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ALPINE PUBLIC LIBRARY

June 2026



APL's Minigolf Fundraiser

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What's Happening at Alpine Public Library?

The library has received several grants recently. The Permian Basin Area Foundation (PBAF) provided a \$70,000 grant for general operations. PBAF has been a regular supporter of Alpine Public Library for many years. The Alfred S. Gage Foundation provided \$5,000 toward our community-hub initiative to provide adult programming. The Texas Library Association provided \$1,250 from the HEB summer library grant program.

Library summer reading programs are in full swing. Casey Costa, the library's Youth Services Librarian, has something for kids almost every day during the summer months. The national summer reading theme this year is Unearth a Story, centering on dinosaurs. Other programs include presentations from McDonald Observatory and Big Bend Ranch State Park. We are also offering Baby Songs, Tech Tuesdays, Play Doh parties, Lego Club, and Cuentos en Español with help from librarian Sandra Parada.

Alpine Public Library held a graduation of new GED recipients in early June. We honored 4 graduates with their families in attendance. There were a couple of other graduates who were unable to attend. Since the start of our "enhanced" GED program, a dozen students have received their GED certificates. The library is fortunate to have Adult Education Coordinator Bianca Gutiérrez-Barrera to keep the program organized and all the data entered. Additionally, our volunteer GED tutors, Kathy Donnell, Ellen Ruggia, and Warren Shaul, keep the students motivated and on track to finish the program. In addition to the GED program, APL offers Spanish classes, English-as-a-second-language classes, and citizenship preparation.

—Don Wetterauer, MLS, PHD
Executive Director

APL friends help the library's director and Board of Directors and serve as the library's advocates and fundraisers in the community. Friends create public support for and awareness of the library through fundraising events, outreach programs, and management of the Re-Reads bookstore. Friends are the volunteer base for the library, and the library is always looking for new friends and helpers. Find out how to be a friend at alpinepubliclibrary.org.

APL'S First Annual Minigolf Fundraiser a Success



APL's newest fundraiser, featuring an 18-hole minigolf course, was a massive success, drawing a diverse crowd that included everyone from families with strollers to young adults and retirees. The feedback was overwhelmingly positive, with many attendees praising the cleverness of the hole designs and expressing a desire to see this become a regular event.

Thanks to the support of local companies and library friends and family who sponsored the 18 holes, we were able to set up on Friday, June 5, and open by 10:00 am on Saturday. The cleanup on Sunday evening went very smoothly, and the library was fully restored and ready for normal operations by Monday morning.

The course spanned the entire library, including the Nicole Cardoza Children's Wing, the Teen Zone, Re-Reads Bookstore, and the AEP Foundation Multipurpose Room. In addition to the daytime family-oriented sessions, our adults-only date night on Saturday evening was very well received and is something we plan to continue next year. We also offered a weekend pass that allowed Saturday golfers to return for free on Sunday.

The golfers put their scorecards in a drawing for two \$50 gift coupons from Re-Reads. We also had everyone who golfed, including the littlest ones, pick their favorite hole. Congratulations to the Holland Hotel for its amazing and fun hole, which was named Best in Show. There was a tie for second place between Desert Walk, sponsored by Vast

Graphics, and Super Script Brothers, sponsored by Prescription Shop.

This achievement would not have been possible without the hard work of our volunteers, sponsors, and the U.S. Army personnel who assisted us. Sponsors included Big Bend Telephone, Holland Hotel, Hotel Limpia, Maverick Inn, West Texas National Bank, Lions Club, Rick Stevens, Twin Peaks Liquor, Vast Graphics, Prescription Shop, Museum of the Big Bend, Pat McCall, Hog Eye Cattle Company, Linda Bryant and David Kowal, Kathy and Albert Bork, Cathy Wright and David Leet, Alpine Community Projects, Betsy Helesic, and Kay and Allen Tscheyka.

We are already beginning to plan for next year, and we hope to see you there for our next tournament. I want to extend my sincere thanks to everyone who made this happen. APL is truly fortunate to have such a supportive community, and we are so proud to serve everyone!

—Kay Tscheyka, Board president and event coordinator





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Adult Ed at APL

Congratulations to our 2026 GED graduates! Jacob Barnett, Nate Curry, Adelaide Franklin, Flor Hernández Baeza, Gilbert Rodríguez, and Khristal Soto completed the program this year. On June 12, we celebrated them at our GED graduation. As always, the ceremony was filled with great laughs, a few happy tears, and cake!

Graduates invited family and friends to share this important milestone, and there were some familiar faces in the audience. Former APL students, citizenship and ESL students, and an earlier GED graduate were among those present.

Service was the theme of graduation this year. The services APL provides to the community are just as important as the resources the library makes available. As part of that service, it is important to build up members of our community, to help them reach their goals, in short, to build up Alpine as a whole. Services like ESL, citizenship, and GED classes would not be possible without a dedicated group of teachers. Our volunteers Linda Bryant, Kathy Donnell, Ellen Ruggia, and Warren Shaul are truly remarkable, and it is thanks to them that we can offer these services to our community. Graduation was a reminder of the meaningful work we are doing in our community and a motivation to continue.

—Bianca Gutiérrez-Barrera
Adult Education Coordinator/ Bookkeeper

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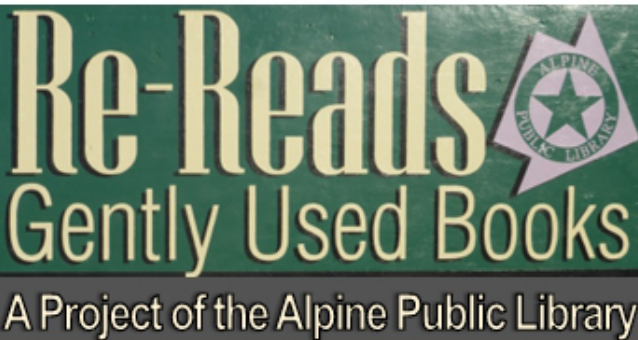


June 26
Rick Gupman, superintendent of Big Bend National Park, on Wicklow Mountains National Park in Ireland
7 PM, AEP Foundation Multipurpose Room
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