



# Library News

## PATRON COMPUTERS NOW AVAILABLE!

At long last, new computers are available for library patrons. Now you can read and print emails. A library card, which is free, is required to use the patron computers.

## GED/ESL/CONTINUING EDUCATION

Hill College and McLennan Community College are partnering to provide GED/ESD classes in Hill and Bosque counties. In McLennan county, call 254-299-8777 or email AEL@mclennan.edu; in Hill county, go to hillcollege.edu or email spape@hillcollege.edu.

A calendar of job search and readiness workshops is available at <https://www.hotworkforce.com/events/>. Workshop topics include: Resume writing, interviewing skills, navigating hiring fairs, and using the Texas Workforce Commission to find a job which matches your needs and skills. Get started on your way to a successful future by furthering your education and skills. Schedule an appointment with a Career Coach by calling 254-659-7650.

## COVID-19 TESTING

Hill County is continuing to provide COVID-19 testing at the county fairgrounds. Register online at <https://bit.ly/hlbcovidtest> for faster service. Drop-ins are welcome too.

## THE TRADITION OF CHRISTMAS GIFT-GIVING

One of the main reasons we have the custom of giving and receiving presents at Christmas, is to remind us of the presents given to Jesus by the Wise Men: Frankincense, Gold and Myrrh.

All over the world, families and friends give presents to each other. Most children around the world believe in a Christmas gift bringer. It's often St. Nicholas, Santa Claus or Father Christmas, but in parts of Germany they believe that it is the Christkind, in Spain they believe it is the Wise Men and in parts of Italy they believe it is an old lady called Befana.

These presents are also left in different places! In most of Europe, the presents are left in shoes or boots put out by the children. In Italy, the UK and the USA presents are left in stockings, often left hanging by a fire place. In many countries, presents for friends and family may be left under the Christmas Tree. In the UK, they are often opened on Christmas day morning with all the family together.

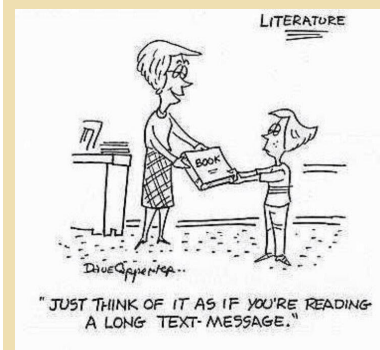
From whychristmas.com



Whitney's Boo with the Red And Blue .  
With Police fire Trucks and Ambulance Downtown  
Oct 29 6-8 pm

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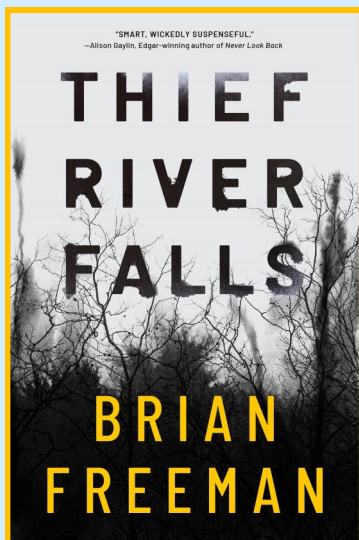
## BOOK REVIEWS

Hello fellow readers! In this edition, we feature books favored by our patrons and a local author for your reading pleasure. We invite you to submit a book review for a future newsletter.

### Thief River Falls

by Brian Freeman

Storytelling that is so incredibly well done, you'll feel like a character inside the story. A fabulous read with a twist. I wasn't expecting the ending! This is a clean well written thriller. A lonely amnesic child witnessing a crime and being hunted by the villains. A former nurse, the now famous Lisa takes him in and fears for her life as well as his. This story base was for many thrillers, but every basic story can be told in multiple ways and being told by B. Freeman, with new protagonists and new twists, made it very interesting.



