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## Blown Away by Community's Help

In September, Bastrop Public Library and Children's Advocacy Center partnered for their second Journals for the Hard Journey program. The community was asked to donate new composition notebooks at the library, which were then decorated at a family-friendly event. The Children's Advocacy Center then gives the journals to their clients, victims of child abuse, to help them process and work through their trauma.

We received 401 notebooks at the library. On Saturday, September 8th, 84 of them were decorated during the decorating party. Thank you to the KSA Engineers offices throughout the state, the Bastrop County Rotary Club, and everyone who provided journals. Your generosity was monumental! Thanks also goes to the Honor Choir, the library's Youth Advisory Squad, and everyone who helped decorate the journals with special touches and an extra helping of love.

Staff at the library and CAC were astounded by the support from the community. Thank you for making a difference in these kids' lives!

# Welcome, Terry!



Terry Carwell joined Bastrop Public Library staff in mid-September in the role of Circulation Associate. Terry's face may look familiar to you because he's been working with us for most of 2018 as an AARP Foundation worker, which is a partnership program. Make sure you say hi and welcome to Terry!

## Library Closings

- Monday, Nov. 12 for Veterans Day
- Thursday-Sunday, Nov. 22-25 for Thanksgiving
- Monday-Tuesday, Dec. 24-25 for Christmas
- Tuesday, Jan. 1 for New Years Day

# Annual Open House

The holiday season is right around the corner!

Every year, we celebrate the holiday season with the Library Board's Annual Open House event on the second Saturday of December. This year, Open House will be on Saturday, December 8 from 10:00-4:00. Come celebrate another great year at the library with activities, live musical performances, and refreshments:



Graham Cracker Houses	10:00-3:00
Santa Claus	10:00-12:00
Harpist, Monica Miller	10:00-12:00
Honor Choir	1:00 - 1:30
Gary & Donna Taylor	1:45 - 3:45



All activities are free and perfect for the whole family to have some holiday fun together.

Additionally, teens are invited to ride Bastrop Public Library's float in the Lighted Christmas Parade. Meet at the library at 3:00 to decorate and eat pizza. The parade starts at 6:00. Your ride can pick you up back at the library about 8pm (depending on traffic).

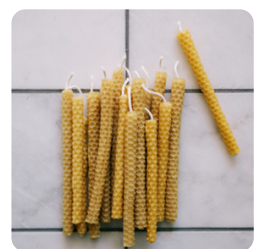


## Elves' Workshop

The teens now have their own event in the Lost Pines Christmas!

Everyone loves a hand-made gift-- especially parents, and we've got you covered! Join us at Bastrop Public Library and make several made-with-love gifts sure to please multiple people on your shopping list. We'll have Christmas cookies and mocktails, too!

This very special Teen Thursdays will be on Thursday, December 6 from 4:45-6:15 and teens aged 13-17 are invited to join as supplies last.



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# Titles Arriving Soon

- The New Person You Meet in Heaven by Mitch Albom
- A Very Special Christmas by Mary Balogh
- The Reckoning by John Grisham
- Vendetta by Iris Johansen
- Elevation by Stephen King
- When We Were Young by Karen Kingsbury
- Unsheltered by Barbara Kingsolver
- Kingdom of Ash by Sarah J. Maas
- Alaskan Holiday by Debbie Macomber
- Nine Perfect Strangers by Liane Moriarty
- Ambush by James Patterson
- A Spark of Light by Jodi Picoult
- Blood Communion: A Tale of Prince Lestat by Anne Rice
- Connections in Death by J.D. Robb
- Holy Ghost by John Sandford
- Every Breath by Nicholas Sparks
- Consumed by J.R. Ward
- Desperate Measures by Stuart Woods
- And more!

