

# Between the Lines

ALPINE PUBLIC LIBRARY

March 2022

## What's happening at Alpine Public Library?

This year marks 75 years that Alpine Public Library has served Alpine, Brewster County, and the Big Bend region of Far West Texas. I think the history of Alpine Public Library is really interesting.

According to Clifford Casey in his book *Alpine, Texas—Then and Now*,

members of the El Progreso Club of Alpine (later consolidated into the Woman's Club of Alpine) decided in 1947 that "a town without a library lacked one of the most important necessities of modern American life." To start the library, the club sponsored an afternoon tea. The price of admission was a book donation for the new library. The 300 books received were the start of our collection. A radio shop provided space for the new library, and Bonnie Newell, a member of the El Progreso Club, volunteered to serve as the first librarian.

Alpine Public Library was the first library in the tri-county area's 12,000 square miles and served 17,523 inhabitants. In 1950, a bookmobile was created from an oil delivery truck, and library staff delivered books from Big Bend National Park and Presidio to Marathon, Alpine, and Sierra Blanca. In 1977, the Friends of the Alpine Public Library was formally established and has been an important part of the library's operation to this day.

Dr. Casey notes that the history of the library demonstrates slow but steady development following the vision of the El Progreso Club/

Woman's Club of Alpine. He also notes that the progress of the library has been largely the result of community response to the library's needs. He continues by writing that "the kind of community pride which is inspired by the library was well expressed in an article

written for the Alpine Avalanche of October 29, 1970. Bob Corkins, then County Commissioner for Precinct 1, had this to say about the Alpine Public Library Association: 'It is to

this Association to which we owe our gratitude for the finest library in a small town in the State of Texas. In fact, I question that you could find a library as good as ours anywhere in a town of our size.'" As true now as it was then, the continued development of Alpine Public Library is the result of community response to the library's needs and the library's response to the community's needs. Our present-day goal is to continue to provide a library designed to serve the needs of the population of the Big Bend.

We opened the new library building in 2012. One year later, the Library Journal and the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation named Alpine Public Library one of the top three small libraries in America. We thank the Woman's Club of Alpine for its vision 75 years ago. We hope that, were the original members able to visit today, they would be satisfied with and proud of our interpretation of their vision.

—Don Wetterauer, *MLS, PhD*,  
Executive Director



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## Re-Reads Gently Used Books

A Project of the Friends of Alpine Public Library

Monday 10 AM–1 PM  
Tuesday–Friday 10 AM–4 PM  
Saturday 10 AM–1 PM

Amazon Storefront

[aplmembers.org/aplireads](http://aplmembers.org/aplireads)

**Alpine Public Library**  
Established June 1947

# FISH FRY

at the American Legion in Alpine

**FRIDAY, MARCH 4**

All proceeds benefit the ALPINE PUBLIC LIBRARY

**\$12, \$6 for ages 11 & under**

Buy tickets at APL, in Re-Reads & from APL Board Members.

LIVE MUSIC

**The Swifts**  
**Ross Fleming**  
**Texas Sage**  
**Big Bend Bluegrass**

## TRAVEL TALKS AT APL

**March 25**

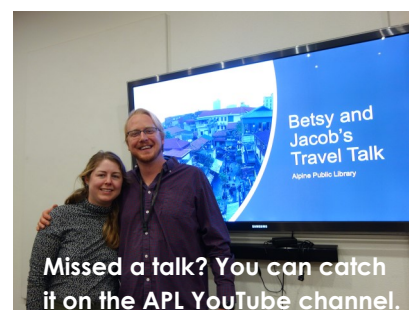
Kathy & Albert Bork on  
Radical Acceptance, or  
How We Survived 3  
Months in Europe

**April 29**

Rozolen Stanford & Denis  
Foley on Chaco Canyon

**May**

TT on vacation



Missed a talk? You can catch  
it on the APL YouTube channel.

7 PM in the AEP Foundation Multipurpose Room

If you have an adventure you'd like to share, contact  
Lee Smith at [leepsmith@yahoo.com](mailto:leepsmith@yahoo.com) or Jim Robertson at  
[jz1100@yahoo.com](mailto:jpz1100@yahoo.com).

