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# Library News

## FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY



The Friends of the Library are true champions for your library! They bring enthusiasm, extra funds, and a team of dedicated volunteers. As passionate advocates, Friends amplify your library's voice in the community, making a huge difference and ensuring that the library thrives

with the support and resources it needs.

Purpose of the Friends of the Library:

- ◆ Encourage literacy and a love of reading
- ◆ Keep the public informed about legislation affecting libraries
- ◆ Stimulate public support of the Library
- ◆ Solicit corporate and private donation of funds and equipment
- ◆ Conduct used book sales and other fund raising events
- ◆ Sponsor and/or assist with special Library programs

Benefits—As a Friend, you will...

- ◆ Get early bird shopping on book sales
- ◆ Help the library acquire new books
- ◆ Check out 10 books – twice the usual limit
- ◆ Say goodbye to overdue fees
- ◆ Attend library board meetings, if you wish
- ◆ Just feel good about being a friend!

There are several types of Friends membership: Individual, Couple, Family, Supporter, Patron, Benefactor, and Lifetime. Stop by and become a member today!

## BACK to SCHOOL

As the new school year starts, the library is excited to support educators and wishes you a fantastic year ahead! Make the most of our resources to enrich your classroom, including:

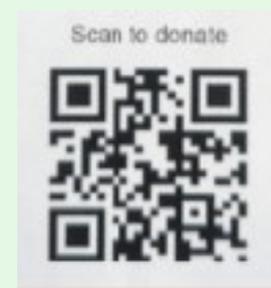
- AR levels for juvenile books
- Award-winning Bluebonnet books
- Online research databases for high school students
- EREAD collections for all ages



Whitney animal shelter needs your support!

To donate toward food, and medical help, scan the code below or visit :

<http://spot.fund/b26h4qcq>



## BOOK SALE?

Discover unbeatable deals at our library's ongoing Book Sale! This is your chance to snag gently used books (and even DVD's) at incredibly low prices. Whether you're hunting for the perfect gift or stocking up your own shelves, don't miss out on these fantastic savings—visit us today and find your next great read!

**\$.25 Pocket Paperback**

**\$.50 Children's Books**

**\$1 DVD's**

**\$2 Hardbound**

**\$2 Softback**



## VOLUNTEERS

### Vol-un-teer

*noun*

1. a person who freely offers to take part in an enterprise or undertake a task.

*verb*

1. freely offer to do something

### **You never know where a volunteer gig at the library might lead!**

On this day in 2014, John Moore and Madaline Newstrom were busy disassembling shelves in our old library, gearing up for the big move to our new location.

Fast forward ten years, and though John has moved on from his volunteer role, he's still the warm, welcoming face that greets you every time you step into the library!



## LAKE WHITNEY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

### Lunch and Learn

**Bring a your sack lunch or \$10 with RSVP to [Info@lakewhitneychamber.com](mailto:Info@lakewhitneychamber.com). Either way, come learn something new! Sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce**

**Aug 22 :** B.A.R.K. Rescue Kennel involvement with Bosque and Hill Counties

**Sept 26:** Talk Dirty to Me with Garden Club President Linda Jones

**Oct 24:** Turner Place Senior Living with Jay Stewart



## GARDEN CLUB AT THE LIBRARY

### What can you learn at the garden Club?

**Sept 12 @ 11 am**

“Flower Arranging using natural items” demonstration

**Nov 14 @ 11 am**

“Sustainable Practices” with a local flower grower

**\*\*Be sure** to check the Lakelander newspaper for any updates to the Garden Club schedule



## DID YOU KNOW?



Our website [www.whitneylibrary.org](http://www.whitneylibrary.org) is a portal to the information highway! Not only can you find out all things the library has going on and log in to renew your checked out books or search our catalog...BUT we have links to TONS of other resources. Check out links to job help, school resources, state information and MUCH more!

Wanna learn Windows 11? Cruise on over to the website and take the tutorial available!