# Bastrop Halloween Bash

## Now at Mayfest Park / Rodeo Grounds

The 2018 Halloween Bash is hosted by the Bastrop YMCA, the City of Bastrop, Bastrop Police Department, Bastrop Fire Department, and the Bastrop Public Library. At Mayfest Park / Rodeo Grounds, the festival will have more space for vendors and a safer environment for families. The focus is on activities and games for children to enjoy, and food and refreshments for the candy-filled tummies to recover.

The Halloween Bash will be Wednesday, October 31 from 5:00-8:00 p.m. at Mayfest Park / Rodeo Grounds for an EXCITING evening of festivities for everyone to enjoy!

If you are interested in being a vendor (food or nonfood), please visit [bastroplibrary.org](http://bastroplibrary.org) and scroll down to the bottom of the homepage for forms and details.



## FOL's New Officers

The Friends of the Library met on Tuesday, September 25th for their annual meeting. Among the topics discussed, elections were held, and new officers were announced. Please help us welcome them:

President: Elizabeth Sims

Vice President of Membership and Volunteers: Terry Bigsby

Vice President of Publicity and Outreach: Cindy Heath

Vice President of Fundraising and Book Nook: Grace Dacy

Secretary: Susan Dufour

Treasurer: Rob Bigsby

Members at Large: Maxine Davenport, Barbara Durkin, Dawn East, Angela Plunkett, and Dianne Tripp

### MAKERSPACE

#### Open Lab: 3D Printer

NEW! 4th Mondays

3:30-5:30

For beginner and expert makers!  
All ages welcome, but kids under 8 must be supervised by an adult.

#### Crafters Anonymous (18+)

NEW! 3rd Tuesday of the month

6:30-7:30 p.m.

Limited to 15 participants

### 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 kids under 8 must be supervised by an adult

### YOUTH PROGRAMS

#### Tween Tuesdays (10-13)

2nd Tuesday of the month

4:30 - 5:30 p.m.

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

2nd Saturday of the month

1:00 - 2:00 p.m.

Earn volunteer hours!

#### Teen Thursdays (13-17)

Every Thursday

4:45 - 6:15 p.m.



# What Are You Reading?

**Cassy Wilhelm:**

**The Woman in the Window by A.J. Finn**

This psychological thriller throws so many twists and turns at you that you're apt to feel like you're riding a wave. In the midst of this crazy tale, you learn quite a bit about agoraphobia as a woman who is dealing with PTSD becomes agoraphobic. She witnesses the unspeakable and must prove it...all without leaving her home! If you love old crime films and who-done-it type thrillers, this is the story for you!

Find it: [F Fin](#) and as an ebook on the [OverDrive/Libby](#) app

**Bonnie Pierson:**

**Wolf Hollow by Lauren Wolf**

\*\* 2017 Newbery Honor Book, an NPR Best Book of the Year, and an ALA Notable Children's Book

While I loved this book, it might be a little heavy for some elementary and middle school students. This is a very powerful book dealing with bigotry, prejudice, kindness, social responsibility, and the struggle between right and wrong. It is definitely a story to read with your kids for great discussion opportunities.

Find it: [JF Wol](#) and as an ebook on [OverDrive/Libby](#)

**Carmen Serna:**

**After the Fall: How Humpty Got Back Up Again by Dan Santat**

I absolutely love this story! What an emotionally inspiring book. There's something really powerful about the message delivered in this story, and I think adults benefit from it just as much as kids do. I read this book at the perfect time, and my son loved it!

Find it in adult fiction: [F Sta](#)

**Bethany Dietrich:**

**Children of Blood and Bone by Tomi Adeyemi**

Zelie, Tzaine, and Amari are on a mission to bring back magic. But the quest is far from straight forward. They face treacherous siblings, betraying love interests, ambushes, and more. This book was phenomenal! I started off listening to the audiobook, and I got impatient with wanting to know what was going to happen, so I also checked out the physical book so I could know sooner. The question of loyalty is blood-pounding as anticipation builds and prediction flies out the window.

Find it in the Teen Room: [YA F Ade](#) and as an ebook on [OverDrive/Libby](#)

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## 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

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