



# Library News

## BOOK SALE!

The library will conduct a month-long Book Sale beginning October 1st. This is a great time to find great deals on gently used books. Books make excellent gifts; shop early for the best selection. Low, low prices!

**Hardbound: \$2.00**

**Softback: \$2.00**

**Pocket Paperback:  
\$.25**

**DVDs: \$1.00**

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



## ECLIPSES—ANNULAR AND SOLAR

### ANNULAR SOLAR ECLIPSE

An annular solar eclipse happens when the Moon passes between the Sun and Earth, but when it is at or near its farthest point from Earth. Because the Moon is farther away from Earth, it appears smaller than the Sun and does not completely cover the Sun. As a result, the Moon appears as a dark disk on top of a larger, bright disk, creating what looks like a ring around the Moon. The next annular eclipse in the U.S. will be on **Oct. 14, 2023**.

### TOTAL SOLAR ECLIPSE

A total solar eclipse happens when the Moon passes between the Sun and Earth, completely blocking the face of the Sun. People located in the center of the Moon's shadow when it hits Earth will experience a total eclipse. The sky will darken, as if it were dawn or dusk. Weather permitting, people in the path of a total solar eclipse can see the Sun's corona, the outer atmosphere, which is otherwise usually obscured by the bright face of the Sun. A total solar eclipse is the only type of solar eclipse where viewers can momentarily remove their eclipse glasses (which are not the same as regular sunglasses) for the brief period of time when the Moon is completely blocking the Sun. The next total solar eclipse in the U.S. will be on **April 8, 2024**.

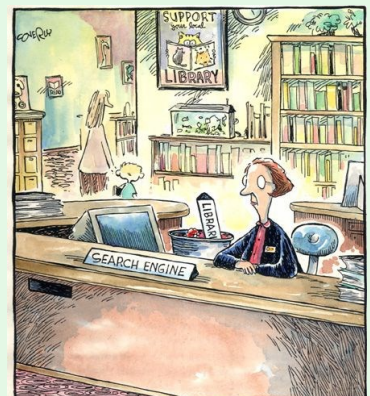


From left to right, these images show a total solar eclipse, annular solar eclipse, and partial solar eclipse. Nasa.gov



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## LOOK WHAT HAPPENED 12 YEARS AGO AT THE LIBRARY!

Twelve years ago, these good folks began the planning process for the new library we enjoy today! It was a tremendous effort and we thank them all for their time and talent in creating such a beautiful and useful building!



From left: Jean Rose, Dolores Shaw, Madaline Newstrom, Ann Bryan, Ed Worsley, Bob Mangus, Dale Bryan, Lois Jackson, Jane Worsley, and Joyce Horn

## SALUTE TO OUR VOLUNTEERS



Our hats go off to two wonderful ladies who have donated their time over the years by serving on the board of the Friends of the Library. Linda Wilmarth, on the left has been serving for 10 years and still continues to serve. Dolores Shaw, on the right, donated her time for 6 years.

A big thanks to both of you!

## LAKE WHITNEY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

### Lunch and Learn

**Feb 22nd—The Oaks Council/ Mental Health**

**March 28th –William Orr** with the Hill County Republican Party, Local voter education

**April 25th –WISD Student Council**\Points of Discussion: Youth Mental Health And Engagement. Environmental Initiatives. Homelessness, Poverty and Addiction and Community Outreach

### Chamber of Commerce Events

**April 8th—Eclipse April 8th** will last 4 min 23 seconds of total darkness beginning at 1:39 pm. We are expecting 100 - 150,000 people in the area for April 6-8th.

**April 11th– Save The Date 69th Annual Awards Banquet**

**April 20th– 14th Annual Golf tournament**



## HILL COUNTY MASTER GARDENERS



The Hill County Master Gardeners invite you to attend their sponsored activities:

**Wednesday, March 13th at Noon**, presentation on “Container Gardening” at the Hill County AgriLife Extension Office, 213 Stadium Drive, Hillsboro, TX

## GARDEN CLUB AT THE LIBRARY

**The Garden Club has wonderful field trips this year .Check their Schedule for more Information.**

**Thursday, Feb 8th at 11:00:** “Bluebirds\build birdhouses@ LWState Park Library Meeting Room.

**Thursday, March 14th, at 11:00:** Visit Prarielands Groundwater and Trailer. Subject:“Rain Water Gardening\How To Make a Rain Garden in Cleburne

**Thursday, April 11th at 11:00:** Charter Bus To TAMU Gardens



## CHILDREN & FAMILY ACTIVITIES AT THE LIBRARY

**AWE Children’s Computers:** Educational touch-screen computers that are not connected to the internet. Play instruments, draw, read books, etc.

**Continued Learning:** Khan Academy, DuoLingo, or SimplyE Read-A-Loud

**Lego Creation Station:** Legos provided, even larger ones for younger kids; just bring your imagination!

**Money Monsters:** free booklets on financial subjects written in an age-appropriate fun story format.

**Puzzles & Games:** Gather with friends and family at the library and put puzzles together, play a board game, or enjoy some PlayStation time.