## SUNDAY MATINEE

March 6

2 PM

AEP Foundation  
Multipurpose Room

Popcorn provided  
Lawn chairs recommended





# “A House with Just Books”

Emmy Holman’s earliest memory of Alpine Public Library is that “it was a house with just books.” Indeed, the library was in a house when the four-year-old Emmy visited with her sister in the late 1950s, a house bought in 1950 specifically to accommodate the three-year-old library and its growing book collection. This location served the community until 1970, when the library expanded to fill an additional house. But it was this “house with just books” that Emmy, Lauren Satterwhite, Melleta Bell, and Mary Anne DeBarbrie remember from their childhoods.



Neither Melleta nor Mary Anne recalls when they went to the library for the first time. Instead, as Melleta put it, they “don’t remember *not* going.” They both can “still walk through” the old library building in their minds. Like Emmy and Lauren, they were impressed with the rooms full of books. As they grew older, they would be left on their own in these rooms to read. Lauren describes the pleasure of finding books of one genre, like biography, in one of the “numerous rooms” and focusing on reading them.

On high shelves in one room—the bathroom—adults could find books not suitable for all readers, especially not for children. When Melleta asked the librarians if she could go to the bathroom, she was told not to touch the books. She didn’t touch the books; she didn’t even look at them, so determined was she to obey the librarians. Emmy was aware of these books on high shelves too, but she didn’t look at them either. She was “astounded that there were even books in the bathroom.”

All four women stressed how important it was to obey the librarians. Mary Anne pointed out that they wanted to be good because they wanted to be allowed to be in the library. Lauren “didn’t dare make noise.” Even Emmy, usually a “chatterbox,” according to

Lauren, remained quiet in the library. Emmy remembers being scared to turn in an overdue book because the librarian seemed, from her child’s point of view, to be “very strict.”

The librarians, all volunteers, created an environment that the girls perceived as safe and welcoming. Apparently, their parents agreed, sometimes taking their daughters to the library but often letting them go by themselves. Lauren would ride her bike to Emmy’s house and together they would ride to the library. As girls, Emmy, Lauren, Melleta, and Mary Anne spent hours in the quiet rooms, not just the children’s room, reading widely.

When she was twelve years old, Lauren wanted to read *In Cold Blood*, Truman Capote’s nonfiction book about a horrific crime in rural Kansas. Adult patrons added their names to a waiting list for the just-released book; Lauren wanted her name to be on that list too. She recognized that the librarians were hesitant to let her read the book. Lauren isn’t sure whether they consulted her parents or decided on their own, but her name was added to the list.

The “house with just books” had a lasting influence on all four women. Melleta’s childhood goal was to be a librarian. For 35 years, she served as senior archivist at the Sul Ross State University Bryan Wildenthal Memorial Library. Mary Anne became a teacher, adult educator, and librarian, working for 15 years in the library at a state prison in Texas. Having recently moved back to Alpine, she and her little dog visit APL each week. Lauren continues to check out books and audiobooks from the library, now mostly for her parents, who, like Lauren, are lifelong readers. Emmy and Lauren, still close friends, exchange books. A library supporter, Emmy volunteers in Re-Reads and danced in both the APL Dancing with Alpine’s Stars fundraising events.

Lauren, Mary Anne, and Melleta sum up the importance of libraries in general and of Alpine Public Library in particular. Lauren thinks all parents should take their children to the library; in her view, a library “transports you.” Mary Anne speaks for many of us: “I hope there will be a library in heaven.” Melleta praises modern-day APL for its open facilities, saying, “It feels good.”

In its 75<sup>th</sup> year, the library has grown from shelves in a radio shop to a row of former residential houses to its current purpose-built structure. It’s still growing, with plans for dedicated spaces for children and teens, so a new generation of young people will be able to experience the wonder that these four women experienced in their childhoods.

—Lee Smith



Hey, Alpine! We know you can dance . . . but can you sing? Play the oboe? Pull a rabbit out of a hat? Here's your chance to strut your stuff!

