

# Smithville Public Library



## FROM THE LIBRARY DIRECTOR:

The Summer Reading Club continues in full swing here at the library! Please see below for details. Remember to have your **reading logs turned in by July 7**, and you'll be able to attend the Big Finale Party, which will be at Riverbend Park from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.!



Texas Teens Read "Get in the Game!" programs continue through July on Tuesdays, 6 – 8 p.m. Teens participating in this Summer Reading Program are also invited to join in the fun on the 13<sup>th</sup>. We will have the Teen Finale Party and Movie Night on July 26. Teen reading logs are due by July 20.

The library is also hosting a children's Spanish Camp throughout the summer, for kids of all ages to learn to read and speak Spanish. The classes take place every Thursday, from 1-2, and students at every level are encouraged to join. Please see the back page for details about the Children's Poetry Club which is also held on Thursdays.

We know that you are not ready to start thinking about back-to-school, but it's never too early to start on those summer assignments! The library will support Smithville HS students with multiple copies of assigned books, copies of the assignments, and is also available to host a study group/book discussion on the students' reading assignments. Students/parents – let us know if you are interested!

## SUMMER READING CLUB (SRC) CULMINATION

Location: **Brown Primary School**, 403 SW 4<sup>th</sup> Street

**July 6:** *The Zoo Show* by Capital of Texas Zoo

**July 7:** Reading logs due at the library

**July 13:** Finale party at 10 a.m. at Riverbend Park, 107 Highway 71 West

**Birds of Prey show at 1 p.m. at Riverbend Park**

## JULY ONGOING EVENTS AT THE LIBRARY

July 5, 12, 19, & 26: Teen Night "Get in the Game!" 6:00–8:00 p.m.

July 7, 14, 21, & 28: Spanish Camp, 1:00–2:00 p.m.

July 7, 14, 21, & 28: The Children's Poetry Club, 2:00–3:00 p.m.

## Character Trait of the Month: **PATRIOTISM**

"True patriotism springs from a belief in the dignity of the individual, freedom and equality not only for Americans but for all people on earth, universal brotherhood and good will, and a constant and earnest striving toward the principles and ideals on which this country was founded." —Eleanor Roosevelt (1884-1962), First Lady from 1933 to 1945

## Library Trivia

The **Library of Congress** was founded in 1800, making it the oldest federal cultural institution in the Nation. On August 24, 1814, British troops burned the Capitol building (where the Library was housed) and destroyed the Library's core collection of 3,000 volumes. On January 30, 1815, Congress approved the purchase of Thomas Jefferson's personal library of 6,487 books for \$23,950.—From <https://loc.gov/about/fascinating-facts/>

## SRC FINALE IS HERE!

Some fun is in store to celebrate your summer reading! Join us at **Riverbend Park on Wednesday, July 13, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.**, for fun in the sun! We'll have horse-drawn carriages, trains, and horses for your riding fun. Want to get wet? Wear your swimsuit—there will be water slides! Sand Art will be returning this year, too. New this year? Texas Parks & Wildlife, Texas Master Naturalists, Smithville PARD, and others are joining the Bastrop County Audubon Society to share ways for you have fun when you get outdoors. **Remember – you must turn in your reading logs by Thursday, July 7, to attend the Finale!**

### FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:

Birds of Prey demonstration program from our friends at Last Chance Forever will be held under the trees at Riverbend Park July 13, 1 p.m. (after the SRC Finale).

## Library Information

### LIBRARY HOURS

Monday – 10 am to 6 pm  
Tuesday – 10 am to 7 pm  
Wednesday – 10 am to 6 pm  
Thursday – 10 am to 7 pm  
Friday – 10 am to 5 pm  
Saturday – 9 am to 1 pm

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512-237-3282, Ext. 2401 (Front Desk)

<http://www.smithvillepubliclibrary.org>

**LIBRARY CLOSED JULY 2<sup>ND</sup> & 4<sup>TH</sup>; HAPPY FOURTH!  
ALSO CLOSED JULY 13<sup>TH</sup> UNTIL 3 P.M. FOR THE SRC  
FINALE PARTY**




### The Children's Poetry Club

The Smithville Public Library initiated the Children's Poetry Club in late June. Dr. James Kraft, who teaches philosophy and religion at Huston-Tillotson University in Austin, spearheads this activity. The purpose of the club is to introduce poetry to children ranging in age from 6 to 12. Children have the opportunity to create, illustrate, and read their own poems and to read the work of published poets. The Club meets every Thursday from 2 to 3 p.m. during the summer.

Dr. Kraft has chosen poetry as the focus of this club because he wishes to introduce children to the nuances of language. Understanding the nuances of language, he believes, is critical to future educational endeavors. In addition, he wants children to realize that playing with words to create poetry can be as much fun as playing a physical sport.

### Some Authors Born in July

Author Anthology 800 HAW By <b>Nathaniel Hawthorne</b> Born July 4, 1804; died May 19, 1864	<i>Dead End in Norvelt</i> YA FIC GAN By <b>Jack Gantos</b> Born July 2, 1951
<i>Innocence: A Novel</i> FIC KOO By <b>Dean Koontz</b> Born July 9, 1945	<i>A Farewell to Arms</i> FIC HEM By <b>Ernest Hemingway</b> Born July 21, 1899; died July 2, 1961
	<i>The Death Trade</i> FIC HIG By <b>Jack Higgins</b> Born July 27, 1929

### FREE COMPUTER CLASSES

The Smithville Community Network is in the process of forming classes but would like to know which computer classes you are interested in taking (e.g., specific software programs, digital cameras, basic Internet, home networking, computer safety and security). Please stop by the library to fill out a registration form or call the library at 512-237-3282. When the minimum number of registrants is met, the class will be formed; and you will be contacted.

### Featured Events Out in the Community

#### Playhouse Smithville

Location: 110 Main Street  
Date: July 8-23, 2016

#### *Snow White & the Seven Dwarfs*

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

John Daniels, Jr.

Artistic Director & Playwright in Residence

*Is Justin a dwarf?*



#### Spoken Word

Location: 301 Burlleson

Date: 7/26/2016

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. Writers will honor "The Moth" by TELLING a story. [Like us on Facebook—Smithville Spoken Word.]



"Think what a book is. It is a portion of the eternal mind caught in its process, stamped in an instant, and preserved for eternity."—Lord Houghton, English poet, patron of literature and politician, 1809-1885

#### DISPLAYS—ARTS, BOOKS, MEMORABILIA, ETC.

Entryway: Revised antique jewelry by Nicole Bush

Desk: Pokemon

Table: Children's poetry

### E, JR, YA Reading List



*Charlotte's Web*  
*The Trumpet of the Swan*

JR FIC WHI

By **E. B. White**

Born July 11, 1899; died Oct. 1, 1985

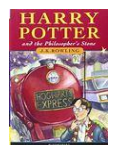


*The Tale of Squirrel Nutkin*

E POT

By **Beatrix Potter**

Born July 28, 1866; died Dec. 22, 1943



*Harry Potter* series

JR FIC ROW

By **J. K. Rowling**

Born July 31, 1965

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

7/6 Macaroni Day

7/13 **No Bookworm meeting; SRC finale party**

7/20 Space Exploration Day

7/27 One Voice

