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A New Library Director

The City of Bastrop has hired a new library director for Bastrop Public Library. Becca Sexton will start her new position on Monday, July 1st.

Becca is originally from New England, but she and her husband currently reside in Austin, along with their pets. Before working in libraries, Becca was a fundraiser at Boston University.

Becca has been a branch manager at Austin Public Library, branch manager at Cambridge Public Library in Massachusetts, and Assistant Director and Public Services Librarian at Cedar Park Public Library, in addition to other positions and responsibilities in various libraries. She is currently on the Comics and Graphic Novels Round Table Communications Committee for the American Library Association.

Becca is excited about joining the Bastrop community and looks forward to building relationships with library patrons, library staff, city council and city staff, Bastropians in general, and businesses and organizations in town. Listening and connecting with these individuals is instrumental in her plan for identifying gaps in Bastrop's needs that the library can adapt to to provide for the community and to ensure that the library remains relevant. No matter what, Bastrop Public Library will remain an equitable place that promotes and provide free access to all people.

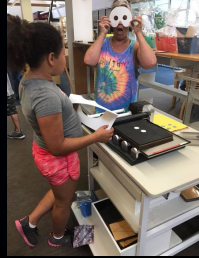
Another of Becca's philosophies concerning library service is that while the library can't be all things to all people, it can have something for everyone. This may mean some changes, but the library will still be focused on access to information, resources, and space for all.

Please join us in welcoming Becca to the Bastrop Public Library team on Tuesday, July 23 from 1:00-4:00pm in the Pressley Meeting Room. Introduce yourself, enjoy some cake, and let's kick-off a great tenure with our new library director!



Becca listens to Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets eaudiobook on Libby/OverDrive

A UNIVERSE of Stories



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An Out-of-This-World Summer!

Summer Reading 2019 blasts off on **Saturday, June 1** with a party where you and your kids can play games, win prizes, create a Beanstack profile to log your minutes, get your face painted, and have fun! The library will be open from 10am-4pm with the Opening Day Party from **10am-12pm**.

If you can't make it on June 1st, you can still sign up to log your minutes so that you can win awesome prizes. Create your profile and log minutes at bastroplibrary.beanstack.org or at the Summer Reading Table in the library. Participants are broken into four groups: kids (0-9 years), tweens (10-13 years), teens (13-17 years), and adults (18+).

Kids, tweens, and teens reading (or listening) 500 minutes will receive a free book, a coupon at a local restaurant, and an entry into the Grand Prize drawing of their choice. Adults reading (or listening) 1,000 minutes will receive an entry in a Grand Prize drawing of their choice. Grand Prizes for each age group are posted in the library and on our website at cityofbastrop.org/page/lib.SRP.homepage.

The only way to win is to log your minutes! All minutes must be logged by Saturday, July 27th at 12 noon to receive a prize. Grand prize drawings will take place during Stars Wars: A Finale Party on that day.

If you need help deciding what to read, stop and ask a librarian at the Information Desk! We love discussing books and helping you (or your kids) find the perfect read.

New this year are **passive programs**, which are DIY, self-guided activities. We provide supplies and instructions, and you complete it. When you have completed the instructions (which will change each week), you can show off your creation at the Summer Reading Table for a small prize and to earn 10 minutes of "reading" in Beanstack. Each week this summer, there will be 3 passive programs:

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Thank you, Old Town!

Old Town celebrated five years with a crawfish boil earlier this spring. The money they raised that day they generously split between Bastrop Public Library and the Children's Advocacy Center. The money will be used to purchase more audiobooks for the library.



Travel Guides Wanted

We recently were doing some spring/summer cleaning and noticed that many of our travel guides are out of date. If you have travel guides that are copyrighted 2017 or newer, please donate them to the library so that we can update our collection!

If you are looking for a travel guide and don't see it on our shelves, please fill out a purchase request at the Information or Circulation Desks or online at cityofbastrop.org/page/lib.services.suggest so that we can provide information for your upcoming trip.

Library Closings

- Thursday, July 4 for Independence Day

Genre Award-Winners

Many awards were given out this spring, which means you know these reads will be captivating!

