



LIBRARY NEWS

SUMMER READING PROGRAM

The Summer Reading Program is in full swing! Stop by the library on July 2 for a slice of cold watermelon to celebrate summer and our country's independence.

July 6-9, kids can leave a stuffed animal or any toy for sleepover at the library. When you pick up your friend, we will have pictures of what it did at the sleepover.

The week of July 27-30 is the time to turn in your reading logs and booklets. Make sure you turn them in to get your certificate and possibly some fun prizes.

LARGE PRINT BOOKS

The library has an extensive permanent collection of LARGE PRINT books for patrons with weakened eyesight or for anyone who prefers large print. In addition, the library also participates in the Central Texas Library System's Large Print Book Circuit which means 50 new titles, three times a year. Stop by and have a look at the current collection and check some out.

WWW.WHITNEYLIBRARY.ORG

The library website, www.whitneylibrary.org, is your one-stop place for library services. From account access, to online catalog, to Storytime for your young ones, the website has it all. There are links to research sites and GED certification; recorded programs for Texas Workforce Solutions; driving programs for teens and adults; new books added to our permanent collection; items of local interest and lots more. Discover something new and interesting!

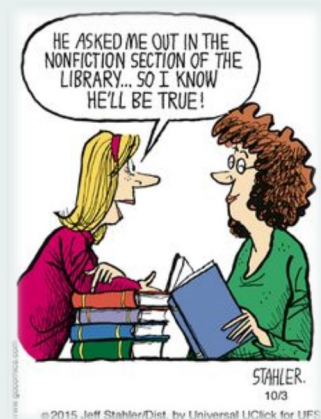
WORD OF THE MONTH—HUMIDITY

Now that summer is here, most of us are complaining about the humidity. Here's how The New Dictionary of Cultural Literacy defines the word: The amount of water vapor in the air. Humidity is measured in two ways: (1) Absolute humidity is the percentage of water vapor actually present in the air. (2) Relative humidity is the absolute humidity divided by the amount of water that could be present in the air. Relative humidity indicates the degree of comfort or discomfort one feels from the humidity, because it indicates the amount of perspiration that can evaporate from the skin.



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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

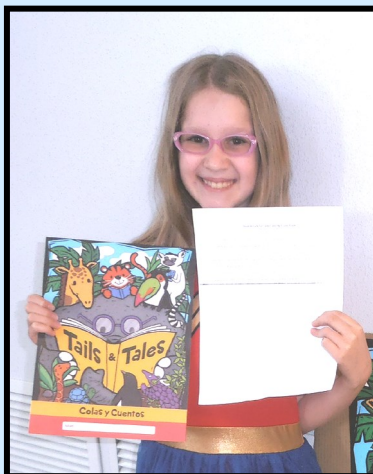
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

JAMES AND THE GIANT PEACH

By Roald Dahl

James and the Giant Peach is a classic book that features a boy who travels around the world in a giant peach. Ordinary, miserable, and bored, James longs for excitement in his life. A strange old man gives him magical crocodile tongues which are supposed to make his life wonderful. After accidentally spilling them, James discovers a giant peach growing on a dormant peach tree. Inside the ginormous peach, he meets six odd friends. Together, they have all sorts of adventures. From a sudden hailstorm to a broken rainbow, you never know what will happen next. If flying through the clouds on a delectable treat sounds exhilarating to you, then you should read this book!

- Aurora



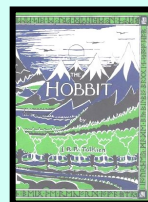
MIDDLE SCHOOL

THE HOBBIT

BY: J.R.R. Tolkien

One of J.R.R. Tolkien's finest works, *The Hobbit* is a fascinating tale written from the perspective of a humble hobbit named Bilbo. Living an ordinary life with regular and frequent meal times, he finds himself wishing for adventure. Bilbo regrets this wish when he is suddenly entertaining a house full of boisterous dwarves and a wizard who consume countless cakes and make a mess of his perfectly tidy residence. Before long, they convince Bilbo to set off on a dangerous quest with them to reclaim the rightful treasure of the dwarves' ancient ancestors. Missing meals is the least of their worries as this group encounters trolls, goblins, humongous spiders, wolves, giant eagles, utter darkness and a fire-breathing dragon. Each chapter builds in anticipation as treacherous encounters test their trust and courage. Will they acquire the treasure that they seek, or will their countless enemies overpower them?

