

# Between the Lines

December 2018

Alpine Public Library

## What's happening at Alpine Public Library?

Alpine Public Library's first event of the fall season was the WonderFall Carnival. About 300 kids and parents attended. We had games and prizes, and there were many spectacular costumes. The Carnival featured our first-ever Haunted House, made possible through the efforts of Henry Segovia, a work-study student from Sul Ross State University. The library is very fortunate to have two SRSU work-study students this fall. In addition to Henry, from El Paso, we have Natalie Guillén from Dell City. Both are a great help at the library, and we are so glad to have them as part of the library team.

Our second fall event was the annual Silent Auction during Artwalk weekend. Linda Bryant and Kathy Donnell were in charge of the planning. The auction is our biggest fundraiser of the year and requires a lot of volunteers and many donated items from our supporters to make it a success. Thanks to Linda and Kathy and to all our volunteers for another great job and thanks to our supporters without whom the auction wouldn't happen.

The library recently received a grant from the Ladd and Katherine Hancher Library Foundation, which will be used to help fund the monthly S.T.E.A.M. Family Nights. We have some exciting science programs planned for next year. The Family Nights will run through May 2019. Check the library's program calendar for dates and times.

In November, APL received a grant from the Union Pacific Foundation. The money will be used to create two new tutoring rooms in the library. We also received a nice donation from Jean and Dick Zimmer, former APL library directors and lifelong Friends members, to add some much-needed storage space. Both these donations will go a long way toward helping us use our space more efficiently to better serve our patrons. Additionally, just before Thanksgiving, we received a generous grant from the Permian Basin Area Foundation that is to be used to help defray general library operating expenses.

Finally, I would like to thank APL staff members for their exceptional service to our public, the APL Board of Directors for its efforts to make our library an important part of our community, the Friends of the Library for their tireless support, and last but not least, APL's community of patrons and friends for your continued support.

*—Don Wetterauer, PhD,  
Executive Director*



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## Library Receives Donation for Storage

Thanks to a generous donation from Dick and Jean Zimmer, the library was able to purchase a much needed storage building.



## Re-Reads

We are expanding options in Re-Reads. We have items in our display case that would make delightful holiday gifts. Additionally, we now have some books for sale on Amazon. There is also a special display case behind the cash register that has books of greater value than our regular inventory but that are not listed on Amazon. These books are for sale at a discount from the Amazon value.

We have a number of titles not usually for sale in Re-Reads due to a very large local donation and donations from nonlocal sources. We hope to be able to continue to offer this type of expanded selection.

Re-Reads gift certificates may be purchased in five-dollar increments and may be used to purchase anything sold in Re-Reads.

New APL mugs are here! They are \$8.50 plus tax. If you buy our delicious Big Bend Coffee Roasters Bookworm Blend and the mug, the total price, including tax, is \$20.66.

We now have a small reading nook to the left of our entrance doors. Chairs donated by library patrons provide a place for people to sit while examining or enjoying items found in Re-Reads.

—Linda Bryant



I'm a Friend of the Alpine Public Library!

## Lifetime Members

Lifetime membership is awarded for exceptional support of the library

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Marilyn Terry



# Gary Dill: Committed to Lifelong Learning

Gary Dill maintains that he is selective about how he spends his personal time. Yet he devotes much of it to volunteering with several local organizations and serving on three boards. He describes himself as a mission-driven volunteer: If he supports the mission of an organization, if the organization's purpose matches his own values, then he will wholeheartedly give his time and expertise to help it fulfill its mission. Alpine Public Library is fortunate to fit this criterion.

Gary is a relative newcomer to Alpine. After Marilyn, his wife, visited Marathon with a friend, she encouraged him to visit as well. They explored the region and, in 2007, bought a house in Alpine. At the time, they lived in Hobbs, New Mexico, where Gary was the president of the University of the Southwest. For several years, they made the three-hour drive to Alpine one weekend a month to stay in their new house. Marilyn moved to Alpine in 2014, and Gary followed in 2015, when he retired.

Gary had three requirements for a new home: The house had to be on a paved road, within walking distance of a university library, and on a small plot of land. The couple now lives on an unpaved road, 13 miles from the Sul Ross library, and on 11 acres. Nonetheless, they love where they live. Each morning, Gary and his dog, Jester, walk four miles, which gives him a chance to get his thoughts together and prepare for his day.

During their regular stays in Alpine, the couple visited the Alpine Public Library to use the Internet. When Marilyn moved to Alpine, she joined the library Friends group and volunteered at Re-Reads. Shortly after he moved, Gary became a director on the library board and now serves as secretary. In addition to the generally cerebral work he does as a board member, Gary volunteers for more material tasks like grilling cheese sandwiches for the Terrific Tuesday lunches.

Gary's motivation to volunteer with APL rests on a shared commitment to literacy and lifelong learning. For his part, this

commitment seems to be rooted in his personal history. Gary grew up in a small working-class community on the Houston Ship Channel. The first person in his family to finish high school, he earned a doctorate in theology and served as a pastor for 10 years before returning to graduate school to pursue a second doctorate in educational policy and ethics at the University of Texas. One of his teachers was Barbara Jordan, the former congressional representative from Houston. With her encouragement, Gary later served as ethics adviser and planner at the Texas Education Agency when House Bill 72 for educational reform was implemented.

Gary notes that his values were shaped in part by the dedicated teachers who encouraged him and his fellow students to continue to learn and to see the importance of civil discourse. In turn, he did his part to pass along these values in his academic career. He taught at St. Cloud University and served as provost of Schreiner University. In addition to leading the University of the Southwest, he was president of McPherson College. When he was primarily an administrator, he engaged with students in and out of the classroom, co-teaching a course on theological

themes in Harry Potter and challenging students to racquetball games. In retirement, he continues to pass on these values by serving on the Board of Trustees at the University of the Ozarks.