**Books:** Sit and enjoy books in a multitude of genres.

# FEATURED AUTHORS AND COLLECTIONS

## January— 2024-25 Bluebonnet Books are here



The Texas Bluebonnet Award is one of the most prestigious children's choice literary awards in the United States. Each year, 20 books are chosen for the Texas Bluebonnet Award Master List. Schools and libraries around the state participate in the program, encouraging students to read a minimum of five books from the list. In January, students vote for their favorite title. The author of the book receiving the most votes wins the Texas Bluebonnet Award (TBA) which is presented at the Texas Bluebonnet Award presentation held during the TLA Annual Conference in the spring. In 2024, students will vote on the following list:

**February and March 2024— Blind Date With A Book is back until The End of March. So come on by the Library and check out a Blind Date book .**

**Lake Whitney Public Library**  
Blind Date With a Book is back, so Come on by and Check out a Book

**Blind Date With A Book**  
Pick Up At Lake Whitney Library

**How it works:**  
1. Select a book  
2. Check it out  
3. Unwrap  
4. Read and Enjoy!

**Benefits:**  
1. Discover new authors  
2. Read a genre new to you  
3. Venture out of your comfort zone

## BOOK CLUB

**February 27 – *The Mountain Between Us* by Charles Martin-** When a blizzard strands them in Salt Lake City, two strangers agree to charter a plane together, hoping to return home; Ben Payne is a gifted surgeon returning from a conference, and Ashley Knox, a magazine writer, is en route to her wedding. But when unthinkable tragedy strikes, the pair find themselves stranded in Utah's most remote wilderness in the dead of winter, badly injured and miles from civilization. Without food or shelter, and only Ben's mountain climbing gear to protect themselves, Ashley and Ben's chances for survival look bleak, but their reliance on each other sparks an immediate connection, which soon evolves into something more.

Days in the mountains become weeks, as their hope for rescue dwindles. How will they make it out of the wilderness and if they do, how will this experience change them forever? Heart-wrenching and unputdownable, *The Mountain Between Us* will reaffirm your belief in the power of love to sustain us.

**March 26-*The Facemaker* By Lindsey Fitzharris.** From the moment the first machine gun rang out over the Western Front, one thing was clear: mankind's military technology had wildly surpassed its medical capabilities. Bodies were battered, gouged, hacked, and gassed. The First World War claimed millions of lives and left millions more wounded and disfigured. In the midst of this brutality, however, there were also those who strove to alleviate suffering. Lindsey Fitzharris's *The Facemaker* tells the extraordinary story of such an individual: the pioneering plastic surgeon Harold Gillies, who dedicated himself to reconstructing the burned and broken faces of the injured soldiers under his care.

Gillies, a Cambridge-educated New Zealander, became interested in the nascent field of plastic surgery after encountering the human wreckage on the front. Returning to Britain, he established one of the world's first hospitals dedicated entirely to facial reconstruction. There, Gillies assembled a unique group of practitioners whose task was to rebuild what had been torn apart, to re-create what had been destroyed. At a time when losing a limb made a soldier a hero but losing a face made him a monster to a society largely intolerant of disfigurement, Gillies restored not just the faces of the wounded but also their spirits.

**April 23– *Never Enough Time* By Kimberly McMillan. **Meet The Author!**** When thirty-year-old Marni once again has to say goodbye to someone very important in her life, the loss hits close to home as she remembers the summer she was fourteen and lost her mom ... the summer her life became unrecognizable. Shortly after her mother's passing, Marni learns the truth about her father and is sent to Waco, Texas to live with him and his "perfect" family. There, she must face a world that blatantly rejected her mom, without losing faith in the one person she trusted. Old wounds resurface for Lauren-Marni's new stepmother-as she tries to navigate these new waters. Her self-worth and confidence are shaken by her husband's betrayal, and she wonders if she can truly love and understand a child who isn't hers. Told from multiple perspectives, *Never Enough Time* is an emotional coming-of-age story that demonstrates the power of familial relationships despite complicated differences.



## LIBRARY CALENDAR—SPONSORED ITEMS IN RED


### February 2024—Black History Month

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2 Groundhog	3
4	5	6	7 11:30 	8 <b>Lego Day</b>	9 <b>Tech Help Day 2-3 p.m</b>	10 <b>DAR 1:00</b>
11	12	13 Mardi Gras	14 Valentine's Day	15 <b>City Council 6:00 p.m.</b>	16 <b>Tech Help Day 2-3 p.m</b>	17 <b>Ham Radio 10:00</b> 
18	19 President's Day	20 <b>Lion's Club 11:30</b>	21	22 <b>Coloring Day</b>	23 <b>Tech Help Day 2-3 p.m</b>	24
25	26	27 <b>Book Club 1:00</b> 	28	29 <b>Lego Day</b>		

### March 2024— Luck of the Irish

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 <b>Tech Help Day 2-3 p.m</b>	2
3	4	5	6 11:30 	7 <b>Coloring Day</b>	8 <b>Tech Help Day 2-3 p.m</b>	9 <b>DAR 1:00</b>
10	11	12	13 <b>Master Gardeners 10:30</b>	14 <b>Lego Day</b>	15 <b>Tech Help Day 2-3 p.m</b>	16 <b>Ham Radio 10:00</b> 
17 St.Patrick's Day	18	19 <b>Lion's Club 11:30</b>	20	21 <b>Coloring Day</b>	22 <b>Tech Help Day 2-3 p.m</b>	23
24	25	26 <b>Book Club 1:00</b> 	27	28 <b>Lego Day</b>	29 <b>Tech Help Day 2-3 p.m</b>	30
31 Easter						

### April 2024— Showers Bring May Flowers

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 April Fool's Day	2	3	4 <b>Coloring Day</b>	5 <b>Tech Help Day 2-3 p.m</b>	6
7	8 Closed—Full Solar Eclipse	9	10	11 <b>Chamber Banquet 5:30</b>	12 <b>Tech Help Day 2-3 p.m</b>	13 <b>DAR 1:00</b>
14	15 Income Tax Day	16	17	18 <b>Coloring Day</b>	19 <b>Tech Help Day 2-3 p.m</b>	20
21	22 Earth Day	23 <b>Book Club 1:00</b> 	24	25 <b>Lego Day</b>	26 <b>Tech Help Day 2-3 p.m</b>	27
28	29	30				