



# Library News

## LARGE PRINT BOOKS

Every three months, the library receives 50 new Large Print books from the Central Texas Library System (CTLS) which our patrons can check out. That means this year, you will have a selection of 200 Large Print Books to choose from. This is in addition to the more than 600 Large Print books in our permanent collection. Take advantage of this limited time opportunity to find new titles for your reading pleasure.



## SimplyE— eBOOKS AND AUDIO BOOKS



SimplyE is an open source app that makes it easier for patrons to discover, borrow and read or listen to library e-books and audiobooks. It is available on the Apple App Store or Google Play Store. Simply install the app, select “Lake Whitney Public Library” from the list. You will be presented with a list of eBooks and audio books. Select a book, then use your library card number and phone number to log in; the book

is available to read on your phone or tablet for 20 days. Selections include fiction and non-fiction for adults and young adults as well as selections for children middle grade.

## TEXAS LIBRARY SYSTEM RESOURCES

Another resource for our patrons include the Learning Express Library. Included in the library are courses for college preparation; college skills development; building language and math skills for adults; GED preparation; computer skills in Windows and Microsoft applications; resources for Spanish speakers, and more.



Log into the library website, [www.whitneylibrary.org](http://www.whitneylibrary.org) using your library card and phone number, select a course, then register with Learning Express which will track your progress as you work through the course.



A valuable database search tool is Gale Academic OneFile, which is now aligned with many of those available to K-12 libraries, providing opportunities for collaboration among schools, academic libraries and a consistent user experience for Texas learners of all ages.



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“That book is floating around somewhere.”

## WORD OF THE DAY— EPITOME

Noun, pronounced ih-PIT-uh-mee

*Epitome* means “a typical or ideal example,” and is a synonym of embodiment.

“The cabin we rented was the *epitome* of country charm: wide pine floors, simple sturdy furniture, and clean linen curtains billowing in the breeze of the open windows.” Source: Merriam-Webster.com

## BOOK SALE!

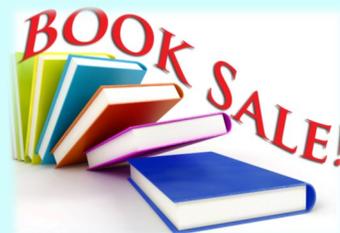
The library is having a Book Sale! Now is the time to get great deals on gently used books. The sale will run the entire month of February!

**Hardbound and Soft/Trade Paperbacks—\$2.00**

**Pocket Paperbacks—\$.25**

**DVDs: \$1.00**

**Children's: \$.50**



## THANKS TO OUR VOLUNTEERS

The volunteer in our spotlight this quarter is Madeleine Newstrom. She has been volunteering for 17 years and is active with library activities. We salute Madeleine for her service to the library and look forward to many more years of her assistance.



## CITY OF WHITNEY EVENTS

The city of Whitney is sponsoring “A History Tour” at the Whitney Area Museum, **Saturday, March 11 from 11:00—3:00**. Meet Whitney native poet **John Pelham**. Get into the spirit—wear vintage clothing!

## LAKE WHITNEY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

- Lunch and Learn—Noon—1:00. Bring your lunch and listen to guest speakers. Every last Thursday of the month: **January 26, February 23, March 30**.
- Golf Tournament at Hillsboro Country Club, **March 24**; sponsors and teams available.
- Annual Banquet, **April 13** at HILCO Event Center, Itasca.

Contact the Lake Whitney Chamber of Commerce for details: 254-694-2540.



## IRS FORMS AVAILABLE

IRS Income Tax forms are now available online and a limited number will be available at the library in February. Should you need a specific form, the library can provide one; the cost is \$.30 per page.

## SENIOR CORNER—ACTIVITIES FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART

Seniors in Hill County are blessed with organizations providing opportunities for socialization, fun, and travel.

The **Lake Whitney Senior Center** is open every Tuesday from 9:00—1:00 and provides meals without charge, but donations are accepted. Participants enjoy activities, guest speakers, crafts, games and fellowship. A fun casual Bible study is also held from 1-2. To reserve lunch, call Lynda at 254-332-0041. The center is located at 503 North Colorado in Whitney.



**Silver Connections** is a program of the Hill Regional Hospital and provides opportunities for seniors including the Breakfast Club; the Lunch Bunch; Bingo on second Tuesdays at First Presbyterian Church from 2-4; Lunch and Learn sessions; and travel opportunities including overseas trips. Membership is free. Call Tricia Shelton at 254-580-8880 for more information.

