

Smithville Public Library



FROM THE LIBRARY DIRECTOR:



There are several things going on in September that we like to recognize at the library – especially Library Card Sign-Up Month! Do you know where YOUR library card is? Why not stop by this month and renew your account or if you don't already have a card (shame on you!), come get one! They are free – *free is good...*

Speaking of signing up or registering – are you registered to vote? September 18-24 is "Remember to Register to Vote" Week. In order to vote in the November election (11/8/2016), you MUST register by 10/11/2016, so why not get it done now? We always have voter registration cards at the library, so stop in. Then...don't forget to VOTE!

September is also the start of National Hispanic Heritage Month, which runs mid-September through mid-October. Want to brush up on your Spanish this year? We offer free Spanish classes along with our free *English as a Second Language* classes. Please contact Roxanne at the library to see which class fits you best. The library also has a few books and movies in Spanish; so come take a look.

Celebrate your *Freedom to Read* in September! Every year, at the end of September, libraries, schools, publishers, etc. recognize Banned Books Week (September 26 – October 1). So do we! We use this week to celebrate our patrons' rights to check out any materials they wish to read. We will have a display of last year's ten most-challenged or banned books, many of which share a common thread that centers on diversity and social inclusion. According to Charles Brownstein, chair of the Banned Books Week Coalition, "2016's Banned Books Week is an important moment for communities to join together in affirming the value of diverse ideas and multiple viewpoints." Stop by and see why this year's books were banned or challenged and join us in the fight against censorship.

SEPTEMBER EVENTS AT THE LIBRARY

- Sept. 15-18: National Hispanic Heritage Month
- Sept. 18-24: Remember to Register to Vote Week
- Sept. 26-Oct. 1: Banned Books Week



Read a Banned Book!

September is "Library Card Sign-Up" month!

Former Secretary of Education William J. Bennett said, "Let's have a national campaign ... every child should obtain a library card - and use it."

SEPTEMBER ONGOING EVENTS AT THE LIBRARY

- Sept. 6, 13, 20, & 27: Dominoes group, 9:00 a.m.
- Sept. 7, 14, 21, & 28: Little Bookworms, 10:30 a.m.
- Sept. 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29: Children's Poetry Hour, 2:00 p.m.

Character Trait of the Month: HONOR

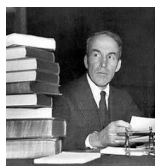
According to Merriam-Webster, *honor* is "a feeling or understanding that someone or something is important, serious, etc., and should be treated in an appropriate way."



"No such thing as a man willing to be honest—that would be like a blind man willing to see."—**F. Scott Fitzgerald**, American novelist and short story writer

About Libraries . . .

"What is more important in a library than anything else—than everything else—is the fact that it exists."—Archibald MacLeish, 1892-1982, American poet and winner of the Pulitzer Prize for Poetry, 1933 and 1953.



Your public library, here to provide more than just books, DVDs, CDs, and periodicals; it is also a meeting place, a gathering place, a place of information providing answers to your questions—check us out!

Books about 9/11



Call No.	Author	Title
277.3 BIR	Birdwell, Brian	<i>Refined by Fire: A Family's Triumph of Love and Faith: A Soldier's Story of 9-11</i>
920 POR		<i>Portraits 9/11/01: the Collected "Portraits of Grief" from The New York Times</i>

Two Books That Have Been Banned or Challenged



◀ *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time* by Mark Haddon
FIC HAD

Fun Home: A Family Tragicomic ▶
by Alison Bechdel
GN YA 92



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.

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LIBRARY CLOSED SEPTEMBER 2ND and 5TH
Happy Labor Day!



Smithville Community Culture of Health Forum

The health forum will be held on September 22 from 6 to 8 p.m. at Brown Primary School. You are invited to join the forum to share your ideas on improving our health as a community. For additional information and to RSVP, go to <http://evite.me/KVnCX2YAet>

Painting Corner

Ms. Becky, a library patron, does another watercolor! See below. Lovely!



Some Authors Born in September

<p><i>Best Stories of O. Henry</i> FIC HEN By O. Henry Born Sept. 11, 1862 Died June 5, 1910</p>	<p><i>The A.B.C. murders: a Hercule Poirot mystery</i> FIC CHR By Agatha Christie Born Sept. 15, 1890 Died Jan. 12, 1976</p>
<p><i>End of Watch: A Novel</i> FIC KIN By Stephen King Born Sept. 21, 1947</p>	<p><i>The Great Gatsby</i> FIC FIT By F. Scott Fitzgerald Born Sept. 24, 1896 Died Dec. 21, 1940</p>
<p><i>Light in August</i> FIC FAU By William Faulkner Born Sept. 25, 1897 Died July 6, 1962</p>	<p><i>Treasury of Amer. Poetry</i> 811 SUL By T. S. Eliot Born Sept. 26, 1888 Died Jan. 4, 1965</p>



Power Up Day
September 15th
OverDrive

“Power Up”! Come Learn about Overdrive & Check Out E-Books!

OverDrive is just *one free* service offered by your local library. Overdrive lets you borrow eBooks, audiobooks, and more from its digital collections. **Drive on over** and bring your tablet or lap-top; we’ll teach you how to access and use **OverDrive®!**

Featured Events Out in the Community

Playhouse Smithville

Location: 110 Main Street
Harvey (September 16–October 1, 2016)
<http://www.texasplaywright.com/index.html>
john daniels, jr.
Artistic Director & Playwright in Residence



Based on the play by Mary Chase

Spoken Word

Location: 301 Burlleson
Date: 9/26/2016
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. The featured writer this month is *Otilia Sánchez*.
[Like us on Facebook—**Smithville Spoken Word.**]

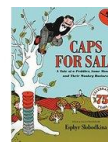


“Love and business and family and religion and art and patriotism are nothing but shadows of words when a man’s starving.”—William Sydney Porter (aka O. Henry), English short-story writer, 9/11/1862—6/5/1910

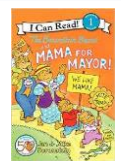
E, JR, YA Reading List



The Crossroads
JR FIC GRA
By **Chris Grabenstein**
Born Sept. 2, 1955



Caps for Sale
E FIC SLO
By **Esphyr Slobodkina**
Born Sept. 22, 1908
Died July 21, 2002



The Berenstain Bears and Mama for Mayor [E FIC BER]
By **Stan Berenstain**
Born Sept. 29, 1923; died Nov. 26, 2005

DISPLAYS—ARTS, BOOKS, MEMORABILIA, ETC.

Entryway: Ms. Vickie’s Emporium
Front Desk: Stamp collection
Table: Famous dramatic works

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

- 9/7 Grandparents Day
- 9/14 International Chocolate Day
- 9/21 International Day of Peace
- 9/28 Fall Foliage

