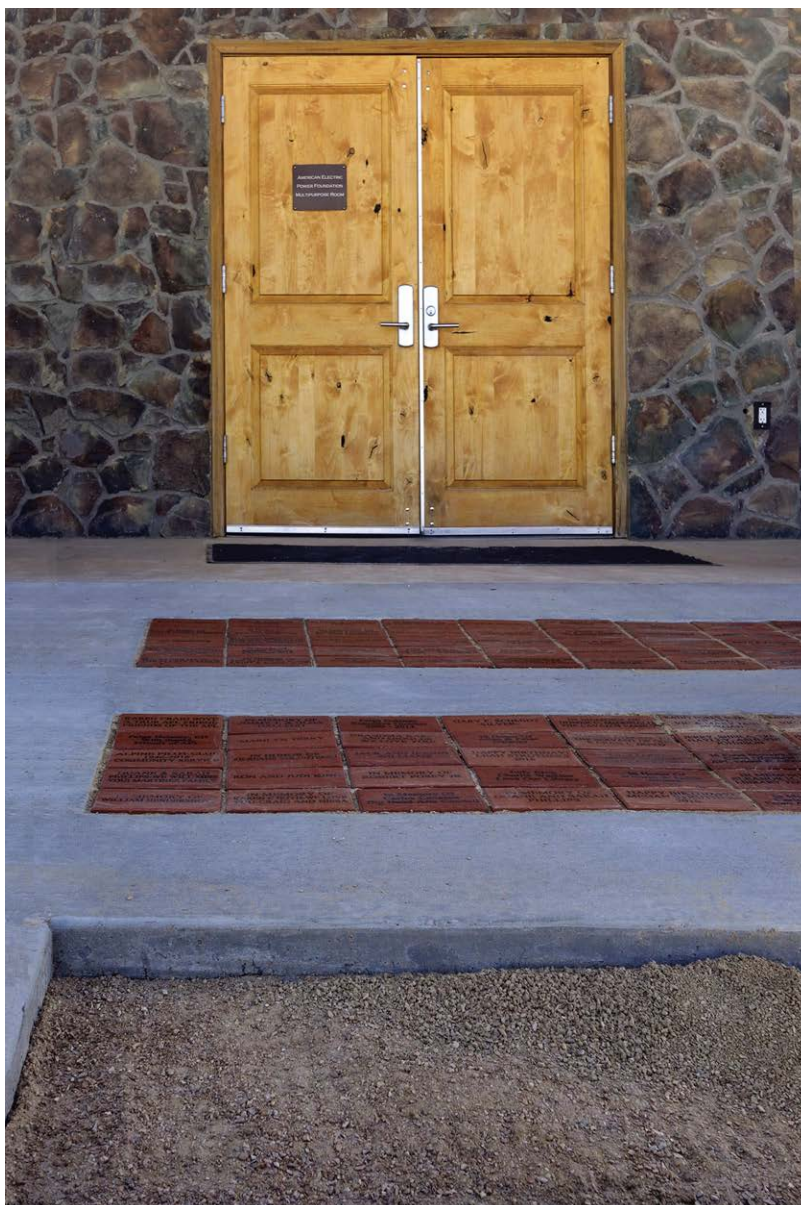
drop it by the library during business hours.

But you need to hurry. The donor brick fund-raiser will end on May 31 of this year, and there are only 100 bricks available for purchase. If you've been wanting to do this, don't put it off any longer! It would be nice to have the ramp open for use when the parking lot is completed later this spring. Your help is needed to complete this important library improvement. Thanks!

—Martha Latta

I'm so proud of APL! I bring all my visitors from other places to see our wonderful resources here in APL! Congratulations on your expansion plans. P.S. Re-Reads and their volunteers are special treasures for our region!

—Gwynne Jamieson, Alpine





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—Leah Struthers,
1st Grader, Alpine

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