**Help with e-coupons**— Don't have a smart phone and want to take advantage of specials offered by local stores? Get help from **Wendie Thomas on Thursday, January 12 at 11:00.**

## GARDEN CLUB AT THE LIBRARY



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

Thursday, January 12, 11:00: **Preview of this year's programs**, planning and budgeting.

Thursday, February 9, 11:00: **"Do It Yourself Irrigation"**; Verna Cheever

Thursday, March 9, 11:00: **"Drought-tolerant Plants for Our Area"**; Kevin Watson, Master Gardener

## BAYLOR COOPERATIVE ON HUNGER AND POVERTY

The Baylor Cooperative on Hunger and Poverty envisions a world without hunger. Its mission is to cultivate scalable solutions to end hunger. Housed within an R1 Research University, the Baylor Collaborative on Hunger and Poverty creates and advances knowledge to end hunger. Learn more at:

<https://www.baylor.edu/hungerandpoverty>



## MEDICARE EDUCATION CLASS AT THE LIBRARY

Learn what options are available to you from Medicare from representative Heather Dozier, every first Wednesday from 3-5:00 at the library. For more information, call 512-736-9698 or email [hdozierconsulting@outlook.com](mailto:hdozierconsulting@outlook.com)

## FEATURED AUTHORS

### JANUARY— FREDERIK BACKMAN

Fredrik Backman is the #1 *New York Times* bestselling author of *A Man Called Ove*, *My Grandmother Asked Me to Tell You She's Sorry*, *Britt-Marie Was Here*, *Beartown*, *Us Against You*, and *Anxious People*, as well as two novellas and one work of nonfiction. His books are published in more than forty countries. He lives in Stockholm, Sweden, with his wife and two children.

“One thing that unites all of Backman's books is an underlying understanding of the fragility of human beings, and that perhaps our flaws make us who we are even more than our best qualities. Despite this, my impression is that Backman truly wants to believe that people are inherently good, even when they do things that should prove otherwise.



Source: <https://www.bookbrowse.com>



### FEBRUARY—ROBYN CARR

Since 1980, Carr has made quite a name for herself in romance — particularly with her *Virgin River* series, which follows various love affairs unfolding at a forest outpost in California. From the gruff marine who gets in touch with his softer side to the burned-out sous chef who has to contend with a pretty steamy dish (if you know what we mean), *Virgin River* supplies a stream of near-endless romantic possibilities. Not to mention it's slated for a Netflix series starring Alexandra Breckenridge!

<https://reedsy.com>

### MARCH —EMMA DONOGHUE

Born in Dublin and best known for her international bestseller *Room*, a *New York Times* Best Book of 2010 and a finalist for the Man Booker and other prizes, Emma Donoghue is also a literary historian who studied at Cambridge, a screenwriter, and a short story writer. Her fiction has ranged from the historical to the contemporary. She lives in Canada with her partner and their two children.

<https://thebookerprizes.com>



## DID YOU KNOW?

**Did you know "strengths" is the longest word in the English language with one vowel?** According to the Guinness Book of World Records, "strengths" is the longest word in the English language with one vowel. The word contains nine letters, eight of them being consonants.

## THE LAUGH OUT LOUD SECTION

**What time is it when the clock strikes 13?**  
Time to get a new clock.

**How does a cucumber become a pickle?**  
It goes through a jarring experience.

**What musical instrument is found in the bathroom?**  
A tuba toothpaste.

**How do you get a squirrel to like you?**  
Act like a nut.

**What building in your town has the most stories?**  
Your very own Lake Whitney Library!

Activities for kids at the library

- ◆ Winter activity packets
- ◆ AWE Children's computers
- ◆ LEGOs, regular and large sizes
- ◆ Valentine's crafts
- ◆ Spring Break crafts

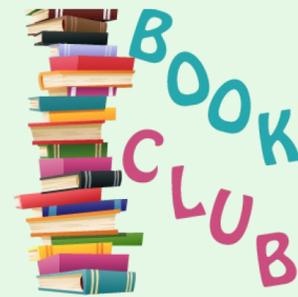


## BOOK CLUB

Here's what the Book Club is reading this quarter. You are invited to join in the lively discussions the 4th Tuesday of each month at 1:30 PM.