Join your friends, family, and neighbors on Saturday, April 9, at 5:00 p.m., at Kokernot Outdoor Theatre for the first Alpine's Talented Stars talent show for adults and kids. We want to see and hear you raise the roof to help the Alpine Public Library raise the funds to support our award-winning programming.

Acts, acting up, acting out—we'll have it all. Get your act together and start practicing!

Details at [desk@alpinepubliclibrary.org](mailto:desk@alpinepubliclibrary.org), 432-837-2621, and APL Circulation Desk

## RESOURCE REVIEW: FINDING ARTICLES IN TEXSHARE DATABASES

One of the wonderful things about being a member of Alpine Public Library is that we are part of the TexShare Consortium of Texas Libraries. The TexShare program offered by the Texas State Library brings the best of Texas libraries to our patrons here in Alpine, and beyond. TexShare cards are free and enable you to use any participating TexShare library in Texas (Austin, San Antonio, Midland, El Paso—you name it). You can obtain a TexShare card from the front desk if you plan on being elsewhere in the state and need to use library services in another town or city.

You can access TexShare databases anywhere, at any time. These databases are licensed for the exclusive use of Texas libraries and their patrons and, in many ways, help make our small-town library world-class because the content is so rich. TexShare databases include full-text access to a large array of academic journals, popular magazines, some newspapers, and more. If you cannot find an article you are looking for, the reason may be that not every publication is included, some publications are embargoed (i.e., full text is held back for a month or two after publication), and some publications are not digitized. In the event you cannot find an article, e-mail [desk@alpinepubliclibrary](mailto:desk@alpinepubliclibrary) to have us look for it or to request it via Interlibrary Loan (ILL).

Unfortunately, we do not have access to the *Wall Street Journal* or the *New York Times* in any configuration. Most libraries don't—the two do exist together in a database called Factiva,

but TexShare has been unable to provide Factiva for a number of years now. Do not let this dismay you, however; please ask at the front desk if there is an article you would really like to read from the *NYT* or the *WSJ*, and we will try to get it for you. And on that note, if anyone is interested in sponsoring a subscription to the *Wall Street Journal* or the *New York Times*, please contact us. We could really use these newspapers in our periodical section.

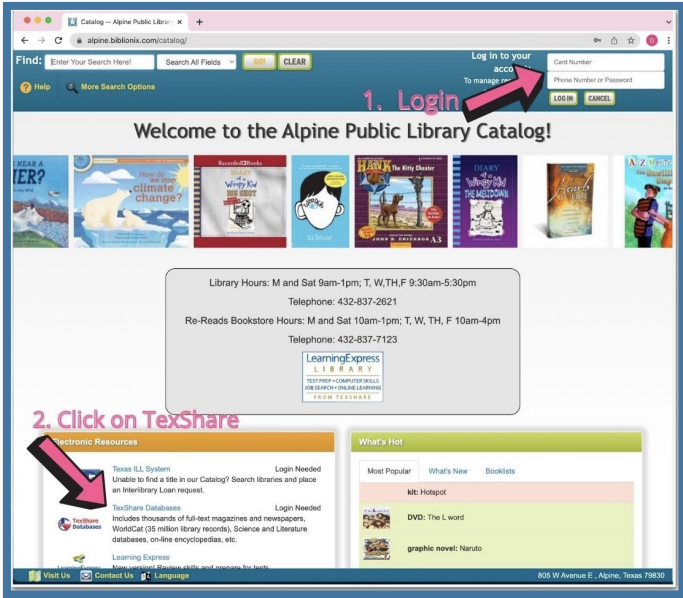
For today's purposes, however, I'd like to take a look at two requests I've (partly) resolved using TexShare databases, specifically, **MasterFile Complete** and **Business Source Complete**.

### MasterFile Complete

Have you ever hit a paywall when you click on an article posted via Facebook or in Apple News? Recently, an intellectually curious patron came across a link to the following article from *New Scientist*: "Do We Create Space-Time? A New Perspective on the Fabric of Reality" ([tinyurl.com/3xdr5x3v](http://tinyurl.com/3xdr5x3v)).