## CHILDREN & FAMILY ACTIVITIES AT THE LIBRARY

**Exciting News! Story Time is back every Wednesday!**

**Here's more that is happening at the library:**

- AWE Children's Computers:** Dive into fun with our educational touch-screen computers, perfect for playing instruments, drawing, reading, and more—no internet required!
- Continued Learning:** Explore new skills with Khan Academy, DuoLingo, or SimplyE Read-A-Loud.
- Lego Creation Station:** Get creative with our collection of Legos, including larger pieces for younger kids. Just bring your imagination!
- Money Monsters:** Pick up free booklets that make learning about money fun and easy with age-appropriate stories.
- Puzzles & Games:** Enjoy time with friends and family at the library. Put together puzzles, play board games, or have fun with PlayStation.
- Books:** Relax and explore a wide range of genres in our cozy reading areas.



**Why did the library book go to the doctor?** It had bad circulation.

## FEATURED AUTHORS AND COLLECTIONS



### Featured Author: Jack Carr: The Terminal Series

**Jack Carr** is an American author of thriller novels and former [Navy SEAL](#) officer.

A Navy SEAL has nothing left to live for and everything to kill for after he discovers that the American government is behind the deaths of his team in this ripped-from-the-headlines political thriller.

On his last combat deployment, Lieutenant Commander James Reece's entire team was killed in a catastrophic ambush that also claimed the lives of the aircrew sent in to rescue them. But when those dearest to him are murdered on the day of his homecoming, Reece discovers that this was not an act of war by a foreign enemy but a conspiracy that runs to the highest levels of government.

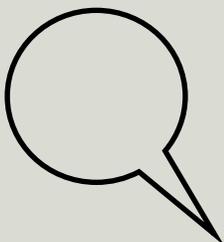
Now, with no family and free from the military's command structure, Reece applies the lessons that he's learned in over a decade of constant warfare toward avenging the deaths of his family and teammates. With breathless pacing and relentless suspense, Reece ruthlessly targets his enemies in the upper echelons of power without regard for the laws of combat or the rule of law.

Check out the whole series!

## TBT (TURN BACK TIME) BOOK CLUB

Almost 5 years ago, book club moved things outdoors in May of 2020.

Nothing will stop a voracious reader!



"My whole background was in voracious book-reading."

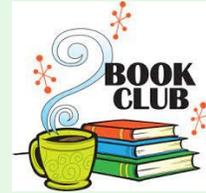
-Wes Craven



# BOOK CLUB

## September 24 – Murder in Time by Julie McElwain

Beautiful and brilliant, Kendra Donovan is a rising star at the FBI. Yet her path to professional success hits a speed bump during a disastrous raid where half her team is murdered, a mole in the FBI is uncovered and she herself is severely wounded. As soon as she recovers, she goes rogue and travels to England to assassinate the man responsible for the deaths of her teammates.



## October 22– The Girl with Seven Names by Hyeonseo Lee

An extraordinary insight into life under one of the world’s most ruthless and secretive dictatorships – and the story of one woman’s terrifying struggle to avoid capture/repatriation and guide her family to freedom.

As a child growing up in North Korea, Hyeonseo Lee was one of millions trapped by a secretive and brutal totalitarian regime. Her home on the border with China gave her some exposure to the world beyond the confines of the Hermit Kingdom and, as the famine of the 1990s struck, she began to wonder, question and to realise that she had been brainwashed her entire life. Given the repression, poverty and starvation she witnessed surely her country could not be, as she had been told “the best on the planet”?

Aged seventeen, she decided to escape North Korea. She could not have imagined that it would be twelve years before she was reunited with her family.

She could not return, since rumours of her escape were spreading, and she and her family could incur the punishments of the government authorities – involving imprisonment, torture, and possible public execution. Hyeonseo instead remained in China and rapidly learned Chinese in an effort to adapt and survive. Twelve years and two lifetimes later, she would return to the North Korean border in a daring mission to spirit her mother and brother to South Korea, on one of the most arduous, costly and dangerous journeys imaginable.



