



# Library News

## SPRING IS HERE!

Check out the library's collection of books about spring. Some titles for young readers include the American Girls Happy Birthday series, "And Then It's Spring", "Caterpillar Spring", and "Clementine and the Spring Trip". There are fiction and non-fiction selections for older readers too!



## BLIND DATE WITH A BOOK



Expand your reading horizons by going on a blind date with a book! The idea is simple: stop by the library, select a wrapped book from the basket, read the synopsis, and check it out. Discover a new author or genre, and venture out of your comfort zone. The program runs the entire month of June.

## SPRING CLEANING

Spring is a good time to do the following chores:

Change smoke and carbon monoxide detector batteries; do it again in the fall.

Change interior HVAC air filters; move furniture and clean hidden areas; inspect washing machine water hoses; wash windows, inside and out.

Get your children involved so that they form habits for a healthy home environment.



## eBOOK CHOICES—HELP IS HERE

eBooks are a popular choice for many readers. They are portable, can be accessed on several devices, and in most cases, don't need to be returned. But what's the best choice for you? Let our man John help you sort that out. Stop by the library any Friday from 2-4 with your device and John will help you install the app and download books. Several options are available: SimplyE, LibriVox, Axis360, OpenLibrary, Project Gutenberg, and more. Some audio apps are available too. Explore your options with John!



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"To show you how well I understand fractions, I only did half of my homework."

## HELP MAKE YOUR CITY A GARDEN SPOT



At its February meeting, the Whitney City Council reached out to the Garden Club and citizens to identify small beautification projects in the city. They hope to bring these projects to the attention of organizations and citizens who are willing to complete these projects in order to make the community even more beautiful and welcoming. Call the library at 254-694-4639 for details.

## WORD OF THE DAY

*Gregarious*, (adjective, grih-GAIR-ee-us means) "tending to associate with others of one's kind" and "enjoying or tending to enjoy the company of others," which makes it synonymous with *social* and *sociable*.

Did You Know, when you're one of the herd, it's tough to avoid being social. The origin of *gregarious* is from the Latin noun *grex*, meaning "herd" or "flock." When it first began appearing in English texts in the 17th century, *gregarious* was applied mainly to animals, but by the 18th century it was being used for social human beings as well.

Source: Merriam-Webster

## REMEMBERING THE 1960s

Ah, the 1960s, when life was so carefree! Here are some of what you may recall from that decade:

- The U. S. Postal Service introduced ZIP codes, an acronym for Zone Improvement Plan.
- We built houses and barns with Lincoln Logs and Tinkertoy®.
- We enjoyed movies at the drive-in theater—and sometimes drove off with the speaker still hooked to the window!
- Bell-bottom pants and tops were in fashion.
- The Beatles and other British musical groups “invaded” the country.
- We saved S&H Green Stamps and redeemed them for household and beauty items.
- Women loved “April in Paris” cologne.
- Did you have a silver Christmas tree with a rotating color spotlight?
- Fast food burgers cost less than a quarter.



## CHILDREN'S BOOKS—MANY CHOICES

The library has an extensive collection of books for children and young people. Here are the categories of reading and listening resources you will find at the library:

1. Easy—As the name implies, these are for young readers, including preschoolers whose parents read to them. Most are fiction, but there are good number of non-fiction titles too which are designated by a yellow stripe at the base of the spine.
2. READ—these books are arranged and designated by the reading level of the book and range from 1.0 to 5.3.
3. Juvenile—Labeled with a “J”, includes an extensive collection of fiction and non-fiction books. Within fiction can be found series such as “Dork Diaries”, “Captain Underpants”, “I Survived”, “Magic Tree House”, “Hank the Cow Dog”, “Wishbone”, “Ramona”, and of course classics such as “Nancy Drew” and “The Hardy Boys”.
4. Popular graphic novels such as “Pokemon”, “Dog Man”, “Avatar” and many more are another option.
5. A selection of audio books for young folks is also available.
6. Bluebonnet award books can be found in this section of the library.

## LIBRARY ACTIVITIES

### SUMMER READING

This year's Summer Reading theme is "Oceans of Possibilities". During the month of June, the library will feature books on oceanography and related topics. Be sure to register so that you can log your reading and receive a certificate of completion at the end of the program. It's fun and educational!