First, I noticed that the article was published in the February 5 print issue of *New Scientist* and was published on February 2 online. Second, I noticed it had a paywall, meaning, I couldn't read the article unless I subscribed to *New Scientist*. I went to our catalog to see if I could get it through a TexShare database. While there are quite a few databases, I knew from experience that it would most likely be in the **MasterFile Complete** database from EBSCO publishing.

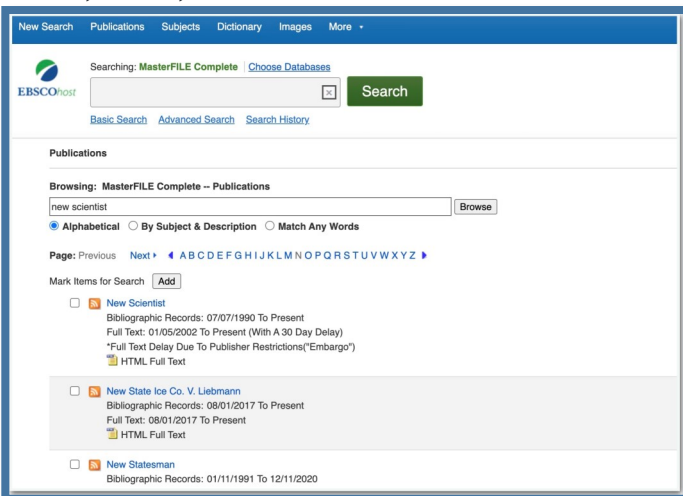
I logged into my account using my card number (9xxxxxxx) and telephone number (432xxxxxxx), then scrolled down to click on **TexShare Databases**. From there, you can find specific databases by



clicking on **Most Popular**, or **Resources A-Z**. I clicked on **MasterFile Complete**. This database is a powerhouse containing 2,338 full-text magazines and journals, 1,127 full-text e-books, 55,000 full-text primary-source documents, and 75,000 videos from the



Associated Press. Some of the most popular full-text publications in **MasterFile** include *The Atlantic*, *Better Homes and Gardens*, *Congressional Digest*, *Consumer Reports*, *Discover*, *Ebony*, *EatingWell*, *Entertainment Weekly*, *Essence*, *Food Network Magazine*, *Martha Stewart Living*, *The Nation*, *National Review*, *The New Republic*, *New Scientist*, *Newsweek*, *People*, *People en Español*, *Popular Science*, *Real Simple*, *Rolling Stone*, *Scientific American*, *Science News*, *Science World*, *Sky & Telescope*, *Sports Illustrated*, *TIME*, and *Travel + Leisure*.



I first searched for the article by title, but when that didn't work, I looked to see which holdings were

available for *New Scientist*. I clicked on **Publications** and searched for *New Scientist*. The record told me that, yes, full text was included, but the issues were embargoed for 30 days due to publisher restrictions.

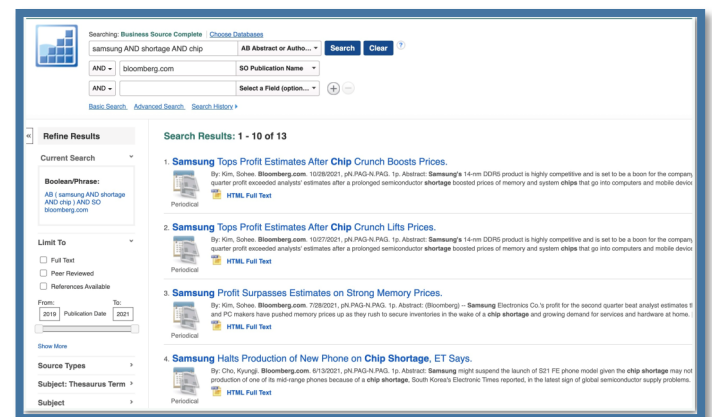
Because I couldn't get the article immediately (and ILL could take just as long and cost money), I set up a reminder in my Google Calendar to obtain the article the first week in March and to send a copy to the patron (as well as read it myself, because now I was curious).

