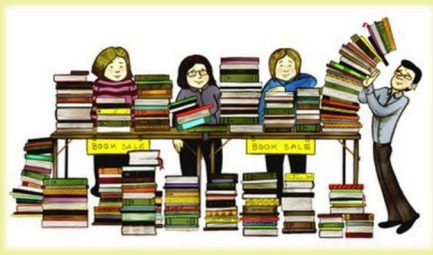


Library News

BOOK SALE!

The library will conduct a month-long Book Sale beginning October 1st. This is a great time to find great deals on gently used books. Books make excellent gifts; shop early for the best selection. Low, low prices!

- Hardbound: \$2.00
- Softback: \$2.00
- Pocket Paperback: \$.25
- DCDs: \$1.00
- Children's Books: \$.50



ECLIPSES—ANNULAR AND SOLAR

ANNULAR SOLAR ECLIPSE

An annular solar eclipse happens when the Moon passes between the Sun and Earth, but when it is at or near its farthest point from Earth. Because the Moon is farther away from Earth, it appears smaller than the Sun and does not completely cover the Sun. As a result, the Moon appears as a dark disk on top of a larger, bright disk, creating what looks like a ring around the Moon. The next annular eclipse in the U.S. will be on **Oct. 14, 2023**.

TOTAL SOLAR ECLIPSE

A total solar eclipse happens when the Moon passes between the Sun and Earth, completely blocking the face of the Sun. People located in the center of the Moon's shadow when it hits Earth will experience a total eclipse. The sky will darken, as if it were dawn or dusk. Weather permitting, people in the path of a total solar eclipse can see the Sun's corona, the outer atmosphere, which is otherwise usually obscured by the bright face of the Sun. A total solar eclipse is the only type of solar eclipse where viewers can momentarily remove their eclipse glasses (which are not the same as regular sunglasses) for the brief period of time when the Moon is completely blocking the Sun. The next total solar eclipse in the U.S. will be on **April 8, 2024**.

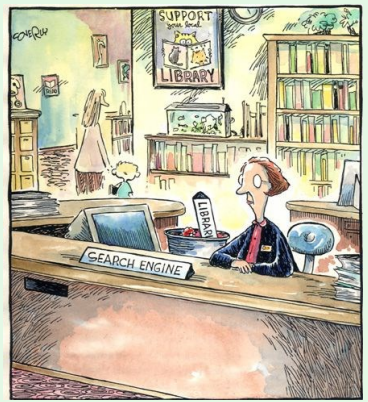


From left to right, these images show a total solar eclipse, annular solar eclipse, and partial solar eclipse. Nasa.gov



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LOOK WHAT HAPPENED 12 YEARS AGO AT THE LIBRARY!

Twelve years ago, these good folks began the planning process for the new library we enjoy today! It was a tremendous effort and we thank them all for their time and talent in creating such a beautiful and useful building!



From left: Jean Rose, Dolores Shaw, Madaline Newstrom, Ann Bryan, Ed Worsley, Bob Mangus, Dale Bryan, Lois Jackson, Jane Worsley, and Joyce Horn

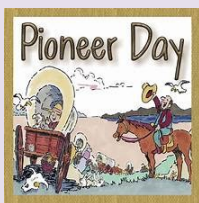
SALUTE TO OUR VOLUNTEERS



Our hats go off to two wonderful ladies who have donated their time over the years by serving on the board of the Friends of the Library. Linda Wilmarth, on the left has been serving for 10 years and still continues to serve. Dolores Shaw, on the right, donated her time for 6 years.

A big thanks to both of you!

LAKE WHITNEY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE



Pioneer days—Join in the fun at the annual Pioneer Days in the city of Whitney. There will be arts and crafts; carnival rides; entertainment; a parade, food vendors; and music.

Pioneer days takes place from October 5-7 in downtown Whitney.



October 28, 5:30

Whoville Comes to Whitney—Grinch Festival!

Join in the holiday fun as Whitney hosts its first ever Grinch Festival. Enjoy arts, crafts, baked goods, entertainment, community lunch, and holiday specials from local merchants.

The festival will take place on Saturday, December 9th, from 10 AM to 8 PM.