As for personal time not devoted to APL, Gary serves on the board of the Sunshine House and volunteers with Meals on Wheels. He is also the pastor of the Presbyterian church in Marfa. And he reads, plays games, socializes, sings with the Big Bend Chorale, and plays ukulele in the Big Bend Ukulele Group, BBUG, for short. Much of Gary's personal time is spent doing what he values—learning and fostering learning. Alpine Public Library and we patrons are privileged that Gary shares his time with us.

—Lee Smith



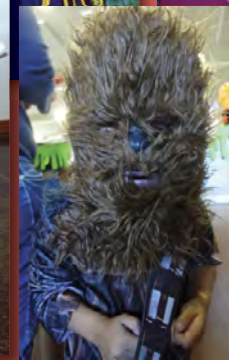
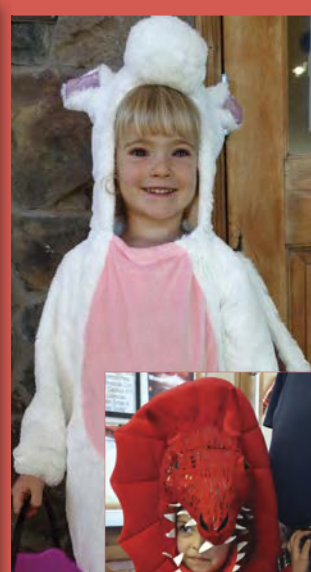


# Second-Annual WonderFall Carnival a Success

What do you get when you cross volunteers, National Honor Society members, a haunted house, a hot dog food truck, storytelling, and costumed families? Why, a Halloween carnival for everyone and every taste, of course!

On October 29, the Friends of the Alpine Public Library sponsored its second-annual WonderFall Carnival. There were games galore, from beanbag toss to egg carry to a fish pond to "virtual" face painting by Pam Gaddis. Around 300 kids and their families enjoyed Marilyn Terry's storytelling and a custom haunted house designed by Sul Ross student Henry Segovia with both a "scary" and a "nonscary" option. Alpine's Cow Dog food truck provided hot dogs to keep everyone's strength up.

The costumes were spectacular, some were spooktacular, but all were in the spirit of Halloween fun!







# Artwalk 2018

Kathy Donnell and I have completed our fifth year of co-chairing this event. We are continuing to learn as we proceed. Pat McCall again scheduled the volunteers who help with setup, staffing during open hours, and cleanup. I feel we did well this year. The volunteers were great, the weather was good, and most high bidders were able to pick up Saturday night or Sunday morning.

Thank you to all the generous artists, library patrons, and citizens of Alpine and Brewster County who contributed the items we had in our silent auction. Thanks also to Liz and Hiram

Sibley for providing the venue, Galería Sibley, for the third year—placing us square in the middle of the Artwalk action! The space works well as gallery space and as a silent auction venue.

From the community we had donations ranging from the practical but decorative (vintage shawls from various South American countries) to the less practical and equally decorative (crystal and imported pottery.) We also had a range of special Christmas decorations, crèches, Santas, and angels—something to appeal to most people!

Kathy and I would like to give a resounding thanks to everyone involved. We strive to have the Silent Auction earn about \$15,000.00, or approaching 10% of our annual operations expenses, to help ensure another year of great programs and services.

—Linda Bryant



I've lived here for 53 years, and whenever I've had a question about anything local or worldwide, my first thought is, "Call the Library—they'll know!" And they always help.

—Audrey Painter, Alpine



# APL's East Hallway Gallery

On your next trip to the library, be sure to visit the East Hallway Gallery, where you'll see original artwork by area artists. The library has dedicated this space to supporting local art and to encouraging individual artists to contribute to the community's appreciation of the arts. The exhibits give library patrons the opportunity to broaden their horizons by viewing a wide range of art. Past exhibits have showcased the work of Jay Davis, John Davis, Dottie Harding, Nan Jamieson, Marshall McCall, Pat McCall, Tish Wetterauer, and Chicken Bones George Zupp.

Artists interested in exhibiting in the East Hallway Gallery are encouraged to pick up an application at the library circulation desk.



## Children's Art Workshop

Kids were asked to make a simple machine and/or art using recycled materials.



Megan completed all the elements by making two simple machines (a lever and gears) and an artistically pleasing project.



Leah's cart really worked! She first made a smaller prototype to learn what to do.



A design for a vacuum cleaner to remove floating islands of plastic in our oceans.



## Center for Big Bend Studies Book Sale

Once again, the Friends of the Alpine Public Library sponsored a Re-Reads book sale at the conference of the Center for Big Bend Studies at Sul Ross State University. Conference attendees look forward to browsing through books chosen to appeal to their special interests. Each year, they return to the "table from the library" looking for book treasures and excellent prices while the Friends get to represent APL in the community and help keep the lights on at the library.

—Marilyn Terry



APL staff created a Christmas Tree display from books to celebrate the holidays.

# Winterfall

**Visit w/ Santa**  
**Crafts**  
**Puppet Show**  
**Story Time**  
**Refreshments**

**Family Fun**



Sat December 8 11AM @APL

## Opportunities Available to Sponsor Children's Outreach Programs



Kids making applesauce at the Alpine Community Center. If you would like to sponsor a children's outreach program, contact Mary Beth Garrett.



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about what democracy  
means, I go to the public  
library. Then I remember.

—Kathy Bork, Alpine

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