

# Library Currents

The Newsletter of the Bastrop Public Library

**Library Board Meeting**

1<sup>st</sup> Monday 6:00 pm  
Pressley Meeting Room

**Friends of the Library**

1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday 3:30 pm  
Maynard Conference Room

**Creative Writing Group**

2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday 7:00 pm  
Maynard Conference Room

**Library Book Club**

3<sup>rd</sup> 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, Administrative  
Services

Cary Kittrell, Graphics & Web

Cassy Wilhelm, Communications

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](http://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!

Wonders of the Written Word

## BENEFITS OF READING



**1 STIMULATES YOUR BRAIN**

Studies have repeatedly shown that exercising your brain by reading can delay or prevent the development of Alzheimers and Dementia



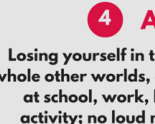
**2 STRENGTHENS CREATIVITY**

Those who read more are often more innovative and creative in their thinking and in areas of problem-solving



**3 BOOSTS KNOWLEDGE**

Reading regularly improves your vocabulary and increases your knowledge of the world. This is why reading to children from a young age is so important



**4 ALLEVIATES STRESS**

Losing yourself in the pages of a book can transport you to whole other worlds, away from any stress you might be facing at school, work, home or elsewhere. Reading is a quiet activity; no loud noises, no bright lights, no fast-moving pictures to keep you from unwinding after a hard day



### SO WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR?

Pick up a book and experience the benefits for yourself.

<https://wondersofthewrittenword.wordpress.com/>

Children’s Programs

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

**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 - 5:00 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*

**Youth Programs**

**Tween Tuesdays (10-13)**

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

**Youth Advisory Squad (10-17)**

NEW! 2nd Saturday of the month  
1:00 - 2:00 p.m.  
Feb. 10th & Mar. 10th  
*Earn volunteer hours!*

**Teen Thursdays (13-17)**

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!

Journals for the Hard Journey

Bastrop Public Library and the Children’s Advocacy Center are teaming up to provide journals to victims of child abuse in Bastrop, Lee, and Fayette counties. Writing in a journal is a great psychological tool for these kids and teens to help process all that they have experiences.

Donate composition notebooks at BPL between March 17th - April 6th.

We will decorate them on Saturday, April 7th from 11am-1pm at BPL.

Tax Info

You can view, download, or print forms online from [www.irs.gov/Forms](http://www.irs.gov/Forms).

**Forms will not be available at the library this year.**

Have a form delivered through the mail by placing an order at [www.irs.gov/forms](http://www.irs.gov/forms) or via telephone:

Forms and Publications 1-800-829-3676  
Hearing impaired TTY/TDD 1-800-829-4059

VITA

Volunteer Income Tax Assistance

VITA 2018 Site Schedule

Saturdays:  
February 3 - April 14  
10am-2pm  
(Closed March 10th for Spring Break)

VITA Site Location

Workforce Solutions  
Rural Capital Area  
53 Loop 150 West  
Bastrop, Texas

For more information, call 2-1-1

To qualify: You must earn, as a family or as an individual, \$62,000 or less in 2017.



Library Closings

The library will be closed the following dates:

- Friday, March 2nd for Texas Independence Day
- Friday, March 30th and Saturday, March 31st 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 Friendings

A NEW program for 21-35(ish) year olds is now available at BPL!

IRL (In Real Life) Friendings, 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:

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