### LEGO CREATION STATION



When school is out and the young ones are getting bored at home, a trip to the library may be just the thing to liven things up. In addition to a huge selection of books, activity packs are available for children of all ages. And every Wednesday at the library, children can develop their creative and engineering skills using Lego blocks. Both the standard and pre-school Mega Blocks are available.

### AMATEUR RADIO GROUP

Amateur Radio (ham radio) is a popular hobby and service that brings people, electronics and communication together. People use ham radio to talk across town, around the world, or even into space, all without the Internet or cell phones. It's fun, social, educational, and can be a lifeline during times of need.

The local group, The Lake Whitney Amateur Radio Society recently held its annual Winter Field Day, a 24-hour event where new members were welcomed and received help programming their radios.

The Society meets monthly on the 3rd Saturday of the month from 10 to noon in the library Activity Room. Members can answer questions and help you become a licensed Amateur Radio Operator. Plan to be part of the Summer Ham Radio Jamboree June 25-26.



### BOOK CLUB



On April 26 and May 24, the book club will enjoy a Skype session with the authors of "Something Unfortunate", Mike Farris, and "The Myth of the Perpetual Summer", Susan Crandall. Meeting the author is an exciting experience since you have the opportunity to delve into why the author wrote that particular book and learn more about the author and his/her background.

Everyone is welcome to attend the meetings which take place on the 4th Tuesday of the month at 1:30PM.

## ACCESS TO CANCER CARE FOR LOW-INCOME AND UNINSURED



The Hill County Indigent Care Program is a resource for low-income and uninsured individuals requiring assistance for cancer treatment. The program is based at 1 North Waco St, Hillsboro, TX 76645. They can be reached at 254-582-4065. Their web page is: [www.co.hill.tx.us/page/hill.County.IndigentHealth](http://www.co.hill.tx.us/page/hill.County.IndigentHealth).

For additional information, go to [www.texascancer.info](http://www.texascancer.info).

## GARDEN CLUB CRAFT GROUP

The Garden Club Craft Group is meeting on 3rd Wednesdays from 1–3 to work on making aprons and produce bags which will be sold during Pioneer Days this year. All are welcome to lend a helping hand.

The Garden Club provides learning opportunities for new and experienced gardeners. They also provide the library's pleasing entrance with their attractive plantings each year.



## ADULT COLORING



Following the Garden Club Craft Group, relax with some Adult Coloring. It's a great way to unwind and relax. The library provides all needed supplies to complete your personal work of art.

Coloring benefits include: a stimulation of the creative process, focus, and relaxation akin to yoga and meditation. Give it a try, and experience letting go of your cares for a bit. Scheduled every 3rd Wednesday from 3-4 PM.

## CHAMBER OF COMMERCE EVENTS

The Whitney Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring the following activities. Call 254-694-2540 for details.

April 7—Banquet

April 9—Easter Bunny pictures and food donation for the Food Bank

April 21—Lunch 'N Learn at Noon. Deanna Eubank will discuss Child Abuse Prevention month.

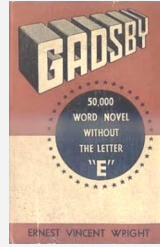


## DID YOU KNOW?

The 1939 novel *Gadsby* is the longest book ever published that doesn't contain the letter 'e.' Back in 1939, American author Ernest Vincent Wright published *Gadsby*, a 50,000-word novel that doesn't use the letter 'e' once. What's more, it's not the only novel that ditched the letter. Author Georges Perec also wrote the French-language book *La Disparition* without the letter 'e' in 1969. That's even more astounding when you consider that 'e' is the most commonly used letter in the English (and French!) language.

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DID YOU KNOW?

## THE LAUGH OUT LOUD SECTION

- Why was the Easter Bunny so upset? He was having a bad hare day.
- What did the Baby Corn say to the Mom Corn? Where's Pop Corn?
- Why did the scarecrow win an award? Because he was outstanding in his field.
- I was wondering why the Frisbee kept looking bigger and bigger. Then it hit me.



## HOW CHOCOLATE IS MADE

Cocoa pods on the cacao tree get picked when they are a burgundy brown color—this is when they are ripe. Inside the cocoa pod are between 20-50 seeds—this is what we know as cocoa beans, although they taste pretty sour when first picked and nothing like chocolate.