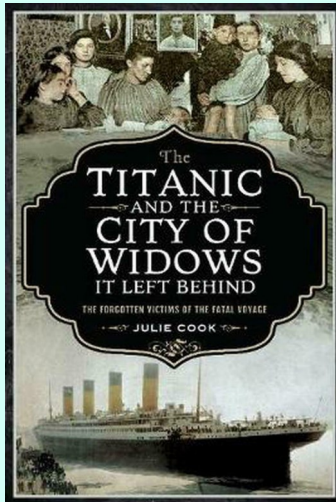
### The Titanic and the City of Widows It Left Behind—The Forgotten Victims of the Fatal Voyage

by Julie Cook

Review by Judy Grabowski

In this historical narrative, the author gives us glimpses into the lives of the survivors of the less fortunate Titanic crew members. The sea-faring city of Southampton was the home of 549 crew members who perished on the Titanic. Many were labeled as cowards for not dying "as a man should". Others, like Robert Hitchens who was in charge of a lifeboat that failed to go back to save more passengers was filled with guilt that led him to heavy drinking. Those affected by survivor's guilt were left to "carry on" as this was a time before counseling and support groups.

History buffs will find this book an absorbing account of life among ordinary people struggling against poverty in the early 1900s. It gives readers a new perspective on the Titanic disaster.



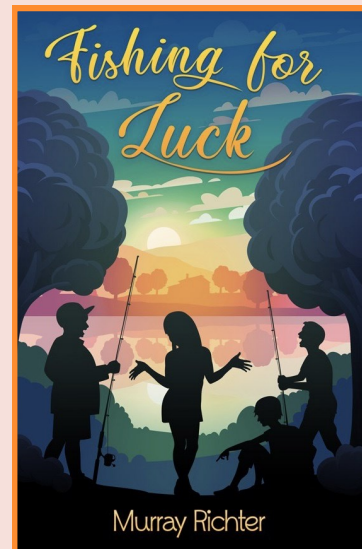
### Local Author Murray Richter

This author is hooked on fishing and his books follow this theme. Learn more at: [www.murrayrichter.com](http://www.murrayrichter.com)

### Fishing for Luck

Kevin's awesome life consisted of three things: fantastic fishing, hanging out with his ever-pranking best friends, and having fun with the coolest mentor ever. But when the scariest piece of his past resurfaces, his world changes. Will Kevin be able to find his voice and the courage to overcome things too evil to speak of, or will he lose his friends, his family, and everything else important to him?

"...in a chilling plot twist, Kevin learns a freeing lesson about trust and communication and the author offers a teaser of more tales to come. An adventure that delivers plenty of suspense, a lively tween voice and some familiar elements." —Kirkus Reviews



## LIBRARY ACTIVITIES

### CLASSES AND STORYTIME ON YOUTUBE

View and follow along with these activities and experiments from our library. Go to the library website, [www.whitneylibrary.org](http://www.whitneylibrary.org) and select “Children’s Storytime and Activities” on the left hand pane under “Kids (Online and Storytime) and Teens”. Here are some of what’s available:

#### ***STEM Experiments***

Learn to make your own lava lamp and winch pulley!

#### ***Computer Coding for Kids***

Learn basic functions of computer coding.

#### ***Kids Cooking—Mom’s Homemade Granola***

Ingredients and instructions included so that you can make this recipe at home. Or stop by the library for the recipe.

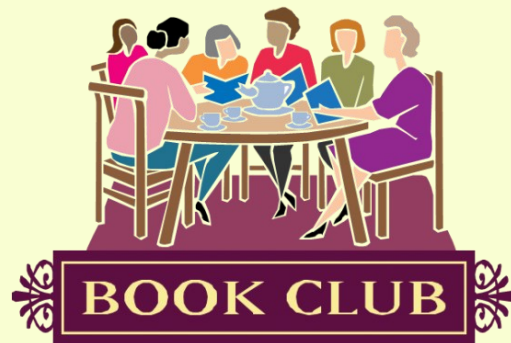
### SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CENTER

The Small Business Development Center (SBDC) provides a path of assistance for those individuals who either want to start up a business, expand their existing business, or purchase a business. Assistance includes plans and financial projections, marketing efforts, capital needs and loans. The services are free and counseling services are one-on-one and strictly confidential. Call Sharon Smith at 254-299-8128, or email [sssmith@mclennan.edu](mailto:sssmith@mclennan.edu) for more information.

