



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**

DCDs: \$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**.

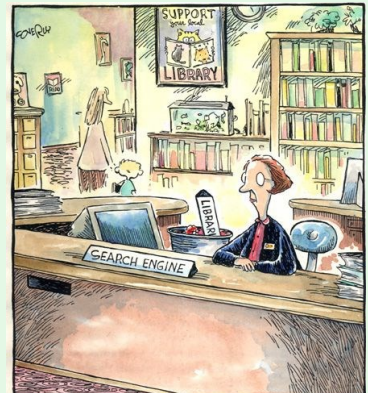


From left to right, these images show a total solar eclipse, annular solar eclipse, and partial solar eclipse. Nasa.gov



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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

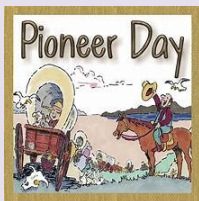
SALUTE TO OUR VOLUNTEERS



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.

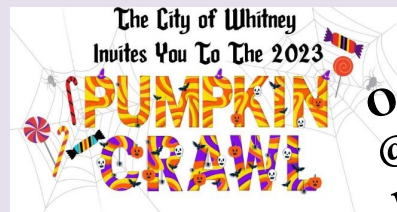
A big thanks to both of you!

LAKE WHITNEY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE



Pioneer days—Join in the fun at the annual Pioneer Days in the city of Whitney. There will be arts and crafts; carnival rides; entertainment; a parade, food vendors; and music.

Pioneer days takes place from October 5-7 in downtown Whitney.



**Oct 28 -Trick or treat
@3pm -6pm /Street
party @ 5:30-7:30**

Whoville Comes to Whitney—Grinch Festival!

Join in the holiday fun as Whitney hosts its first ever Grinch Festival. Enjoy arts, crafts, baked goods, entertainment, community lunch, and holiday specials from local merchants.

The festival will take place on Saturday, December 9th, from 10 AM to 8 PM.



HILL COUNTY MASTER GARDENERS



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

Wednesday, October 11 at Noon, presentation on “Invasive Plants” at the Hill County AgriLife Extension Office, 213 Stadium Drive, Hillsboro, TX

Saturday, October 14, 9:00 AM, Annual Tree Sale. Choose from fruit trees, shade trees, natives, fast-growing, and perennial plants. Location: Hillsboro Farmers Market, west side of Hillsboro Courthouse Square.

GARDEN CLUB AT THE LIBRARY

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

Thursday, October 12 at 11:00: “Choose Your Own Colorful Plants and Container. Lunch at the library, then a visit to Sisters Garden.

Thursday, November 9, at 11:00: “The Starts at Night”, a presentation by Larry Smith, Ranger and Astronomer.

Thursday, December 14 at 11:00: “Christmas Party”. Bring a gift to exchange.



CHILDREN & FAMILY ACTIVITIES AT THE LIBRARY

Pick up a Christmas Craft Kit: grab and go, or create at the library.

Christmas activity packet; bookmarks to color; Christmas Cards to give loved ones, coloring pages, etc.

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

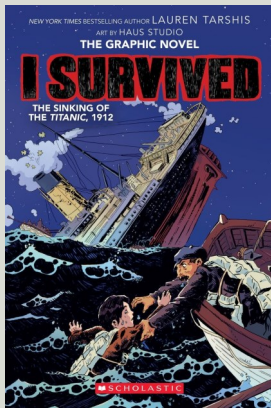
Lego Creation Station: Legos provided, even larger ones for younger kids; just bring your imagination!

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



NOVEMBER—CHILDREN’S NON-FICTION

The library is pleased to announce its new collection of graphic novels portraying actual events and historical figures. In the “*I Survived*” series, learn about the Nazi invasion, the Great Chicago Fire, the attack of the grizzlies in 1947, the sinking of the Titanic and more.

From our biography collection, meet famous individuals such as I. M. Pei, Muhammed Ali, Marie Curie, Albert Einstein, Amelia Earhart and others, and learn about their unique accomplishments.

All books are available for checkout.



DECEMBER—FERN MICHAELS

Fern Michaels is the pen name of Mary Ruth Kuczki who grew up in Hastings, Pennsylvania. Family and friends call her Dink, a name her father gave her when she was born because according to him she was ‘a dinky little thing’ weighing in at four and a half pounds. However, she answers to Fern since people are more comfortable with a name they can pronounce. Having been a voracious reader as a child, she began writing over 50 years ago and has written 161 books, most of them New York Times bestsellers.

She set up The Fern Michaels® Foundation which allows her to grant four year scholarships to needy, deserving students. She then opened pre-school and day care centers with affordable rates for single moms who are having a hard time of it. She has also donated over 40 bullet-proof vests to K-9 dogs across the country. She also provided two K-9 dogs to police departments in New York and Connecticut. She doesn’t believe she is a great writer, but she does think she is one hell of a story teller.

