

Library News

VIRTUAL STORYTIME

Due to the Covid-19 Pandemic, Storytime has moved online! Many stories and activities are available, and here are just a few:

Doctor Duck, Bear Feels Sick, If You Take a Mouse to School, and Dad, Aren't You Glad. Also, there are a few activities you may join in such as: *Itsy Bitsy Spider* and *Smoky the Bear*. Finally, learn Spanish with: *Are You My Mother, Llama Llama Red Pajama, Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See,* and *The Colors.*

COVID-19 TESTING UPDATE

Covid-19 testing will continue, but will move to the Hill County annex on Franklin Street for the month of January, and will resume at the county fairgrounds in February. Testing is available 7 days a week from 8 AM to 4 PM. Appointments are not required.

ACTIVITY PACKS

Activity packs for children and adults are available at the library. Stop by and get yours today and stimulate your brain with puzzles, cross-words, and other fun things.

LIBRARY WEBSITE—WHITNEYLIBRARY.ORG

Visit the library website for access to virtual Storytime, a list of the latest acquisitions, and our online catalog. Reserve your books for curbside pickup from either the catalog or by calling 254-694-4639. The library is now open for curbside-only service, but keep checking the website for when patrons will once again be able to peruse our collection. The website also provides instructions for downloading electronic books through simplyE, and access to educational resources TechShare and Learning Express.

LARGE PRINT BOOKS

Fifty large-print books from the CTLS library are available for check-out. The library receives a fresh collection every three months. Get yours today!

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BOOK REVIEWS

Hello fellow readers! I am Louise and I love to read. In this section, there will be monthly reviews from book lovers in your community. There are three sections of reviews: middle school, high school, and adult. If you would like to submit a review, please write your information on the Book Review sign-up sheet available at the library.

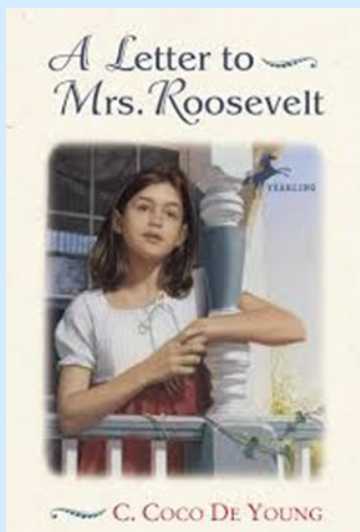
MIDDLE SCHOOL

A LETTER TO MRS. ROOSEVELT

By: C. Coco De Young

This book is about eleven-year-old Margo during the Great Depression. Her family starts to struggle, but when she learns about Eleanor Roosevelt in school, she decided to write a letter that would change her family's life. I really liked this book because it gave a real-life perspective on a family during the Great Depression.

-Martha



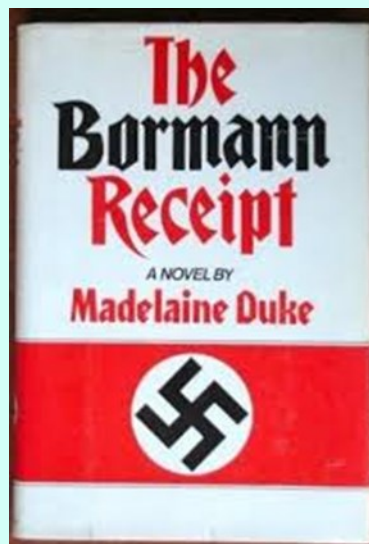
HIGH SCHOOL

THE BORMANN RECEIPT

By: Madelaine Duke

The Bormann Receipt is a novel based on the author's real-life story. It begins in Austria in 1938 and is a thirty-year search for this young woman's priceless paintings. Her paintings were stolen by the SS from Hitler's second in command, Martin Bormann. I enjoy this novel because the author tells it very well and is quite descriptive.

-Daniel



ADULT

AND THE GOOD NEWS IS...

By: Dana Perino

Dana Perino gives her life story on her journey to becoming White House Press Secretary and Fox News political commentator. She gives many lessons and great advice on her path to success. This is a wonderful autobiography that is a must read for adults and teens.

-Peggy



ZOOM CLASSES

SimplyE—the library reader app

On Friday, January 29, at 3:00 PM, join the Zoom class to learn about SimplyE, a new e-reader app for Android and IOS. There are a great number of books for checkout without leaving the comfort of your home. Call the library at 254-694-4639, or email to lwplibrary111@gmail.com to register for this event.