### January 24—Meet the Author!

***The Next Ship Home*** by Heather Webb is about a young Italian woman arrives on the shores of America, her sights set on a better life. That same day, a young American woman reports to her first day of work at the immigration center. But Ellis Island isn't a refuge for Francesca or Alma, not when ships depart every day with those who are refused entry to the country and when corruption ripples through every corridor. While Francesca resorts to desperate measures to ensure she will make it off the island, Alma fights for her dreams of becoming a translator, even as women are denied the chance. **Special event—Meet the author in a Zoom session!**



### February 28

***False Victim*** by Kathie Truitt is a gripping, psychological thriller based on a true story about a successful family moving from Mississippi to Washington, D.C. The friendship Julie makes turns strange and she realizes her friend has a propensity to lie for attention and continues to be one up on her. When one of them is accused of murder, it's difficult to determine the guilty individual. Who is guilty? Who is the false victim?

### March 28

***Grandma Gatewood's Walk*** by Ben Montgomery is a biography of Emma Gatewood who, at sixty-seven years old walked 800 miles along the 2,050-mile Appalachian Trail. Driven by a painful marriage, Grandma Gatewood not only hiked the trail alone, she was the first person—man or woman—to walk it twice and three times. At age seventy-one, she hiked the 2,000-mile Oregon Trail. Gatewood became a hiking celebrity. The public attention she brought to the trail was unprecedented. Her vocal criticism of the lousy, difficult stretches led to bolstered maintenance, and very likely saved the trail from extinction.

## LIBRARY CALENDAR—SPONSORED ITEMS IN RED

### January 2023—Braille Literacy Month

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 New Year's Day	2 Ancestry Day	3 Nat'l Chocolate Covered Cherry	4 Medicare 3:00—5:00	5 VFW 6-8:00	6 National Cuddle Up Day	7 Nat'l Bobble-head Day
8 National Bubble Bath Day	9 National Faith Day	10 Nat'l Bittersweet Chocolate Day	11 Heritage Treasures Day	12 Garden Club 11:00	13 Nat'l Peach Melba Day	14 Dress Up Your Pet Day
15 Hat Day	16 Martin Luther King Day	17 Lion's Club 11:30	18 Museum Selfie Day	19 Kids Lego & Adult Coloring; Help with e-coupons 11:00	20 Nat'l Cheese Lovers Day	21 Grandma's Day
22 Chinese New Year	23 Nat'l Handwriting Day	24 Book Club 1:30	25 National Fish Taco Day	26 Lunch 'n Learn @ Chamber 12-1	27 Int'l Holocaust Remembrance Day	28 Ham Radio Jamboree 10 Sat —2:00 Sunday
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### February 2023—Book Sale All Month!

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Medicare 3:00—5:00	2 VFW 6-8:00	3 American Painter's Day	4 Thank a Mailman Day
5 Nat'l Weatherperson's Day	6 National Frozen Yogurt Day	7 Charles Dickens Day	8 Kite Flying Day	9 Garden Club 11:00	10 Children's Hospice Day	11 Armed Forces Day
12 Lincoln's Birthday	13 National Apology Day	14 Valentine's Day	15 National Gumdrop Day	16 Kids Lego & Adult Coloring; Help with e-coupons 11:00	17 Random Act of Kindness Day	18 Ham Radio 10-12
19 Iwo Jima Day	20 President's Day	21 Lion's Club 11:30	22 National Margarita Day	23 Lunch 'n Learn @ Chamber 12-1	24 Whooping Crane Festival	25 Let's All Eat Right Day
26 For Pete's Sake Day	27 Polar Bear Day	28 Book Club 1:30				

### March 2023—Read Across America Month

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Medicare 3:00—5:00	2 VFW 6-8:00	3 World Book Day	4 Global Day of the Engineer
5 National Cheese Doodle Day	6 Alamo Day	7 Alexander Graham Bell Day	8 International Women's Day	9 Garden Club 11:00	10 Harriet Tubman Day	11 Tour of Whitney Area Museum 11-3
12 National Girl Scout Day	13 K-9 Veterans Day	14 Celebrate Scientists Day	15 The Ides of March	16 Kids Lego & Adult Coloring; Help with e-coupons 11:00	17 St. Patrick's Day	18 Ham Radio 10-12
19 Int'l Read To Me Day	20 International Day of Happiness	21 Lion's Club 11:30	22 National Goof Off Day	23 Chips and Dip Day	24 National Cheesesteak Day	25 International Waffle Day
26 Good Hair Day	27 International Scribble Day	28 Book Club 1:30	29 Little Red Wagon Day	30 Lunch 'n Learn @ Chamber 12-1	31 National Tater Day	