

Between the Lines

ALPINE PUBLIC LIBRARY March 2020

What's happening at Alpine Public Library?

The big news is that Alpine Public Library received a \$100,000 check from an anonymous donor. Thanks to this generous donation, we have met the match of \$100,000 offered by another anonymous donor. With this \$200,000 and other donations to the Kids Campaign, we have raised \$649,330 to date. Now we are in a great position to be considered for grants from foundations.

We are much closer to construction, but we still have about \$550,000 to raise. The purpose of the APL Kids Campaign is to add much needed space to the library. Plans include a children's area, a teen/young adult area, a crafts and arts area, and additional meeting rooms.

Many libraries these days are increasing space for community interactions and devoting less space to collections and operations. This trend was pointed out in a webinar presented by R. David Lankes, Director of the School of Library and Information Science at the University of South Carolina and the author of many books and scholarly journal articles. He speaks of "New Librarianship," which he identifies as a focus on communities and knowledge. Along with the idea of New Librarianship, Dr. Lankes has a new mission statement for librarians that reads "The mission of librarians is to improve society through facilitating knowledge creation in their communities." The mission statement of Alpine Public Library, with its emphasis on community and lifelong learning, is similar to the one Dr. Lankes suggests.

With the Kids Campaign, Alpine Public Library aims to increase the space designed for community interaction without having to shrink the space devoted to collections. Please consider making a donation to help us finish this project. You can mail a check to the library at 805 West Avenue E, Alpine, TX 79830. You can also make contributions on the library website using PayPal.

—Don Wetterauer, PhD,
Executive Director



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Shop Re-Reads!

After a busy week of work and a full schedule of classes at Sul Ross, I usually spend my week-ends doing as little as possible. I try to catch up on chores and homework. I love cooking, so on weekends that's what I do the most of. I try not to leave the house and most weekends I do just that. I'm a homebody and love being at home with my family, cats and dog.



**Joanna Barnett,
Bookkeeper**

How APL Librarians Spend Their Sundays

**Casey Costa,
Circulation
Librarian**



I spend my Sundays watching football and eating my weight in buffalo chicken dip!



**Christine Cavazos,
Cataloger**

The Pandora station is set for 60's, 70's, or 80's music, and the coffee is perking. Sunday is food prep day. I bake bread, cook rice and a variety of beans, chop

veggies for soups and salads, and have fruit and snacks set aside for the upcoming week. I fix simple meals, and Sunday food prep makes menu planning quick and easy.

**Bianca Cardoza,
Circulation Librarian**

I spend my Sunday's being a new aunt and walking/running through the little town of Alpine.



**Benefit Concert for the
Alpine Public Library**

VIVA LA FRANCE!

**Sul Ross State University
"Communiversy Band"**

**March 18
7 PM
Civic Center**

My Sundays are my time with the Lord and with my family. I and my two boys read the Bible. I look forward to this special time together of learning. I also cook a big lunch for my husband and my kids, and myself of course. I love being able to take my time cooking a hopefully delicious meal for them. I watch cooking shows as I am cooking, or if my kiddos are hanging around the kitchen we catch up in long conversation and laugh about funny things that have happened in the past week. Occasionally, on a late Sunday afternoon my husband and I will climb up the Sul Ross hill and take in all of the beauty. This is our quiet time that he and I enjoy so much. And somewhere in the middle of all of this I will snuggle up with a warm blanket and take a nice nap on my recliner—sigh. I absolutely love my Sundays.

**Nicole Cardoza,
Circulation Librarian**



**Mary Beth Garrett,
Children's Librarian**

Sundays are for making bassoon reeds! Bassoon reeds are commonly made from a species of cane called *Arundo donax* which is cultivated around the Mediterranean. The cane is cut, striped, profiled, shaped, and folded over on itself to form a "double" reed. The reed serves as the mouthpiece for the bassoon and requires a lot of refining and detailed work before it can function. It must be sanded, scored, soaked, beveled, clipped, cured, soaked again, bored, wired, tuned (not my husband's favorite step), wrapped, reamed, and filed. There are lots of opportunities to make mistakes so it helps if a person has perfectionist tendencies, which I do. The whole process from start to finish takes about eight weeks, and consequently there are always reeds in various stages of development on my forming rack. Sunday is the day to crank out the Vivaldi bassoon concertos and get to work.

**Elle Puckett, Circulation Librarian
With Lexi, Cora, and Molly**

Sunday is a bustling day of activity at my house! I sing on my church's worship team, so I'm out the door early, and my husband and I typically join our church family for lunch after the service. Then it's home again to tend to our furry family members—we have 15 total, 3 dogs, 4 cats, 7 birds, and a gecko—the "Puckett Family Zoo!" We usually take a leisurely walk around Kokernot Park or, as a treat for the dogs, a hike in the Davis Mountains. The day usually caps off with a nice glass of red wine and snuggling up with our cats to watch the latest true crime show—my greatest vice!