The cocoa beans then go into a box to ferment. Then they are laid out in large trays to dry out in the sun. Then they are sent off to the factories.

The cocoa nibs are crushed up and ground into a paste. This paste is called cocoa mass. You could melt the paste at this stage and make a chocolate bar, but it would taste really bitter. Melted cocoa mass is called cocoa liquor. Some of the cocoa mass is kept for later, the rest is pressed by a machine which squeezes out the cocoa butter in it. What's left behind is a pressed powder cake. This is ground up and becomes cocoa powder.

The cocoa mass we kept is now mixed with the cocoa butter and sugar is added. Sometimes other ingredients are added too, such as vanilla flavor and milk. The blended chocolate then goes through rollers to improve the texture and make it more smooth.



The final process is called tempering, where chocolate is heated and then cooled. This makes sure the crystal structure in chocolate behaves itself and that chocolate looks nice and shiny when you open the wrapper to your chocolate bar. Adapted from: miniummers.com



# LIBRARY CALENDAR—SPONSORED ITEMS IN RED

## April 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Soubread Dough Day	2 Autism Awareness Day
3 Chocolate Mousse Day	4 Tell a Lie Day	5 Read a Roadmap Day	6 Nat'l Walking Day	7 <b>VFW 6:00</b>	8 Zoo Lovers Day	9 Unicorn Day
10 Siblings Day	11 Nat'l Pet Day	12 Library Workers Day	13 Peach Cobbler Day	14 Nat'l Gardening Day	15 <b>Good Friday; City Closed</b>	16 <b>Amateur Radio 9:30</b>
17 Haiku Poetry Day	18 Animal Crackers Day	19 <b>Lions Club 11:30</b>	20 <b>Garden Club Crafts 1-3</b>	21 Choc Cov'd Cashew Day	22 Earth Day	23 Nat'l Picnic Day
24 Pigs in a Blanket Day	25 Kiss & Make Up Day	26 <b>Book Club 1:30</b>	27 Devil Dog Day	28 Take Our Kids to Work	29 Arbor Day	30 Adopt a Pet Day

## May 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Choc Parfait Day	2 Harry Potter Day	3 Nat'l Paranormal Day	4 Orange Juice Day	5 <b>VFW 6:00</b>	6 Nat'l Space Day	7 Kentucky Derby
8 Mother's Day	9 Sleepover Day	10 Nat'l Clean Your Room Day	11 Eat What You Want Day	12 Nat'l Limerick Day	13 Hummus Day	14 Mini Golf Day
15 Int'l Family Day	16 Nat'l Barbeque Day	17 <b>Lions Club 11:30</b>	18 <b>Garden Club Crafts 1-3</b>	19 <b>Garden Club 11:00</b>	20 Nat'l Pizza Party Day	21 <b>Amateur Radio 9:30</b>
22 Nat'l Solitaire Day	23 Nat'l Lucky Penny Day	24 <b>Book Club 1:30</b>	25 Senior Fitness Day	26 Blueberry Cheesecake	27 Road Trip Day	28 Nat'l Hamburger Day
29 Indianapolis 500	30 <b>Mem. Day City Closed</b>	31 Nat'l Smile Day				

## June 2022 **Blind Date with a Book and Summer Reading all month!**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 <b>Lego Creation Station</b>	2	3 Nat'l Donut Day	4 Nat'l Trails Day
5 Constitution Day	6 D-Day	7 <b>VFW 6:00</b>	8 <b>Lego Creation Station</b>	9 Straw. Rhubarb Pie Day	10 Iced Tea Day	11 Corn on the Cob Day
12 Red Rose Day	13 Weed Your Garden Day	14 Blood Donor Day	15 <b>Garden Club Crafts 1-3</b>	16 Fudge Day	17 Apple Strudel Day	18 <b>Amateur Radio 9:30</b>
19 Father's Day	20 World Refugee Day	21 <b>Lions Club 11:30</b>	22 <b>Lego Creation Station</b>	23 Hydration Day	24 Pralines Day	25 <b>HAM Radio Jamboree</b>
26 <b>HAM Radio Jamboree</b>	27 PTSD Awareness Day	28 <b>Book Club 1:30</b>	29 <b>Lego Creation Station</b>	30 Int'l Asteroid Day		