### BOOK CLUB

Getting like-minded people together to talk about a good book is one of the joys of life. Why not experience that joy by attending one of the club’s upcoming meetings? There are only two more books to be discussed this year, but in December, the members decide on the selections for next year. The club meets on the 4th Tuesday of each month at 1:30 PM, except for November and December; see dates below.

**October 26:** *Varina* by Charles Frazier  
**November 16:** *Love and Other Consolation Prizes* by Jamie Ford  
**December 14:** 2022 Book Selection Meeting



**Go to [www.whitneylibrary.org](http://www.whitneylibrary.org) for additional information on these and other programs.**



# TEXSHARE LIBRARIES—YET MORE LINKS TO LEARNING AND RESEARCH

In our previous two newsletters, we featured some of the many resources available on the library website through the TexShare databases. In this edition, we highlight the LearningExpress libraries, excellent sources for learning, college preparation, and career-oriented courses. Go to: [www.texshare.net](http://www.texshare.net), select Lake Whitney Library, and enter TX76692 for the password. Then click “Most Popular”, then LearningExpress Library. LearningExpress may also be accessed from the library’s web page.



### Career Center Plus

Make your work goals a reality —start a new career or advance in your current field.



### Job & Career Accelerator

Powerful tools and guidance to achieve your career goals.



### High School Equivalency Center

Guided support and preparation to help you earn a high school equivalency credential.



### College Admissions Test Preparation

Prepare for important exams like the ACT®, SAT®, AP® Tests, and more.



### School Center

Skill-building resources for classroom and homework success.



### College Success Skills

Tools for navigating campus, your courses, and life.



### College Center Plus

Achieve your undergrad goals and prepare for future success.



### Adult Core Skills

Achieve your personal education and career goals.



### Computer Skills Center

Video courses to learn popular software and computer basics.



### Recursos Para Hispanohablantes

Herramientas de aprendizaje, carrera y ciudadanía en español



*Education is the passport to the future,  
for tomorrow belongs to those who prepare for it today.*

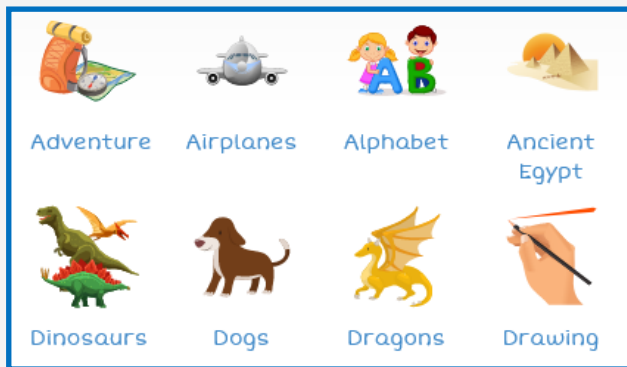
## DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know trees can communicate?

Trees talk. Their roots are connected through an underground network of fungi, nicknamed the “Wood Wide Web,” that allows them to share resources with each other. They “talk” by transmitting nutrients to one another through the fungi. For instance, a mother tree, or oldest and strongest tree in the forest, will share some of her sugars with smaller, nearby trees.