- Amber



HIGH SCHOOL

ICKABOG

BY: J. K. Rowling

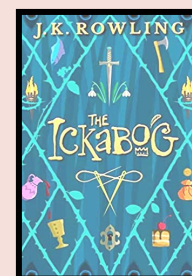
From J.K. Rowling, of Harry Potter fame, comes an amusing fairy tale of a fearsome monster, thrilling adventure, and hope against all odds.

In a tiny kingdom called Cornucopia, rich in happiness, and famous for its food so delicious that people weep with joy as they eat the delicacies, a monster lurks.

Legend tells of a fearsome creature living far to the north in the Marshlands... the Ickabog. Some say it breathes fire, spits poison, and roars through the mist as it carries off wayward sheep and children alike. Some say it's just a myth...

Two children - best friends Bert and Daisy - embark on a great adventure to untangle the truth and find out where the real monster lies, bringing hope and happiness to Cornucopia once more.

Source: amazon.com



LIBRARY ACTIVITIES

ZOOM CLASSES—CALL 254-694-4639 TO REGISTER

STEM Experiments—July 13 and September 10, 3:30

Call the library at 254-694-4639 for details and registration. You will receive instructions so that you can do these experiments at home.

Computer Coding for Kids - July 23 and August 20, 3:00

Learn basic functions of computer coding via Zoom on July 23 and August 20 at 3:00 PM.

Kids Cooking—August 10, 3:30

Call the library at 254-694-4639 for details and registration. You will receive instructions so that you can make these recipes at home.

SimplyE—September 24, 3:00

Discover a new eReader for your iOS or Android device. John will demonstrate how to install the app and download ebooks. September 24 at 3:00 PM.

SUMMER READING—CONCLUSION

July marks the end of our Summer Reading program. All reading checklists and activities must be turned in to the library no later than July 30. Certificates will be issued for completed work and prizes awarded to those earning the greatest number of points.

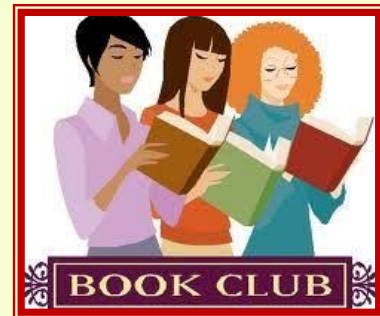
BOOK CLUB

Discover the joy of discussing books you love and join the monthly Book Club who meet at the library on the 4th Tuesdays of the month at 1:30. Here are some reasons for joining a book club:

- It forces you to actually read.
- You can make new friends — not just the fictional ones, either.
- It gives you a different perspective.
- It broadens your horizons.
- It improves your own writing skills.
- It gives you a break amidst the madness of life.

So what are you waiting for? Here is a list of the book selections for the remainder of this year:

July 27: *Daughter of Smoke and Bone* by Laine Taylor
August 24: *Saints for All Occasions* by J. Courtney Sullivan
September 28: *Killing Crazy Horse* by Bill O'Reilly
October 26: *Varina* by Charles Frazier
November 16: *Love and Other Consolation Prizes* by Jamie Ford



The club will meet in December to select books for the next year. All are welcome; details in the fall newsletter.

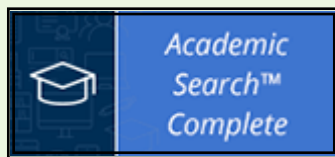
TEXSHARE LIBRARIES—MORE LINKS TO LEARNING AND RESEARCH

In our last newsletter, we featured some of the many resources available on the library website through the TexShare databases. We have several more to showcase in this edition, highlighting websites valuable to research paper writers and anyone who wants to expand their knowledge. Go to: www.texshare.net, select Lake Whitney Library, and enter 76692 for the password.



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Credo is an easy-to-use tool for research, homework, and other reference needs. Gather background information on your topic from over one thousand full-text encyclopedias, subject handbooks, and current events resources, as well as 500,000+ images and audio files and over 1,000 videos.



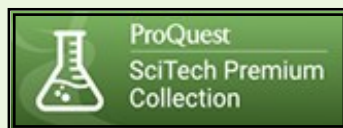
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A comprehensive resource of full-text academic journals, videos, reports and books on dozens of subjects ranging from anthropology, chemistry and culture to law, women studies and zoology



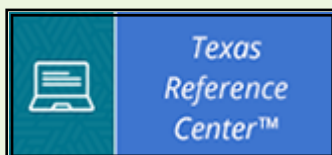
[GALE IN CONTEXT: OPPOSING VIEWPOINTS](#)

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The SciTech Premium Collection includes the Natural Science Collection and the Technology Collection and provides full-text titles from around the world, including scholarly journals, trade and industry journals, magazines, technical reports, conference proceedings, government publications, and more.