Intermediate Windows 10

Go beyond the basics of Windows 10 and increase your proficiency by attending this Zoom class focused on advanced functions in Windows 10. The class is scheduled for Friday, February 26, at 3:00 PM. Call the library at 254-694-4639, or email to lwplibrary111@gmail.com to register for this event.

NEW ACTIVITY KITS

To lessen the boredom of dark and dreary winter days, stop by the library to pick up our activity kits for children and adults. They're packed with coloring pages, puzzles and fun activities.

E-READ TEXAS SITE FOR KIDS

E-Read Texas has launched a new website for kids which includes 6 curations:

Action and Adventure, All About Animals, Crafts for Kids, It's A Mystery, Outer Space and Space Exploration, and Sports Stories.

Each curation is packed with many selections and will captivate and educate children of all ages. Click on <https://e-readtxkids.biblioboard.com/home> to get started.

STAFF BOOK PICKS

What would you do if you knew you only had 100 days left to live? For Lucio Battistini, it's a chance to spend the rest of his life the way he always should have—by making every moment count. Imperfect, unfaithful, but loveable Lucio has been thrown out of the house by his wife and is sleeping at his father-in-law's bombolini bakery when he learns he has inoperable cancer. So begin the last hundred days of Lucio's life, as he attempts to right his wrongs, win back his wife (the love of his life and afterlife), and spend the next three months enjoying every moment with a zest he hasn't felt in years. In 100 epigrammatic chapters—one for each of Lucio's remaining days on earth—*100 Days of Happiness* is as delicious as a hot doughnut and a morning cappuccino.

American Dirt by Jeanine Cummins

Lydia Quixano Pérez lives in the Mexican city of Acapulco. She runs a bookstore. She has a son, Luca, the love of her life, and a wonderful husband who is a journalist. And while there are cracks beginning to show in Acapulco because of the drug cartels, her life is, by and large, fairly comfortable. When Lydia's husband's tell-all profile of Javier is published, none of their lives will ever be the same. Forced to flee, Lydia and eight-year-old Luca soon find themselves miles and worlds away from their comfortable middle-class existence. As they join the countless people trying to reach *el norte*, Lydia soon sees that everyone is running from something. But what exactly are they running to? *American Dirt* will leave readers utterly changed. It is a literary achievement filled with poignancy, drama, and humanity on every page.

READ-ALIKE AUTHORS

Read-alikes are suggestions for readers who enjoy the works of a particular author and would like to have recommendations of other authors that write in a similar style or genre. Remember that individual judgments of writing styles will differ among readers and that these suggestions are selective.

If you like **David Baldacci**, then try:

William Bernhardt
 Stephen J. Cannell
 Linda Fairstein
 Vince Flynn
 James Grippando
 John Grisham
 Brad Meltzer
 Kyle Mills
 Robert Tanenbaum
 Stuart Woods (Will Lee Series)

If you like **Sandra Brown**, then try:

Suzanne Brockmann
 Mary Higgins Clark
 Jude Deveraux
 Nicci French
 Lisa Gardner
 Tami Hoag
 Linda Howard
 Iris Johansen
 Jayne Ann Krentz
 Judith McNaught

If you like **James Lee Burke**, then try

Lawrence Block
 Lee Child
 James W. Hall
 Dennis Lehane
 Henning Mankell
 John Sandford
 John Verdon

If you like **Mary Higgins Clark**, then try:

Barbara Taylor Bradford
 Sandra Brown
 Jan Burke
 Carol Higgins Clark
 Mary Jane Behrends Clark
 Catherine Coulter
 Lisa Gardner
 Jonathan Kellerman
 Jayne Ann Krentz
 Karen Robards
 Phyllis A. Whitney

If you like **Harlan Coben**, then try:

Edna Buchanan
 Stephen J. Cannell
 Lee Child
 Robert Crais
 Lisa Gardner
 Greg Iles
 Andrew Klavan
 Rick Riordan
 Don Winslow
 Stuart Woods

If you like **Michael Connelly**, then try:

James Lee Burke
 Lee Child
 James Ellroy
 J. A. Jance
 Faye Kellerman
 Jonathan Kellerman
 James Patterson
 Ridley Pearson (Boldt & Matthews Series)
 John Sandford
 Joseph Wambaugh

If you like **Patricia Cornwell**, then try:

Keith Ablow
 Beverly Connor
 Robin Cook
 Tom Corcoran
 Jeffery Deaver
 Eileen Dreyer
 Lisa Gardner
 Greg Iles
 Iris Johansen
 Jonathan Kellerman
 Kathy Reichs
 John Sandford
 Robert W. Walker

If you like **Catherine Coulter**, then try:

Catherine Anderson
 Tami Hoag
 Kay Hooper
 Elizabeth Lowell
 Debbie Macomber
 Judith McNaught
 Luanne Rice
 Karen Robards
 Nora Roberts
 Danielle Steel

If you like **Janet Evanovich**, then try:

Nancy Bartholomew
 Anthony Bruno
 Jan Burke
 Jennifer Crusie
 G. M. Ford
 Carl Hiaasen
 Susan Isaacs
 Sarah Shankman
 Sarah Strohmeyer

With thanks to The Hoover Public Library

BOOK CLUB

The Book Club has selected its books for this year! Here is the list and the dates on which the Book Club meets on 4th Tuesdays at 1:30 in the library activity room.

