

# Smithville Public Library

## AUGUST



### FROM THE LIBRARY DIRECTOR:

Where did summer go! We have had a great Summer Reading Season – thanks to all of our wonderful sponsors who helped make it happen!

It's already time to think "Back-to-School" this month! The library will once again partner with several organizations that are working to put school supplies into every student's backpack to start the school year. In July, they worked with Brookshire Brothers to collect funds and supplies. On August 6 at Barry Field at 7 p.m., come out to meet the Tigers, have some fun, and get your school supplies! See you there!

Another back-to-school special event will be the Tarzan book/movie discussion on Tuesday, August 9, from 6 to 8 p.m. Everyone is invited (especially the Smithville High School English 2 students) to discuss the first book in the Edgar Rice Burroughs *Tarzan* series as well as the 2016 movie *Legend of Tarzan*. We'll have some light refreshments and hopefully some enlightening discussions!

If you are not quite ready to head back to school and still have vacation plans for August, be sure to consider some "books to go" to continue your summer reading. Do you have a long drive in your future? Audiobooks are great for driving, and our collection is always growing, with a few new releases and bestsellers added each month. Our OverDrive catalog features e-books and audiobooks on every genre and for all ages. These books can be checked out free with an updated library card. We also have a collection of exchange paperbacks – great for the beach or camping! If you trade them while on vacation, no worries! Just bring back any paperback and add new titles to the selection. Next time you're in the library, ask about the ways you can read on the go!



### AUGUST EVENTS AT THE LIBRARY

**Aug. 9:** Discussion of Burroughs' *Tarzan* series, 6 to 8 p.m. [see p.2 for additional details]

**Aug. 13:** Genealogy group meeting at 9:30 a.m.

### AUGUST ONGOING EVENTS AT THE LIBRARY

Aug. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30: Dominoes group

Aug. 3, 10, 17, 24, & 31: Little Bookworms

Aug. 4, 11, & 18: Spanish Camp, 1:00–2:00 p.m.

Aug. 4, 11, 18, & 25: The Children's Poetry Club, 2:00–3:00 p.m.

### Character Trait of the Month: RESPECT

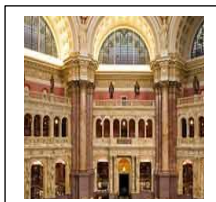
According to Merriam-Webster, *respect* is "a feeling or understanding that someone or something is important, serious, etc., and should be treated in an appropriate way."



"We cannot expect people to have respect for law and order until we teach respect to those we have entrusted to enforce those laws."—**Hunter S. Thompson**, American journalist, 1937-2005

### Library Trivia

The oldest federal cultural institution in the Nation, the Library of Congress was established in 1800 and was housed in the Capitol building. On August 24, 1814, British troops burned the Capitol, and the Library's core collection of 3,000 volumes was destroyed. A new collection comprising Thomas Jefferson's personal library of 6,487 books was purchased for \$23,950 to replenish the Library. From <https://www.loc.gov>.



### FREE SCHOOL SUPPLIES!



Free school supplies will be given out for all grade levels on Saturday, August 6<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 p.m. at the following location:

Barry Field  
600 NE 6<sup>th</sup> Street  
Smithville

If you know of any students needing supplies, please let them know about this give-away.

### Library Information

#### LIBRARY HOURS

Monday – 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.  
Tuesday – 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.  
Wednesday – 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.  
Thursday – 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.  
Friday – 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
Saturday – 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

507 Main Street ♦ Smithville, TX 78957  
512-237-3282, Ext. 2401 (Front Desk)  
<http://www.smithvillepubliclibrary.org>

**NO LIBRARY CLOSURES IN AUGUST!**  
"Back to School" Month



← Legend of Tarzan poster

# AUGUST 2016



## Library to Host Discussion of *Tarzan of the Apes*, *the Return of Tarzan*, and *The Legend of Tarzan Film*

High school AP students who have been assigned Edgar Rice Burroughs' classics are invited to come to the library on August 9<sup>th</sup> from 6 to 8 p.m. to join a discussion of the two Tarzan books and the new Tarzan film recently released in theaters. The library will provide refreshments for this special evening.



"[...] it has remained for man alone among all creatures to kill senselessly and wantonly for the mere pleasure of inflicting suffering and death."—from *Tarzan of the Apes*

## Some Authors Born in August

<i>Tell me How Long the Train's Been Gone</i> FIC BAL By <b>James Baldwin</b> Born Aug. 2, 1804 Died May 19, 1864	<i>Verses from 1929 On</i> FIC OGD By <b>Ogden Nash</b> Born Aug. 19, 1902 Died May 19, 1971
<i>Retrato en sepia</i> SP FIC ALL By <b>Isabel Allende</b> Born Aug. 2, 1942	<i>Payback Time</i> JR FIC DEU By <b>Carl Deuker</b> Born Aug. 26, 1950
<i>Little Children Election</i> FIC PER By <b>Tom Perrotta</b> Born Aug. 13, 1961	<i>Frankenstein</i> FIC SHE By <b>Mary Shelley</b> Born Aug. 30, 1797 Died Feb. 1, 1851



Seascape watercolor on a paper plate by Ms. Becky

One of the library's patrons, Ms. Becky R., has started painting again; she was inspired by one of the library's holdings, *Steps to Success in Watercolor* (751.42 SWE) by Brenda Swenson. The library looks forward to seeing additional watercolors by Ms. Becky. Job well done!

## Featured Events Out in the Community

### Playhouse Smithville

Location: 110 Main Street

**No production in August**

<http://www.texasplaywright.com/index.html>

john daniels, jr.

Artistic Director & Playwright in Residence

### Spoken Word

Location: 301 Burleson

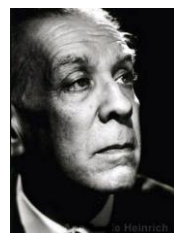
Date: 8/23/2016

Local writers read their own work or that of others at the Mary Nichols Art Center; readings begin at 7 p.m. Bring a snack or drinks to share, if you wish.

[Like us on Facebook—Smithville Spoken Word.]

### Bad Poetry Day August 18<sup>th</sup>

Are you up to the challenge of writing bad poetry?!



"I believe books will never disappear. It is impossible for it to happen. Of all mankind's diverse tools, ... the most astonishing are his books.... If books were to disappear, history would disappear. So would men."—Jorge Luis Borges, Argentine short-story writer, 8/24/1899–6/14/1986

## E, JR, YA Reading List



*Dog Diaries*  
*Trouble River*

JR FIC BYA

By **Betsy Byars**

Born Aug. 7, 1928



*Danger! Volcanoes*

JR 551.2 SIM

By **Seymour Simon**

Born Aug. 9, 1931



*Skippyjon Jones in the Doghouse*  
E SCH

By **Judith Schachner**

Born Aug. 20, 1951

## LITTLE BOOKWORMS SCHEDULE Every Wednesday at 10:30 a.m.

- 8/3 Watermelon Day
- 8/10 National Scrabble Week
- 8/17 National Aviation Week
- 8/24 National Dog Day
- 8/31 Frankenstein Day