### Business Source Complete

In another example, I was helping a patron who was writing a company update on Samsung specifically relating to supply-chain disruptions and the ongoing microchip shortage. The patron had found a number of good articles on Bloomberg.com; however, a paywall again got in the way.

*Business Source Complete* is another top-of-the-line database used primarily by academic and business school libraries around the country, so I knew to start with it to see if we could get the Bloomberg articles. Some full-text publications in *Business Source Complete* include *Fortune*, *Entrepreneur*, *Economist*, *Business Week*, *Forbes*, *Harvard Business Review*, *Investors Business Daily*, and *U.S. News and World Report*.

When I got into *Business Source*, I clicked on **Advanced Search**. I entered [bloomberg.com](https://www.bloomberg.com) for "Source" (SO = publication name) and played around with my keywords under "Abstract." I was able to find all of the relevant articles behind the paywall online.

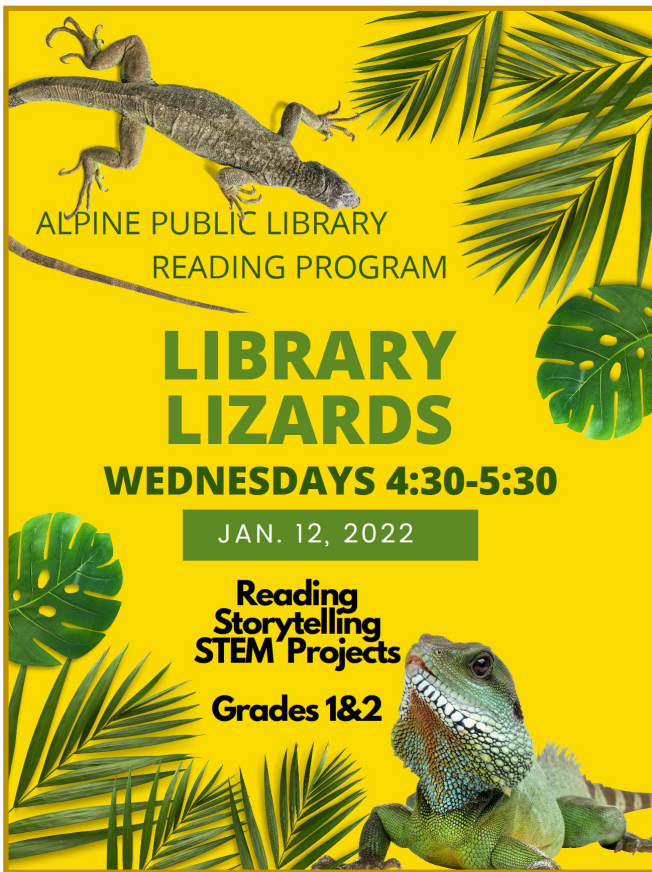


I hope that this brief explanation of how to conduct a search through TexShare databases allows you to feel empowered and encouraged to explore more of our online resources! It can be interesting and fun to try different terms and parameters in the search functions of these databases. Feel free to e-mail me at [nan@alpinepubliclibrary.org](mailto:nan@alpinepubliclibrary.org) for one-on-one help, or e-mail [desk@alpinepubliclibrary.org](mailto:desk@alpinepubliclibrary.org) for any needed assistance using databases and other library resources.

—Nan Jamieson  
Circulation Librarian  
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# SPRING KIDS' PROGRAMS AT APL



## beanstack at APL



Beanstack is an online reading program created to help children develop into habitual readers.

Our spring challenge is **Spring into Reading**  
**March 1—April 30**

Kids log their reading with a delightful timer and collect colorful electronic badges and prizes. In addition to the spring-themed electronic badges, kids will earn fuzzy writing buddies with each twenty minutes of logged reading.

