

Library Currents

The Newsletter of the Bastrop Public Library

Library Board Meeting

1st Monday 6:00 pm
Pressley Meeting Room

Friends of the Library

1st Tuesday 3:30 pm
Maynard Conference Room

Creative Writing Group

2nd Thursday 7:00 pm
Maynard Conference Room

Library Book Club

3rd Thursday 6:00 pm
Maynard Conference Room

Reserve - a - Librarian

Individual assistance with computers, job searching, applications and research. Ask at the Information Desk

Staff

Mr. Mickey DuVall, Director

Cookie Adkins, Supervisor, Cataloger

Bonnie Pierson, Program Supervisor

Bethany Dietrich, Teen Librarian

Ashley Guerrero, Library Associate, Circulation, & Volunteer Services

Sheila Bowman, Library Associate

Cary Kittrell, Graphics & Web

Cassy Wilhelm, Library Associate

Carmen Serna, Children's Assistant

Hours:

Mon. Wed. Fri.
10:00 am – 6:00 pm
Tues. & Thurs.
1:00 pm – 9:00 pm
Sat.
10:00 am – 4:00 pm
Closed Sunday

Arriving Soon

Promise Not to Tell by Jayne Ann Krentz

Unbound by Stuart Woods

Home Sweet Murder by James Patterson

Robicheaux by James Lee Burke

Operator Down by Brad Taylor

Shroud of Eternity by Terry Goodkind

The Eyes of the Dragon by Stephen King

Fools and Mortals by Bernard Cornwell

All-American Murder by James Patterson

Blood and Fury by J.R. Ward

Judgment Road by Christine Feehan

The Cast by Danielle Steel

Dark in Death by J.D. Robb

The Skaar Invasion by Terry Brooks

Shelter in Place by Nora Roberts

Accidental Heroes by Danielle Steel

The Fallen by David Baldacci

The Good Fight by Danielle Steel

What Are You Reading?

Carmen Serna:

The Wedding by Nicholas Sparks
The Wedding is the sequel to *The Notebook*, and it's just as good! I was incredibly touched by *The Wedding*. Lots of happy tears at the end!

Find it at BPL in Adult Fiction: F SPA and as an audiobook at CD Book F SPA and on OverDrive/Libby

Bethany Dietrich:

Solo by Kwame Alexander
I borrowed this eaudio with no idea what it is about. It's a sweet story about adoption, family, and music as a healing art. And I was pleasantly surprised.

Find it at BPL in the Teen Room: YA F ALE

Cookie Adkins:

The Rooster Bar by John Grisham
I'm listening to John Grisham's new book *The Rooster Bar*. I'm still waiting to find out what happens but well worth the wait!

Find it at BPL in Adult Fiction: F GRI and in the audiobooks at CD Book F GRI and on OverDrive/Libby

Cassy Wilhelm:

Small Great Things by Jodi Picoult
Excellent read! This story offers so many conflicting perspectives. One moment, you have a conviction you are adamant about and then the next you have flip-flopped and you find yourself on the other side of the fence. Picoult takes this very sensitive social issue and turns it on its head...brings it front and center...and has you questioning what you thought you knew... every time you turn the page! A must read!

Find it at BPL in Adult Fiction: F KIN

Bonnie Pierson:

Sting by Sandra Brown

I love how Sandra Brown mixes mystery, suspense and a little romance in this very twisted and complicated story. Just when you think you have it figured out, another bombshell is dropped so you aren't really sure who to trust. This is another engaging read that is perfect for a little escape from reality.

Find it at BPL in Adult Fiction: F BRO and on OverDrive/Libby

NEW Grow a Reader Program

2018 kicks off a new initiative wherein we help instill in kids and adults a desire to be a lifelong reader!

Numerous studies have been done that show how important it is to read to young children. But, it's just as important for kids and teenagers to keep reading, too! As for adults, reading helps keep your brain sharp, and provides a break from the daily stressors of work and family obligations.

Five different age groups have the opportunity to participate in the Grow a Reader Program:

- Toddlers and preschoolers: Grow a Reader: Read 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten
- Elementary kids: Nurture a Reader: Read 500 Books Before Middle School
- Tweens: Cultivate a Reader: Read 200 Books Before High School
- Teens: Enrich a Reader: Read 100 Books Before High School Graduation
- Adults: Be a Reader: Read 12 Books a Year

You will be able to track your reading, view reading lists and suggestions, and earn badges through our Read Squared software. To register (or log-in with your summer reading program credentials), visit our website at bastroplibrary.org.

We'll be keeping a tangible record of what each age group is reading in different locations throughout the library, so make sure you check in with us every time you go up a level!

STRATEGIES TO MAKE A READER



Children who are frequently read to develop stronger reading skills. Here are some strategies you can do with your kids to help develop those skills!

READ EVERY DAY

Whether you read a picture book, a cereal box, or the titles on the Netflix queue, this helps your child's brain connect the scratches and letters with words that string together.

POINT TO THE WORDS

When reading a book where the print is large, point word by word as you read. This will help the child learn that reading goes from left to right and understand that the word he or she says is the word he or she sees.

AGAIN AND AGAIN

Read a child's favorite book over and over again. Repetition is important for brains as they become familiar with letters, words, and sentences.