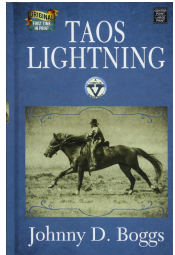
The **Romance** Writers of America identified a number of finalists, but won't select winners until July. In the meantime, check-out a finalist:

- Bad Bachelor by Stefanie London - OverDrive/Libby
- An Earl Like You by Caroline Linden - OverDrive/Libby
- Mornings on Main by Jodie Thomas - CD Book F Tho
- Not If I Save You First by Ally Carter - YA F Car



Fans of **Westerns** will want to pay attention to the Spur Award winners:

- Hawke's War by Reavis Z. Wortham - CD Book F Wor
- The Line Becomes a River by Francisco Cantu - 92 Can
- Taos Lightning by Johnny D. Boggs - LT F Bog



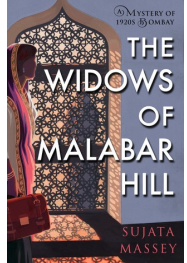
Horror lovers have the Bram Stoker Award:

- The Cabin at the End of the World by Paul Tremblay - MYS Tre + OverDrive/Libby
- The Dark Descent of Elizabeth Frankenstein by Kiersten White - YA F Whi
- The Hunger by Alma Katsu - NOV Kat
- What Should Be Wild by Julia Fine - SFF Fin



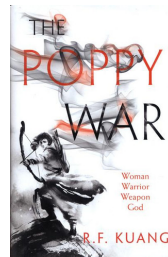
Mystery fans have TWO awards: the Agathas and the Edgars, named after... can you guess?

- Down the River unto the Sea by Walter Mosley - MYS Mos
- Bearskin by James A. McLaughlin - MYS McL
- If I Die Tonight by Alison Gaylin - MYS Gay
- Sadie by Courtney Summers - YA F Sum + OverDrive/Libby
- The Widows of Malabar Hill by Sujata Massey - LT F Mas + OverDrive/Libby
- Shell Game by Sara Paretsky - MYS Par + OverDrive/Libby

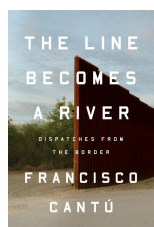
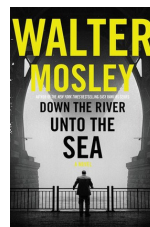


And **science-fiction and fantasy** readers also have two awards, the Nebula Award and the Hugo Award:

- The Poppy War by R.F. Kuang - SFF Kua
- Trail of Lightning by Rebecca Roanhorse - SFF Roa + OverDrive/Libby
- Children of Blood and Bone by Tomi Adeyemi - YA F Ade and OverDrive/Libby
- Artificial Condition by Martha Wells - SFF Wel + CD Book F Wel + OverDrive/Libby



If you would like to read more award winners (or finalists), ask at the Information Desk, and we can help you find them!



Titles Arriving Soon

- A Plain Vanilla Murder by Susan Wittig Albert
- Aunt Dimity and the Heart of Gold by Nancy Atherton
- One Good Deed by David Baldacci
- Whiskers in the Dark by Rita Mae Brown
- The House on Olive Street by Robyn Carr
- Labyrinth by Catherine Coulter
- Summer of '69 by Elin Hilderbrand
- A Season in Hell by Easy Jackson
- Smokescreen by Iris Johansen
- First Mountain Man: Preacher's Range by William W. Johnstone with J.A. Johnstone
- Window on the Bay by Debbie Macomber
- The Second-Worst Restaurant in France by Alexander McCall Smith
- Knife by Jo Nesbo
- Unsolved by James Patterson
- Sophia, Princess Among Beasts by James Patterson
- The New Girl by Daniel Silva
- Lost and Found by Danielle Steel
- Mrs. Everything by Jennifer Weiner
- And more!

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- For littles in the Children's Area: This could be a DIY storytime that parents do with their child, a question of the week for school-aged children to answer, and/or a themed book display where they must figure out how the books are alike.
- For tweens/teens/adults: above the games outside the Teen Room. This could be a challenge, a maker opportunity, and/or a chance to be silly and creative.
- For families to complete together: This is a scavenger hunt that takes you outside the library! There will be a new list of items every Monday, and families have through that Saturday to bring in their pictures to show off their found items. Lists are available on our website and at the Summer Reading Table.