From fernmichaels.com

The library has 115 of her books including several in large print and audio. All are available for checkout.



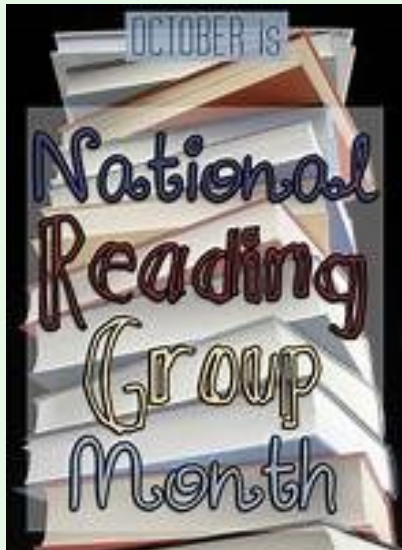
January— 2024-25

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:

BOOK CLUB



November 14 —*Deadly Keepsakes* by Anita Dickson, local author! **Meet the author via Zoom!**

When Tori Winters becomes the star witness in a murder trial, someone tries to kill her. Terrified, she's not giving the killer a second chance. With all her worldly possessions packed in her car, Tori is on the run. A mysterious phone call about an inheritance leads her to Granbury. After all, who would look for her in a small, quaint Texas town?

Instead, Tori's life is about to spin into an existence where nothing is as it seems. The historic house she inherits is steeped in secrets from the past. Secrets that may prove deadly. She's a stranger in a strange town. Who can she trust? There is the disinherited step-grandson and the lawyer and his son. What are they hiding?

Tori's inheritance may not be a blessing when a killer strikes again. It could be her death warrant.

December 12—Christmas Luncheon. Location to be announced.

December's meeting is a fun time to enjoy each other's company as books for 2024 are selected. All are invited to attend.

January 2024\23 \2024—*Lessons In Chemistry* By Bonnie Garmus

Chemist Elizabeth Zott is not your average woman. In fact, Elizabeth Zott would be the first to point out that there is no such thing as an average woman. But it's the early 1960s and her all-male team at Hastings Research Institute takes a very unscientific view of equality. Except for one: Calvin Evans; the lonely, brilliant, Nobel-prize nominated grudge-holder who falls in love with—of all things—her mind. True chemistry results.





But like science, life is unpredictable. Which is why a few years later Elizabeth Zott finds herself not only a single mother, but the reluctant star of America's most beloved cooking show *Supper at Six*. Elizabeth's unusual approach to cooking ("combine one tablespoon acetic acid with a pinch of sodium chloride") proves revolutionary. But as her following grows, not everyone is happy. Because as it turns out, Elizabeth Zott isn't just teaching women to cook. She's daring them to change the status quo.




Laugh-out-loud funny, shrewdly observant, and studded with a dazzling cast of supporting characters, *Lessons in Chemistry* is as original and vibrant as its protagonist.

LIBRARY CALENDAR—SPONSORED ITEMS IN RED

November 2023—Native American Heritage Month

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Noon 	2 Day of the Dead	3 Pre-School Storytime 10:30	4 National Bison Day
5 Daylight Savings Ends	6 National Nachos Day	7 Election Day	8 National S.T.E.M Day	9 Garden Club 11:00 	10 Pre-School Storytime 10:30	11 Veterans Day
12 Chicken Soup for the Soul Day	13 National Indian Pudding Day	14 Book Club 1:30 	15 National Recycling Day	16 National Rural Health Day	17 Pre-School Storytime 10:30	18 Ham Radio 10:00 
19 Play Monopoly Day	20 World Children's Day	21 Gingerbread	22 Cranberry Relish Day	23 Thanksgiving	24 Library Closed	25 Small Business Day
26 Cake Day	27 Craft Jerky	28 French Toast	29 PkgProtecion Day	30 PersSpaceDay		

December 2023—Seasonal Depression Awareness Month

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Pre-School Storytime 10:30	2 Nat'l Fritters Day
3 Persons w/ Disabilities Day	4 Santa's List Day	5 World Trick Shot Day	6 Noon 	7 Pearl Harbor Rememberance	8 Pre-School Storytime 10:30	9 Grinch Festival City of Whitney 10
10 Nobel Prize Day	11 National APP Day	12 Book Club Luncheon 	13 National Guard B-Day	14 Garden Club 11:00 	15 Pre-School Storytime 10:30	16 Ham Radio 10:00 
17 Maple Syrup Day	18 National Twins Day	19 Oatmeal Muffin Day	20 Go Caroling Day	21 First Day of Winter	22 Pre-School Storytime 10:30	23 Festivus
24 Egg Nog Day	25 Christmas	26 Boxing Day	27 Fruitcake Day	28 Chocolate Candy Day	29 No Interrup-tions Day	30 National Bacon Day
31 New Year's Eve						

January 2024—

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20 Ham Radio
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			