RHYMING STORIES

Read many stories with rhyming words and lines that repeat. Invite your child to join in on these parts. Point, word by word, as he or she reads along with you.

TALK ABOUT WORDS

Discuss new words. For example, "This big house is called a palace. Who do you think lives in a palace?"

TALK ABOUT THE STORY

Stop and ask about the pictures and about what is happening in the story.

READ WIDELY

Read from a variety of children's books, including fairy tales, song books, poems, and information books.

Source: https://www2.ed.gov/parents/read/resources/readingtips/part_pg4.html#4

Children's Programs

Preschool Storytime and Storytime Plus
 Wednesdays & Fridays
 10:30 - 11:45 a.m.

STEM Fun

1st Monday of the month
 4:00 - 5:00 p.m.
Ages 6-12, but children under 8 must be supervised by an adult

Lego Club

3rd Tuesday of the month
 3:00 - 4:30 p.m.
All ages welcome, but children under 8 must be supervised by an adult

Stories and Crafts

4th Tuesday of the month
 3:00 - 4:30 p.m.
Ages 5 and up, but children under 8 must be supervised by an adult

Homeschool Club

1st Thursday of the month
 2:00 - 3:30 p.m.
Ages 8-12

Tween Program (10-13)

Tween Tuesdays
 NEW! 2nd Tuesday of the month
 4:30 - 5:30 p.m.
 Jan. 9th & Feb. 13th

Teen Programs (13-18)

Teen Thursdays
 Every Thursday
 4:45 - 6:15 p.m.

Please see the Programming Guide for details and more.

Book & Plant Sale

The annual book and plant sale is co-sponsored by the Friends of the Library and the Lost Pines Garden Club.



This is the largest fundraiser of the year, and all proceeds go directly to youth programming, like the upcoming Summer Reading Program!

From the Lost Pines Garden Club, you will find lots of healthy plants chosen to flourish in our area and receive tips from knowledgeable gardeners on how to keep them healthy and blooming prettily.



And from the Friends of the Library, there will be thousands of books, most priced at \$.50 to \$1.00. What a bargain! The sale will take place during normal Library hours. Saturday from 3:00 - 4:00pm, the Friends will offer a special deal, a bag full of books for only \$3.00!

We are thankful and appreciative for all the books donated this year. Keep bringing them into help us have an awesome sale!

Abundant Smiles



The Library Board's Annual Open House on Saturday, Dec. 9, 2017 produced abundant smiles! We had over 1,000 visitors taking pictures with Santa Claus; decorating gingerbread houses; listening to beautiful music performances by harpist Monica Miller, the Honor Choir, and Gary and Donna Taylor and enjoying refreshments. We also had a great time decorating the float and participating in the parade! Thank you to everyone for joining us!

Thank You!

Thank you to the numerous individuals and organizations who donated to the Library during 2017. Thanks to your generosity, we are able to continue, improve and add programs and services to support and enrich our community. Our Library would not be the same without this support!

- Barbara & Michael Barrett
- IBM International Foundation
- Friends of the Bastrop Public Library
- Lost Pines Garden Club
- Gary & Lisa Sandlin
- Margi Dyer (Trudy Ursin memorial)
- Wally & Bill Dyer (Trudy Ursin memorial)
- Vicky Westover (Trudy Ursin memorial)
- Neana Hall (Trudy Ursin memorial)
- Rip & Suzie Summers (Trudy Ursin memorial)
- Ray & Linda Summers (Trudy Ursin memorial)
- Darren Summers (Trudy Ursin memorial)
- Barbara & Alan Briney (Trudy Ursin memorial)
- Jason Alfaro (Trudy Ursin memorial)
- The Ursin Children (Trudy Ursin memorial)
- The Pandanell Family (Trudy Ursin memorial)
- Al & Alice Gaines (Trudy Ursin memorial)
- Margi Comfort
- The Bastrop Ladies Reading Circle
- Bluebonnet Electric Cooperative
- To The Point Knife Sharpening

The Friends of Bastrop Public Library raised \$5,044 in December's Fire Knife Raffle!

Library Closings

- The library will be closed the following dates:
- Monday, Jan. 15th for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
 - Friday, March 2nd for Texas Independence Day
 - Friday, March 30th and Saturday, April 1st for Good Friday and Easter Saturday

Do you like books? Are you gung-ho about the library? Are you between 10-17 years old?

Join Bastrop Public Library's Youth Advisory Squad!

Join us the 2nd Saturday of the month (starting Feb. 10) from 1-2pm in the Maynard Conference Room

IRL Friending

A NEW program for 21-35(ish) year olds is coming to BPL in January!

IRL (In Real Life) Friending, an internet term indicating face-to-face friendships over online communities, is in its trial stages this quarter. It is aimed at 21-35 year olds who are new in town and/or who want to make new friends.

We will start at BPL for an hour of fun times and then move to The Old Town Restaurant and Bar (931 Main St.) at 6pm for dinner. If you can't make it at 5pm, feel free to join us at 6:00 at Old Town!

This program is the fourth Friday of the month:

- Jan. 26th: Scavenger Hunt
- Feb. 23rd: Board Games
- Mar. 23rd: Paperback Play
- Apr. 27: 20th Anniversary of the Battle of Hogwarts Celebration