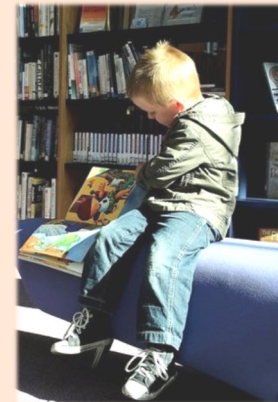


## JUST FOR KIDS



The library is not only a place where you can find new and entertaining books, but looking for those books is easier than ever when you use the Kid’s Catalog. Click “Kids’ Catalog”

on the bottom banner of the library catalog . Here’s just a small sample of what you’ll find. Explore new topics and find new adventures!



## PUMPKIN SPICE

The official flavor of fall, Pumpkin Spice! Here’s how to make your own, courtesy of The Pioneer Woman.

3 tablespoons ground cinnamon  
2 teaspoons ground ginger  
2 teaspoons ground nutmeg  
1 1/2 teaspoons ground allspice  
1 1/2 teaspoons ground cloves

In a small bowl, whisk together cinnamon, ginger, nutmeg, allspice, and cloves until well combined. Store in a small jar or container.



# LIBRARY CALENDAR—SPONSORED ITEMS IN RED

## October 2021 — National Bully Prevention Month

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 World Smile Day	2 Name Your Car Day
3 Kevin Day	4 Taco Day	5 Teacher's Day	6 Noodle Day	7 Depression	8 Fluffernutter Day	9 <b>DAR 2:00</b>
10 Cake Decorating Day	11 Sausage Pizza Day	12 Gumbo Day	13 Stop Bullying Day	14 <b>Garden Club: 10:30-1:00</b>	15 Cheese Curd Day	16 <b>Amateur Radio Club 9:30—Noon</b>
17 Pasta Day	18 Chocolate Cupcake Day	19 New Friends Day	20 Medical Assistants Day	21 <b>Medicare Assistance 2:00; 817-988-</b>	22 Nut Day	23 Boston Cream Pie Day
24 United Nations Day	25 Artist's Day	26 <b>Book Club 1:30</b>	27 Mentoring Day	28 Chocolate Day	29 <b>Whitney's Boo w/ Red &amp; Blue 6pm</b>	30 Candy Corn Day
31 Halloween						

## November 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Author's Day	2 All Souls Day	3 Stress Awareness	4 Candy Day	5 Football Day	6 Nachos Day
7 Daylight Savings Day	8 Tongue Twister Day	9 World Freedom Day	10 Forget Me Not Day	11 Veterans' Day <small>11:00 Program @ Senior Ctr (Methodist Church)</small>	12 Happy Hour Day	13 Sadie Hawkins Day
14 Pickle Day	15 Philanthropy Day	16 <b>Book Club 1:30</b>	17 Hiking Day	18 <b>Medicare Assistance 2:00; 817-988-9851</b>	19 Camp Day	20 <b>Amateur Radio Club 9:30—Noon</b>
21 World Fisheries Day	22 Love Your Freckles Day	23 Fibonacci Day	24 Sardines Day	25 Thanksgiving Day	26 Cake Day	27 Small Business Day
28 Hanukkah	29 Lemon Cream Pie Day	30 Giving Tuesday				

## December 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 World AIDS Day	2 Nat'l Mutt Day	3 Persons w/ Disabilities Day	4 <b>Tree Lighting 7:00 PM</b>
5 Ninja Day	6 Miner's Day	7 Pearl Harbor Day	8 Brownie Day	9 Pastry Day	10 Dewey Decimal System Day	11 Mountain Day
12 Gingerbread House Day	13 Nat'l Horse Day	14 <b>Book Club 1:30</b>	15 Bill of Rights Day	16 <b>Medicare Assistance 2:00; 817-988-9851</b>	17 Maple Syrup Day	18 <b>Amateur Radio Club 9:30—Noon</b>
19 Oatmeal Muffin Day	20 Go Caroling Day	21 Winter Solstice	22 Cookie Exchange Day	23 Search Your Roots	24 Eggnog Day	25 Christmas
26 Thank You Note Day	27 Fruitcake Day	28 Pledge of Allegiance Day	29 Checklist Day	30 Bacon Day	31 New Year's Eve	