HILL COUNTY MASTER GARDENERS



The Hill County Master Gardeners invite you to attend their sponsored activities:

Wednesday, October 11 at Noon, presentation on "Invasive Plants" at the Hill County AgriLife Extension Office, 213 Stadium Drive, Hillsboro, TX

Saturday, October 14, 9:00 AM, Annual Tree Sale. Choose from fruit trees, shade trees, natives, fast-growing, and perennial plants. Location: Hillsboro Farmers Market, west side of Hillsboro Courthouse Square.

GARDEN CLUB AT THE LIBRARY

Here is what you can learn by attending the Garden Club meetings:

Thursday, October 12 at 11:00: "Choose Your Own Colorful Plants and Container. Lunch at the library, then a visit to Sisters Garden.

Thursday, November 9, at 11:00: "The Starts at Night", a presentation by Larry Smith, Ranger and Astronomer.

Thursday, December 14 at 11:00: "Christmas Party". Bring a gift to exchange.



HILL COUNTY TEXAS A&M AGRILIFE EXTENSION SERVICE



The Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service presents a Food Preservation Seminar. It is a one day seminar with a guest presentation by Texas A&M AgriLife Extension's Associate Department Head for Food Science and Technology, Dr. Jenna Anding. The session will be followed by a public Q&A session.

Date: Tuesday, October 24

Time: 5:30—7:30 PM

Place: Hill County Fairgrounds, 1180 Waco St., Hillsboro, TX.

Fee: \$15.00

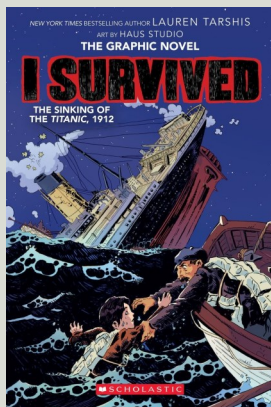
Registration: No later than October 20. Call 254-582-4022, or email RACHEL.ESQUIVEL@AG.TAMU.EDU

"The only thing that stands between you and your dream is the will to try and the belief that it is actually possible." - Joel Brown

FEATURED AUTHORS AND COLLECTIONS

OCTOBER—FOOD PRESERVATION

October is harvest month and since our gardens and markets usually provide more than we can use, canning and food preservation is a good way to enjoy fruits and vegetables throughout the year. Stop by the library and check out our collection of books on canning and food preservation and find new ways to extend the annual harvest season.



NOVEMBER—CHILDREN'S NON-FICTION

The library is pleased to announce its new collection of graphic novels portraying actual events and historical figures. In the “*I Survived*” series, learn about the Nazi invasion, the Great Chicago Fire, the attack of the grizzlies in 1947, the sinking of the Titanic and more.

From our biography collection, meet famous individuals such as I. M. Pei, Muhammed Ali, Marie Curie, Albert Einstein, Amelia Earhart and others, and learn about their unique accomplishments.

All books are available for checkout.

DECEMBER—FERN MICHAELS

Fern Michaels is the pen name of Mary Ruth Kuczki who grew up in Hastings, Pennsylvania. Family and friends call her Dink, a name her father gave her when she was born because according to him she was ‘a dinky little thing’ weighing in at four and a half pounds. However, she answers to Fern since people are more comfortable with a name they can pronounce. Having been a voracious reader as a child, she began writing over 50 years ago and has written 161 books, most of them New York Times bestsellers.

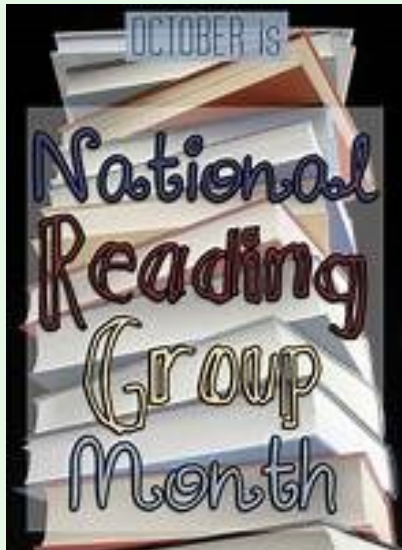
She set up The Fern Michaels® Foundation which allows her to grant four year scholarships to needy, deserving students. She then opened pre-school and day care centers with affordable rates for single moms who are having a hard time of it. She has also donated over 40 bullet-proof vests to K-9 dogs across the country. She also provided two K-9 dogs to police departments in New York and Connecticut. She doesn't believe she is a great writer, but she does think she is one hell of a story teller.

