Summer Reading Begins June 15th

Once upon a time, all the librarians at Bastrop Public Library were scurrying around, preparing for a summer of fairytales and fun for all the readers, when, unexpectedly, a terrible villain appeared, the Wicked Witch Corona. The Wicked Witch Corona really tried to stop the Summer Reading Program, but our tenacious librarians said, "Not by the hair of our chinny-chin-chin!" They did a lot of modifying to bring a summer of fairytales and fun in a slightly different pumpkin--errr package. So pull on your glass slippers, vacuum your flying carpets, don your crowns, and join us June 15-July 25 for Imagine Your Story.

This summer, youth and adults who complete the program (500 minutes for youth and 1,000 minutes for adults) will receive prize books and entries into a drawing for a Kindle Fire and other prizes. Participants earn up to four books during the six weeks of the program.¹

Everyone can sign-up starting June 15 by going to bastroplibrary.org and choosing the Summer Reading tab. Once you sign up, you can track your time through the Beanstack website or app or on paper. All prize entries will be managed through our Beanstack software. If you need help signing up, logging time, or entering a drawing, call (512) 332-8894 and we will be happy to help!

All time and prize entries must be submitted by midnight on Saturday, July 25, 2020.

We hope you'll join us this summer and remember, if you have any questions, give us a call!

¹ Each participant must have an active Beanstack account to participate in the drawing for a Kindle Fire (adult participants only).
New Titles

- Afterlife by Julia Alvarez
- Death in Mudlick by Eric Eyre
- Magnolia Table, Volume 2 by Joanna Gaines
- Lady in Waiting by Anne Glenconner
- The Big Lie by James Grippando
- The Other Bennet Sister by Janice Hadlow
- Shorefall by Robert Jackson Bennett
- The City We Became by N.K. Jemisin
- Simon the Fiddler by Paulette Jiles
- The Book of Longings by Sue Monk Kidd
- If It Bleeds by Stephen King
- The Honey-Don’t List by Christina Lauren
- Code Name Helene by Ariel Lawhon
- The Moment of Tenderness by Madeleine L’Engle
- Me and Patsy Kickin’ Up Dust by Loretta and Patsy Lynn
- The Glass Hotel by Emily St. John Mandel
- The Mirror and the Light by Hilary Mantel
- The Talented Mr. Varg by Alexander McCall Smith
- Valentine by Elizabeth Wetmore
- And more!

Curbside Now Available!

1. Place 5 items* on hold by calling the library at (512) 332-8894 or online at bastroplibrary.org and schedule a pick-up time**.
2. Pull into a handicap parking spot near the library’s front entrance and call us at (512) 332-8880 to let us know you’re here.
3. A library staff member will walk your items out to a table. When they go back inside, you may get out of your car and pick them up.
4. Return items via the drive-through bookdrop.

*We will fill requested titles as they are available. Titles will be quarantined for 72 hours before checking out to new patrons.

**Same-day pick-up is available Monday-Friday and with two hours notice.

Online Summer Programs

Social distancing means all summer programs will be virtual. But don’t despair! We have lots of things to keep your family busy.

In addition to bi-weekly Virtual Storytime, Virtual Baby Time will begin again on Mondays at 10:15 starting June 15. Try It Out Tuesdays at 3:00 on our Facebook page will be family-friendly activities like knot tying, friendship bracelets, and of course, LEGOs.

Virtual Teen Thursdays will be a mix of Jackbox games and other activities with Bethany on the library’s Discord server. Email her at bdietrich@bastroplibrary.org for access.

Adult Trivia and Laugh/Cry/Cringe will be outlets for adult conversation and connections in June and July. Along with Crafters Anonymous and Coffee with Catherine and Cary. Email Bethany or Cary (caryk@bastroplibrary.org) for access to these programs.

We will continue our Thursday night Going the Distance Book Club on Facebook, the Director’s Book Club via Zoom, and Saturday interacts such as polls, show me activities, and digital escape rooms on Facebook and Instagram.

Check bastroplibrary.org and the library’s Facebook page for more details and additional online summer fun.

Youth Activity Packets

Need fresh things to do with your kids? Request an activity packet from Bastrop Public Library! Beginning June 15, activity packets will be available every other week via curbside. Packets include coloring sheets, puzzles, and a craft and STEM activity. Call us at (512) 332-8894 to get a packet or request it with your curbside order.

Library Closings

- Monday, May 25 for Memorial Day
We're expanding who is writing newsletter reviews so that we can get a variety of genre suggestions for all types of readers! If you've read a book and want to write a positive review for the newsletter, please email Bethany at bdietrich@bastroplibrary.org.

Becky Bennett, Library Board member:  
Just Mercy by Bryan Stevenson  
Stevenson is a lawyer who opens a practice, the Equal Justice Initiative, in Alabama to exonerate people wrongly convicted or sentenced in Alabama. This heart-breaking, inspiring, and compelling nonfiction account relates how Stevenson and his colleagues work to free Walter McMillan, who was wrongly convicted of murder and sentenced to death. Also presented are the tragic stories of other men and women and how entire communities are harmed by a flawed system that sends the innocent and mentally ill to death row and condemns traumatized children to death in prison.  
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Brenda Smith, volunteer:  
The Institute by Stephen King  
What if the government tested each newborn to see if they are “special”? What if the most “special” were monitored and then taken violently from their homes as children to be experimented upon for their abilities to be weaponized? What if one little boy was so powerful that he could bring down the hidden complex along with the cruel employees who work there? The brilliant Mr. King entrances us in yet another menacing and suspenseful page turner of good vs evil!  
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Mary McCormick, patron:  
A Week in Winter by Maeve Binchy  
The lives of eight guests and staff at Stone House, an Irish B&B, weave together during a week’s vacation in this heart-warming story. There’s an American actor who wants to be incognito, a couple who are both doctors and have seen too much death, a young nurse with her difficult future mother-in-law, an accountant who would rather be a musician, the owner who has returned to Ireland from New York with a secret, and others. If you like character-driven stories, this one is for you!  
Find it: NOV Bin • LT F Bin • Libby ebooks

Bonnie Pierson, staff:  
Song for a Whale by Lynne Kelly  
Twelve-year-old Iris is a tech genius. But she’s the only deaf person in her school, so people usually treat her like she’s not very smart. She often feels misunderstood and lonely. When she learns about Blue 55 in science class, a real whale who is unable to speak to other whales, Iris is compelled to help him. But how? How can one deaf girl in Texas reach across the miles to western Canada to let a lonely whale know he is heard? Iris begins an adventure that will shatter the boundaries defining her life and open up an understanding that she has never known before is this moving and suspenseful story.  
Find it: JF Kel (New)