[TEXAS REFERENCE CENTER](#)

A collection of journals and books about Texas and Texans with topics including the state's history, its ethnic and cultural diversity, literature, public health, business, leisure and more.

DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know instrument strings were made from animals?

The strings of string instruments were originally made from the guts of animals like sheep or lambs. Now, most instrument makers have transitioned to metal wiring. But before metal, it was common for all string instruments to be made from the guts of the animals geographically available to the makers.



JUST FOR KIDS



The library is not only a place where you can find new and entertaining books, but where activity packs are always available? On your next visit, be sure to pick one up and have a fun time working through the puzzles and other fun activities.

WATER YOU DOING
THIS SUMMER?



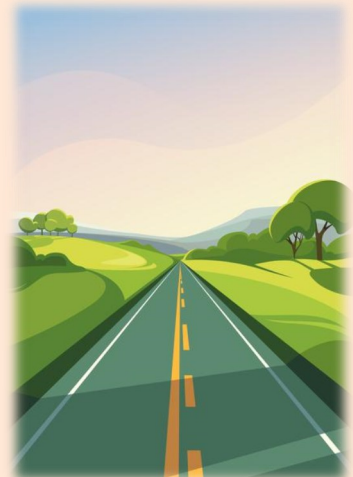
TEXAS SUMMER TEMPERATURE EXTREMES



So who has the coolest summers in Texas? The answer is in the Panhandle, particularly around and north of Amarillo. Amarillo has an average summer temperature of 76.5 degrees, according to the National Weather Service

And the hottest? On average, temperatures hit at least 90 degrees on 133 days a year in this city on the southern tip of Texas, according to The Weather Channel. Temperatures don't soar only in the summertime—

Brownsville's hottest day on record was March 27, 1984, when the high hit 106 degrees Fahrenheit.



LIBRARY CALENDAR—LIBRARY SPONSORED ACTIVITIES IN RED

* = **ZOOM CLASS** = EMAIL LWPLIBRARY111@GMAIL.COM OR

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July 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Texas-Workforce	2 TexShare	3 National Eat Beans Day
4 Independence Day	5 Apple Turnover Day	6 Fried Chicken Day	7 Chocolate Day	8 Blueberry Day	9 Sugar Cookie Day	10 Teddy Bear Picnic Day
11 World Population Day	12 Pecan Pie Day	13 STEM Experiments 3:30	14 Bastille Day	15 Be A Dork Day	16 World Snake Day	17 World Emoji Day
18 Nat'l Ice Cream Day	19 Raspberry Cake Day	20 Lollipop Day	21 Hot Dog Day	22 Spooner's Day	23 Coding for Kids 3:00 *	24 National Day of the Cowboy
25 Parents Day	26 Aunt & Uncle Day	27 Book Club 1:30	28 Milk Chocolate Day	29 Chicken Wing Day	30 Final Day Summer Reading	31 Watermelon Day

August 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Friendship Day	2 Ice Cream Sandwich Day	3 Grab Some Nuts Day	4 Choc Chip Cookie Day	5 Underwear Day	6 TexShare-	7 Campfire Day
8 Int'l Cat Day	9 Book Lovers Day	10 Kids Cooking 3:30*	11 Son & Daughter Day	12 World Elephant Day	13 Blame Someone Else Day	14 CREAMSIDE Day
15 Relaxation Day	16 Tell a Joke Day	17 Thrift Shop Day	18 Bad Poetry Day	19 Aviation Day	20 Coding for Kids 3:00 *	21 Senior Citizen's Day
22 Be an Angel Day	23 Ride the Wind Day	24 Book Club 1:30	25 Kiss and Make Up Day	26 Nat'l Dog Day	27 Just Because Day	28 Race Your Mouse Day
29 Int'l Bat Night	30 Toasted Marshmallow Day	31 Eat Outside Day				

September 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 V J Day	3 TexShare	4
5 Cheese Pizza Day	6 Labor Day	7 Nat'l Salami Day	8 Int'l Literacy Day	9 Teddy Bear Day	10 STEM Experiments 3:30 *	11 911 Remembrance
12 Grandparent's Day	13 Uncle Sam Day	14 Crab Fest Day	15 Yom Kippur	16 Mayflower Day	17 Citizenship Day	18 Cheeseburger Day
19 Int'l Dance Day	20 Pepperoni Pizza Day	21 Miniature Golf Day	22 Hobbit Day	23 Checkers Day	24 SimplyE 3:00 *	25 Comic Book Day
26 Johnny Appleseed Day	27 Crush a Can Day	28 Book Club 1:30	29 Confucius Day	30 Mud Pack Day		