**Sign up for this free program**

This spring program gets kids prepped for the summer reading challenge—**Our Big Blue Planet: Earth.**

kids at alpine public library



**CAKE PANS!**  
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# NEW LEADERSHIP FOR FAPL

The members of the Friends of the Alpine Public Library welcome new officers for the 2022–2023 term: Chris Ruggia, president; Ellen Ruggia, vice president; and Kathy Bork, secretary. None of them are novices when it comes to involvement with APL; they each have volunteered and held leadership positions for more than twenty years.

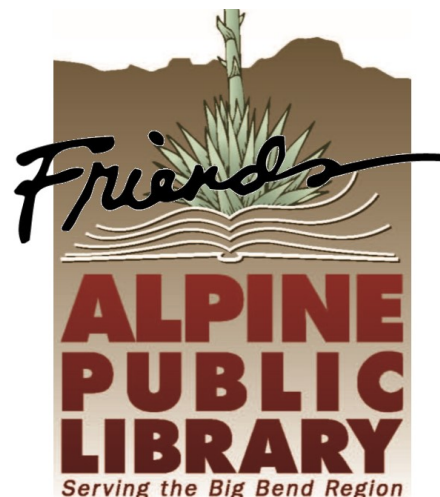
Chris has been president of both the Friends group and the library board. Ellen has also served on the board. In addition to being leaders, they're doers, having volunteered their technical and artistic skills in support of library efforts, from day-to-day operations to special events. They credit their encounters with libraries from childhood to adulthood—the access to “learning and literature” and, for Chris, the accessibility of comic books—for their desire to support APL. They are inspired by “the idea that all of this is available to every single person in the community” and feel honored to support the library in its mission.

Kathy has held offices in FAPL and on the board—every office except treasurer, as she points out. She thinks that this term is likely her “fifth as a Friends officer,” adding, “although I’ve been thinking about ‘retiring,’ I believe so strongly in the organiza-

tion and in the importance of a public library to any community that I couldn't refuse to serve again when asked.” Over the past two decades, she has offered her writing, editing, and organizing expertise to countless library projects and events.

The goals of the new Friends leadership are to grow the membership rolls and, as Chris and Ellen put it, to “find new ways to invite more of our Friends members to start volunteering” to help the library fulfill its mission. With such a skilled leadership team, it seems likely that these new officers will achieve their goals.

—Lee Smith



Doing a little spring cleaning? Getting rid of lots of stuff? Why not donate it to APL for the library's Patio Sale, coming up on March 26.

Your donations of gently used items will free up space in your closets and help pay the library's daily operating expenses. You win two ways: you get rid of stuff you don't need, and you support the library you love.



**Thank you,  
Business  
Friends!**

*Alpine Framing*

*Alpine Radio*

*Aramark TX*

*Big Bend Coffee Roasters*

*Bullshirtz*

*Cheshire Cat Antiques*

*Desert Heart Jewelry*

*Edward Jones Investments*

*Front Street Books*

*Hog Eye Cattle Company*

*Salon Americana*

*Talley-Reed Insurance*

*Vast Graphics*

*WR Ranch*

*The Friends of the Alpine Public Library is a nonprofit group of citizens who believe that any community is a better place in which to live if that community has a first-rate library. We act in cooperation with the Alpine Public Library's director and Board of Directors and serve as liaison between the community and the library. We create public support for and awareness of the Alpine Public Library by supporting children's programs, video series, workshops, staff training, equipment purchases, building repairs and renovations, landscaping, and special purchases.*

*If you are not a member of the Friends of the Alpine Public Library but want to support your library, take a look at the last page of this newsletter for information on how to join.*



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## Join the Friends of the Alpine Public Library!

Your tax-deductible dues may be paid with check or money order (payable to Friends of the Alpine Public Library), credit/debit card or PayPal. Dues directly support the ongoing operations and programs of the library. You may choose to make an ongoing monthly donation to the Friends on the library's web page at [www.alpinepubliclibrary.org](http://www.alpinepubliclibrary.org). Your personal information will not be shared with any other organization.

Business Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
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### Membership Type (Annual)

☐ Individual/Family \$35 ☐ Best Friend \$100+  
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☐ Ongoing Monthly Donations \$ \_\_\_\_\_/Month beginning \_\_\_\_\_, ending \_\_\_\_\_

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