**Joseline Cintrón,
Circulation Librarian**

My Sundays are for spending time in My Craft Room. This is my hobby in my time off. I love to make cards, personalized items, paint projects and sew fabric to make purses, lanyards, bows for family and friends. Clean my own mess and do inventory to start the next week for more projects.



THE DIRT ON DON

What do soil and books have in common? Soil labs and libraries? Nothing, except for Don Wetterauer, a PhD soil scientist who was the director of the soil and plant analysis lab at Iowa State University and is now the executive director of Alpine Public Library.

Don's route from suburban Chicago to Alpine, passing through studies and work in soil conservation, is dotted with libraries. Don remembers becoming a card-carrying patron of the public library in Downers Grove, a village outside Chicago, when he was in elementary school. With each subsequent move, he sought out libraries and acquired a library card.

Don moved to Fort Collins to attend Colorado State University to major in soil resources and conservation. During the summer breaks, he worked for the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service in Wyoming. After graduation, he became a full-time soil scientist and continued to work in Wyoming for the next ten years. Graduate studies took him to New Mexico State University in Las Cruces to focus on soil fertility and then to Iowa State University in Ames to work as a research assistant and pursue a PhD in the effects of animal manure on corn production. After completing a postdoctoral fellowship, Don directed the soil and plant analysis lab at Iowa State, conducting studies for farmers and research scientists.

Don remembers spending many hours in university libraries during graduate school before the Internet became the primary mode of research. Doing research meant poring through weighty volumes of periodical indexes and reading articles in noncirculating bound journals or ordering reprints to be read outside of the library. When Don and his wife, Tish, decided to leave Ames, this comfort level with libraries played a role in their considerations. Don prioritized living in a place with a "decent" library, either university or public.



As Don notes, you should never "take a desert girl to the Midwest," so when the opportunity to move came up, they looked to the Southwest, where Tish was raised. In 2004, the couple settled in Alpine. Don began doing odd jobs around town and looked for volunteer opportunities. In the past, while working a full-time job, he couldn't volunteer. With more free time in Alpine, he wanted to do something to help others. He "had done well" and saw the opportunity to "give something back." Not surprisingly, he

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thought of Alpine Public Library, but he hesitated, thinking that his lack of experience would prevent him from being accepted as a volunteer. When he got up the nerve to offer his help, the library director put him to work in Re-Reads Bookstore.

Wanting to participate further, Don went to a meeting of the Friends of the Alpine Public Library, but because he was the only man in attendance, he met with a lot of teasing. He didn't attend another meeting for six months. Fortunately for the library, he did go back and eventually was voted in as president of the group. He served as the Friends representative on the library board and as a board member after his term as president expired. His term coincided with the construction of the new library building and the move into it, which was a time of significant growth for APL. Shortly after the move, he joined the library staff as bookkeeper and took over as executive director in 2015.

Since moving to Alpine, Don has worked and volunteered with other nonprofits. He kept the books at the Alpine Community Center and at the Wesley

Center on the Sul Ross State University campus. He volunteered with the food pantry at First United Methodist Church and served on the board of the Food Pantry of Alpine. Given his role as library director, he has less time for other community work. He also has little time for leisure activities, but his interests include music—he plays the bassoon—photography, and trains.

Don's primary focus now is APL. His goal is to ensure that the library is sustainable and that it is a community asset. In his previous career, he worked to find the best match between the soil and the crop growing in it. In his current career, he understands that a library must fit its community, and he recognizes that the libraries in the rest of the Big Bend are different from the library that Alpine needs. Much as he did as a soil scientist, Don looks to the makeup of a community's "soil" to grow a library that nurtures its patrons.

Don wanted to move to a place with a "decent" library, and he did. For the past 14 years, he's been helping give Alpine an exceptional library.

—Lee Smith

Re-Reads Needs Volunteers!

Do you have three free hours a week or every two weeks or even once a month? If you do, you could volunteer in Re-Reads, Alpine's only used-book store. You could work the cash register, straighten shelves, and chat with visitors from Alpine and beyond. Besides the good feeling you'd get from volunteering, you'd also get a chance to browse the new items and get first crack at donated books, audiobooks, and DVDs.