PLUS there will be performers, Lego Club, Crafters Anonymous, Teen Thursdays, Tween Tuesdays, Maker Buffet, Movie Mondays, and so much more throughout the summer. For a full list of programs and events, plus see the calendar at the Summer Reading Table or online at cityofbastrop.org/page/lib.SRP.calendar.

Book Buddies

NEW this summer is an opportunity for your child to be read to by one of our volunteers! Book Buddies is open for drop-in reading on Tuesdays and Thursdays, June 11th through July 25th, from 2pm-6pm. This is a great opportunity for your kid to have an interactive reading experience.



Our volunteers will have books for your child to choose from, literacy encouragers and conversation starters to get your child thinking and talking about the story, and engage them with the story.

Care Kit Donations

The final Teen Thursdays program of the summer will be an opportunity for local teens who need to earn service/volunteer hours. One of the projects that afternoon will to create care kits, which will be donated to the Family Crisis Center. As such, we will be collecting the items for the kits from **June 24th through July 24th**. You can drop off the following items in the lobby of the library. Travel-size is preferred.

- lotion
- toothbrush
- conditioner
- deodorant
- shampoo
- toothpaste
- washcloths
- socks (all sizes)

MAKERSPACE

Maker Buffet

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+)

3rd Tuesday of the month
6:30-7:30 p.m.
Limited to 10 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.



Staff Picks

Staff

Becca Sexton, Library Director (starting July 1st)

Bonnie Pierson, Program Supervisor & Interim Director

Ashley Guerrero, Interim Technical Services Supervisor

Cary Kittrell, Graphics & Web

Carmen Serna, Children's Assistant

Bethany Dietrich, Young Adult Librarian

Sheila Bowman, Administrative Services

Catherine Lombardo, Library Associate, Circulation, & Volunteer Services

Terry Carwell, Library Associate, Circulation Services

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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Sheila Bowman:

The Husband's Secret by Liane Moriarty

Cecilia Fitzpatrick has a husband, three daughters, a lovely home and a successful business, but the fabric of her well-ordered life is about to unravel. While her husband is away on business, Cecilia happens upon a letter to be opened after his death. The deep, dark secret revealed in the letter has repercussions she could not have imagined.

Find it: [MYS Mor](#), [CD Book Mor](#), and on [OverDrive/Libby](#)

Terry Carwell:

Thor

If you are a fan of sci-fi and action movies, Thor is full of adventure and will always be a crowd-pleaser. The action, cinematography, and storyline are excellent! A must-see for superhero fans.

Find it: [DVD F Tho](#)

Catherine Lombardo:

Belle

Dido is a young woman in 18th century England who is raised by her aristocratic great-uncle and -aunt. She is left an inheritance that would attract many men, but her skin color separates her from "the proper social standing." To further complicate the plot, England, at the height of colonialism, is debating whether slaves are cargo or not. Dido's uncle is the high judge in this case, and he has to hear both sides before a decision is made that will impact many businessmen and individuals like Dido who are of African descent. Romance for Dido is introduced with a young lawyer who is fighting for social change.... This movie can hold your attention even without popcorn!

Find it: [DVD F Bel](#)

Bethany Dietrich:

The Wedding Date by Jasmine Guillory

The Wedding Date is a fun, light-hearted romance starring Alexa and Drew, who meet-cute in an elevator in San Francisco. There is so much banter in the book, I love it! The protagonist is smart, competent, and a modern woman, and the male protagonist doesn't treat her like crap. Instead, they are concerned about consent, feelings, safe sex, and more. I'm absolutely devouring all these newer romance authors: Guillory, Hoang, and Lauren!

Find it: [ROM Guil](#) and on [OverDrive/Libby](#)

Most popular check-outs of March and April 2019:

Picture book: The Petes Go Marching by James Dean ~ [E Dea](#)

Chapter book: Killer Koalas from Outer Space by Andy Griffiths ~ [JF GRN Kil](#)

YA: My Hero Academia vol. 1 ~ [YA GRN MYH v. 1](#)

Adult fiction: The New Iberia Blues by James Lee Burke ~ [MYS Bur \(NEW\)](#)

Adult nonfiction: The Feather Thief by Kirk Wallace Johnson ~ [364.162 Joh \(NEW\)](#)



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