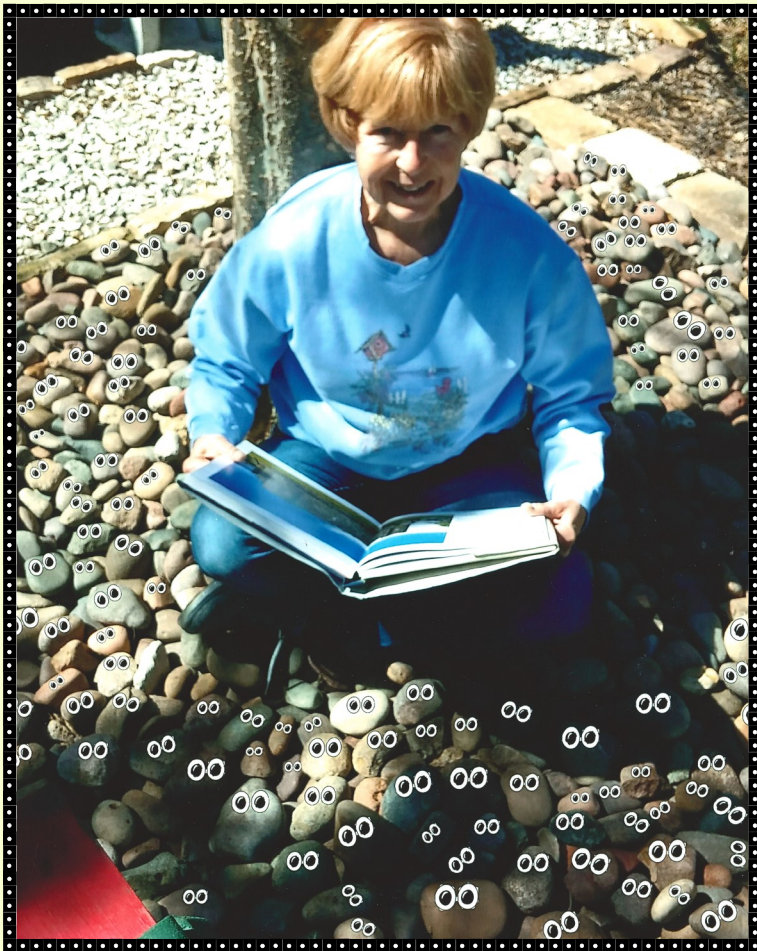
TITLE	AUTHOR	DATE
Sold on a Monday	Kristina McMorris— Skype session with the author!	January 26
Emma	Jane Austen	February 23
The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek	Kim Michele Richards	March 23
Crazy Rich Asians	Kevin Kwan	April 27
The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks	Rebecca Skloot	May 25
The Kitchen House	Kathleen Grissom	June 22
Daughter of Smoke and Bone	Laini Taylor	July 27
Saints for All Occasions	J. Courtney Sullivan	August 24
Killing Crazy Horse	Bill O'Reilly	September 28
Varina	Charles Frazier	October 26
Love and Other Consolation Prizes	Jamie Ford—Skype session with author!	November 16



The Book Club meets every 4th Tuesday at 1:30 in the library activity room. The exceptions are November and December when they meet on the 3rd Tuesday.



READING BUDDIES - ADOPT ONE NOW!



A Reading Friend

The key to becoming a good reader is practice, and reading aloud creates fluency. Fluent readers can read with an appropriate pace, accuracy, and inflection. What better way to become strong readers, than to read aloud without judgement or criticism? At Lake Whitney Public Library, we have fur-less friends to adopt. They do not need food or water; you only have to read to them 20 minutes per day. Some of them can travel comfortably in your pocket. Stop by and adopt yours soon!



ORTEGA LAWN MAINTENANCE —THANK YOU!



The library appreciates the service provided by Ortega Lawn Service in keeping the library grounds beautiful the whole year long! Their labor and materials are donated to the library and for this we are very grateful. Many thanks!