From fernmichaels.com



The library has 115 of her books including several in large print and audio. All are available for checkout.

BOOK CLUB



October is National Reading Group Month. What better time to join the library's Book Club! You will meet fellow book lovers, read and discuss authors, genres, and subjects that may be new to you, and share your favorite books. The club meets the 4th Tuesday of the month at 1:30 with the exception of November and December; see below.

Here's what the Book Club is reading this quarter.

October 24 -*Wrapped in Rain* by Charles Martin

Two half-brothers try to survive the fallout of their traumatic childhood and their abusive, alcoholic father in this tender and beautiful story about the power of forgiveness.

On a sprawling Southern estate, Tucker and his younger brother, Mutt, were raised by their housekeeper, Miss Ella Rain, who loved the motherless boys like her own. Hiring her to take care of Waverly Hall and the boys was the only good thing their abusive and alcoholic father

ever did.

When his brother escapes from a mental hospital and an old girlfriend appears with her son and a black eye, Tucker is forced to return home and face the agony of his tragic past.

Though Miss Ella has been gone for many years, Tucker can still hear her voice—and her prayers. "Life is a battle, but you can't fight it with your fists. You got to fight it with your heart." But finding peace and starting anew will take a measure of grace that Tucker scarcely believes in. *Wrapped in Rain* follows Tucker's journey from brokenness to healing through the everlasting power of love.

November 14 —*Deadly Keepsakes* by Anita Dickason, local author! Meet the author via Zoom!

When Tori Winters becomes the star witness in a murder trial, someone tries to kill her. Terrified, she's not giving the killer a second chance. With all her worldly possessions packed in her car, Tori is on the run. A mysterious phone call about an inheritance leads her to Granbury. After all, who would look for her in a small, quaint Texas town?

Instead, Tori's life is about to spin into an existence where nothing is as it seems. The historic house she inherits is steeped in secrets from the past. Secrets that may prove deadly. She's a stranger in a strange town. Who can she trust? There is the disinherited step-grandson and the lawyer and his son. What are they hiding?

Tori's inheritance may not be a blessing when a killer strikes again. It could be her death warrant.








December 12—Christmas Luncheon. Location to be announced.

December's meeting is a fun time to enjoy each other's company as books for 2024 are selected. All are invited to attend.

LIBRARY CALENDAR—SPONSORED ITEMS IN RED

October 2023—National Reading Group Month

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4 Noon 	5	6 Pre-School Storytime 10:30	7 Pioneer Days
8	9	10	11 Eclipse Craft Day	12	13 Pre-School Storytime 10:30	14 Annular Eclipse 
15 National Friends of Library Week	16	17	18	19 Garden Club 11:00 	20 Pre-School Storytime 10:30	21 Ham Radio 10:00 
22	23	24 Book Club 1:30 	25	26	27 Spooktacular Storytime 10:30	28 City of Whitney Halloween
29	30	31				

November 2023—Native American Heritage Month

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Noon 	2	3 Pre-School Storytime 10:30	4
5	6	7	8	9 Garden Club 11:00 	10 Pre-School Storytime 10:30	11
12	13	14 Book Club 1:30 	15	16	17 Pre-School Storytime 10:30	18 Ham Radio 10:00 
19	20	21	22	23 Thanksgiving Library Closed	24 Library Closed	25
26	27	28	29	30		

December 2023—Seasonal Depression Awareness Month

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Pre-School Storytime 10:30	2
3	4 Computer Science Ed. Week	5	6 Noon 	7	8 Pre-School Storytime 10:30	9 Grinch Festival in City of Whitney
10	11	12 Book Club Luncheon 	13	14 Garden Club 11:00 	15 Pre-School Storytime 10:30	16 Ham Radio 10:00 
17	18	19	20	21	22 Pre-School Storytime 10:30	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
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