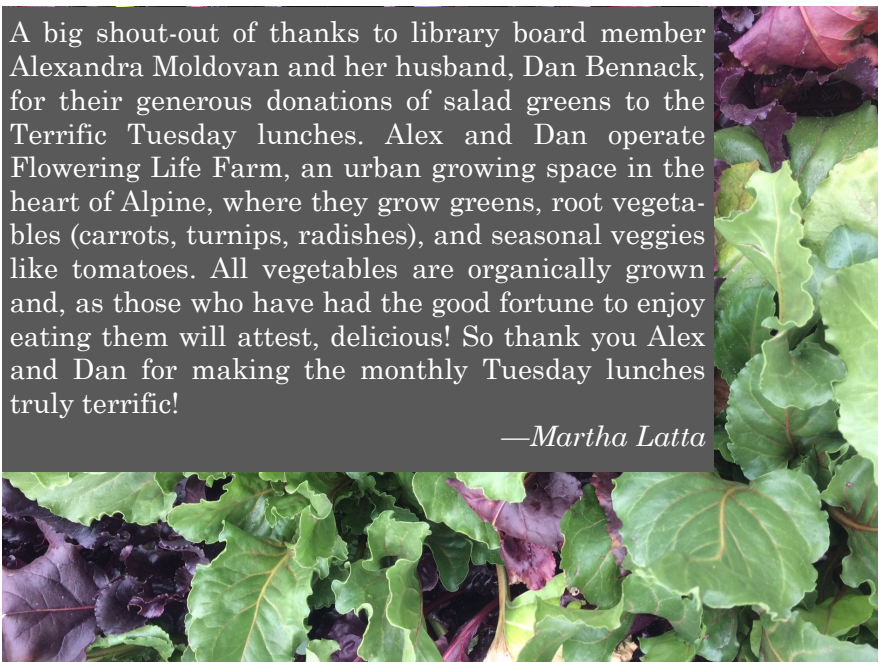
All proceeds from Re-Reads sales go toward the operational costs of the library, so you would also be

helping to keep the lights on, keep the phones ringing, keep the Wi-Fi connected. You'd even be helping to pay your favorite librarian.

Call APL at 432-837-2621 or Re-Reads at 432-837-7123, and leave a message for Linda Bryant, or come into the library and complete a volunteer application form.

A big shout-out of thanks to library board member Alexandra Moldovan and her husband, Dan Bennack, for their generous donations of salad greens to the Terrific Tuesday lunches. Alex and Dan operate Flowering Life Farm, an urban growing space in the heart of Alpine, where they grow greens, root vegetables (carrots, turnips, radishes), and seasonal veggies like tomatoes. All vegetables are organically grown and, as those who have had the good fortune to enjoy eating them will attest, delicious! So thank you Alex and Dan for making the monthly Tuesday lunches truly terrific!

—Martha Latta





Re-Reads


New Prices!

Paperback	\$1.50
Hardback	\$2.50
DVD singles	\$2.00

11:30 AM to 1 PM

TOUCAN TUESDAY LUNCH!

3rd Tuesday of the month



Alpine Public Library presents

dancing with Alpine's stars



The Dancing with Alpine's Stars Planning Committee is grateful to the following volunteers:

Sul Ross football team
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Kathy Donnell
Lee Smith
Don Wetterauer
Amelie Urbanczyk

On Saturday night, February 29, a love of reading manifested as a love of dancing at the second annual Alpine Public Library Dancing with Alpine's Stars fund-raiser. Nine couples vied for two mirror ball trophies and the adulation of an enthusiastic crowd of nearly 300. Two teams came away with top honors—Jenny Hatch and Joseph Rosco won most votes overall; Susan, Colt, and Dr. Adrian Billings won most votes on the night of the event—raising \$14,000 for library operations.

Again this year the competitors astounded with the creativity of their choreography. The crowd was treated to dances ranging from rock and roll to blues drag. Friends and family voted for their favorites in the form of \$5.00 donations to the library.

The library-loving dancers this year were Susan and Clay Chisholm; Leidy González Arias and Nash Traylor; Jenny Hatch and Joseph Rosco; Brianna Villegas and Henry Segovia; Jackie and Roger Siglin; Rozolen Stanford and Denis Foley; Jennifer and Richard Fallon; Emmy Holman and Judge Gilbert Valenzuela; and Susan, Colt, and Dr. Adrian Billings. All

Let us read, and let us dance;
these two amusements will
never do any harm to the world.
—Voltaire

were winners in our book!

Event sponsors and donors included Talley-Reed Insurance Agency; Alpine Veterinary Clinic; Wassermann Wranch; The Boot Ranch; Front Street Books; GSM Insurors of West Texas; Out West Feed and Supply; Liz Rogers, Lawyer; Aramark; WR Ranch; Eva's Salon; Prescription Shop; Porter's on 5th Street; Porter's on 2nd Street; Anne Calaway; Paula Wilson and Lonnie Rodriguez; and Kate McKenna and Pete Szilagyi. Their generosity helped us top last year's total.

Get on your dancing shoes! February 27, 2021, will waltz into the Civic Center before you can say "Gene Kelly"!

—Kathy Bork





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