This is the unique story not only of Hyeonseo’s escape from the darkness into the light, but also of her coming of age, education and the resolve she found to rebuild her life – not once, but twice – first in China, then in

South Korea. Strong, brave and eloquent, this memoir is a triumph of her remarkable spirit.

## November 12 – The Lost Women of Azalea Court by Ellen Meeropol

On a chilly November morning, eighty-eight-year-old Iris Blum goes missing from Azalea Court, a six-bungalow development on the grounds of a long-closed state mental hospital. Her husband, Asher Blum, was the last head psychiatrist at the hospital and is writing a book about the treatment of mental illness. Their daughter Lexi, the neighbors, and police detective McPhee suspect Dr. Blum of being involved in Iris’s disappearance. When the searches and interviews come up empty, the neighbors dig into the past – Asher’s childhood experiences with anti-Nazi partisans in the forests of Poland, unethical practices at the mental hospital, and Iris’s mysterious best friend, Harriet. The neighbors of Azalea Court, Lexi, Harriet, and Detective McPhee narrate this story together, uncovering ghosts, secrets, and lies.

## December Book Selection/Christmas luncheon-Call for location

# LIBRARY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## September 2024-National Library Card sign up month

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 Labor Day	3 APP help 1-2	4 Story Time 10:15	5 APP help 1-2	6 Tech Help 2-3	7 CPR training 1-4
8 Grandparents Day	9	10 Lions Club 11	11 Patriot Day Story Time 10:15	12 Garden Club 10-1	13 Tech Help 2-3	14
15 National Constitution week Sept 17-23	16	17 APP help 1-2	18 Story Time 10:15	19 City Council 6	20 Tech Help 2-3	21 Ham Radio 10:00
	22	23	24 Book Club 1:00	25 Story Time 10:15	26 Lunch 'n Learn 12	27 Tech Help 2-3
29	30	31 App help 1-2	Since 1987, <a href="#">Library Card Sign-up Month</a> has been held each September to mark the beginning of the school year. During the month, the American Library Association and libraries unite in a national effort to ensure every child signs-up for their own library card.			



## October 2024-National Health Literacy month

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 APP help 1-2	2 Story Time 10:15	3 APP help 1-2	4 Tech Help 2-3	5 CPR training 1-4
6	7 Last day to register to VOTE	8 APP help 1-2	9 Story Time 10:15	10 APP help 1-2	11 Tech Help 2-3	12 DAR 1:00
13	14	15 APP help 1-2	16 Story Time 10:15	17 City Council 6:00	18 Tech Help 2-3	19 Ham Radio 10
20	21	22 Book Club 1:00	23 Story Time 10:15	24 Lunch 'n Learn 12	25 Tech Help 2-3	26
27	28	29 APP help 1-2	30 Story Time 10:15	31 Halloween		

## November 2024–National Gratitude Month

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Research has shown that gratitude can enhance our moods, decrease stress, and drastically improve our overall level of health and wellbeing. On average, grateful people tend to have fewer stress-related illnesses and experience less depression and lowered blood pressure. Grateful kids are even more likely to get A's in school.					1	2 CPR training 1-4
3 Daylight Savngs time ends	4	5 Election Day APP help 1-2	6 Story Time 10:15	7 APP help 1-2	8	9 DAR 1:00
10	11 Veteran's Day	12 Book Club 1:00	13 Story Time 10:15	14 Garden club 10-1	15	16 Ham Radio10
17	18	19 APP help 1-2	20 Story Time 10:15	21 APP help 1-2	22	23
24	25	26 APP help 1-2	27 Story Time 10:15	28 Thanksgiving CLOSED	29 CLOSED	30

For more than 20 years, October has been recognized as Health Literacy Month. Join us for this international observance when hospitals, health centers, literacy programs, libraries, social service agencies, businesses, professional associations, government agencies, consumer alliances, and many other groups work together to integrate and expand the mission of health literacy.

**Why do libraries make bad entrepreneurs?** Because they always give everything away for free!