

Smithville Public Library



From the Library Director:

April is a time of fun, beginning with April Fools' Day on the first. Brace yourself—you may become the target of a prank! Two books come to mind for enjoyment on April 1st: *April Fool Dead* by Carolyn Hart (a book for adults) and *April Fools' Day* by Emily Kelley (for junior readers).

On a more serious note, of course, there is that ominous day: April 18 – TAX DAY! **No foolin'!** The library still has hardcopies of the basic tax forms (1040, 1040A, and 1040EZ), and the staff can print out schedules for you if you need them. So if you haven't already prepared your tax returns, come by the library to pick up the forms you need.



April brings National Library Week to our doors: April 10th—16th. Built into National Library Week are a few special days, such as National Library Day (April 12), Drop Everything and Read (DEAR) Day (April 12), and Teen Literature Day (April 14). That same week is also National Volunteer Week (a big shout-out and THANK YOU to all the volunteers who contribute so much to the community). Earth Day is also celebrated this month; so with Earth Day in mind, remember that checking out books from the library is earth-friendly, especially if you check out e-books through Overdrive (free of charge with your library card). So keep us in mind.

Featured Library Events Out in the Community

Empty Bowl Project, sponsored by Lost Pines Artisans Alliance

Location: 301 Burlison St., Smithville

Date: 4/16/2016

"Potters and other craftspeople, educators and others work with the community to create handcrafted bowls. Guests are invited to a simple meal of soup and bread. In exchange for a cash donation; guests are asked to keep a bowl as a reminder of all the empty bowls in the world."

Spoken Word

Location: 301 Burlison, Smithville

Date: 4/26/2016

Join local writers at 6:30 pm at the Mary Nichols Art Center and listen to them read from their own work. Bring a snack or drinks to share, if you wish.

Congratulations to K-lee Starland, Spoken Word participant, on receiving the 4th Annual Beverly Hills Book Award for *The Audacious Ladies of La Gran Sorellanza!*

Take the library challenge to write a haiku for Haiku Poetry Day (Apr. 17th) for posting on Facebook!

Children's Day, Book Day -- Día de los niños, día de los libros

Location: Petco, Bastrop

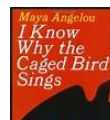
Date: 4/30/2016

Join the Smithville Public Library and Bastrop Animal Rescue at Whole Pets Market (475 West Hwy 71), where children will be reading to cats and dogs up for adoption. Photos will be posted on Facebook; parental photo release forms will be requested at the event. **See p.2 for additional details.**

CHARACTER TRAIT OF THE MONTH: **Self-Discipline**

Self-discipline is "training and control of oneself and one's conduct, usually for personal improvement" (Free Dictionary). "In reading the lives of great men, I found that the first victory they won was over themselves... self-discipline with all of them came first."—H.S. Truman

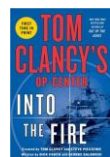
Adult Reading List/Authors Born This Month



I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings

CT 92 ANG

Author: Maya Angelou, born April 4



Into the Fire

FIC COU

Author: Tom Clancy, born April 12



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FIC GRA

Author: Sue Grafton, born April 24

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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NO LIBRARY CLOSURES IN APRIL!



LOCAL PATRON ASSEMBLES THREE-DIMENSIONAL PUZZLE

Mr. Frank Nevins (shown at left) patiently assembles a three-dimensional puzzle of a castle. Patrons frequenting the library will often see him sitting at the table working on a puzzle. You may view the completed puzzle on a shelf across from the large-print books.

If you are up to the challenge, join Mr. Nevins next time you're at the library and help him assemble a puzzle.



Children's Day, Book Day/el Día de los niños, el día de los libros

For **Children's Day, Book Day/el Día de los niños, el día de los libros**, which officially takes place on April 30th, the Smithville Public Library is joining forces with Bastrop Animal Rescue (BAR) to invite children to participate in the "Book Buddies" program to be held at Whole Pets Market in Bastrop. Children in grades 1 to 8 who are able to read at any level are welcome to visit cats and dogs up for adoption and read to them for about 15 minutes any time from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. The Book Buddies program offers a win-win situation for both the animals and the children: The animals learn social skills that will help them get adopted, and the children practice their reading. The Library will provide free books for the children. Please join us on **April 30th**.

Featured Library Events Out in the Community

Celebrate D.E.A.R. (Drop Everything and Read)

Location: 307 Main St., Smithville
Date: 4/12/2016

Drop everything and bring your children to the library to read a book! Don't be surprised to see the library staff sitting around with a good book when you come visit us.

National Library Week

Location: Smithville Public Library
Date: 4/10-16/2016

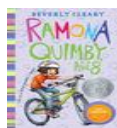
The 2016 National Library Week theme is "Libraries Transform"; it is a time to celebrate the contributions of our nation's libraries (all types) and librarians and to promote library use and support.



"Blind Date with a Book" Ends

Congratulations to Barbara Taylor, the winner of the "Blind Date with a Book" gift basket (pictured at left). And a special thank you to all our patrons who participated in the "Blind Date with a Book" event last month; we appreciate your participation.

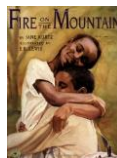
E, JR, YA Reading List/April Authors



Ramona Quimby, Age 8

JR FIC CLE

Author: Beverly Cleary, born April 12



Fire on the Mountain

JR FIC KUR

Author: Jane Kurtz, born April 17



Too Many Tamales

E FIC SOT

Author: Gary Soto, born April 12

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

- 4/6 Unicorns (4/9 is National Unicorn Day!)
- 4/13 "Drop Everything and Read" (D.E.A.R.)
- 4/20 Earth Day; National Jellybean Day
- 4/27 Tell a Story Day

