



Beaumont Public Library System

September 2010

Beaumont Public Library

801 Pearl Street

838-6606

Monday – Friday 10am – 9pm

HOME SCHOOL

BOOK CLUB

Children age 8-11

2nd Tuesdays @ 2

Starts Sept. 14th

Join us for fun discussions and activities. No registration required, just come prepared for our first get together by reading any story about *Anansi the Spider*. After our discussion we will choose books to read the rest of the year.

October 12th

Book discussion will be *Too Much Noise* by Ann McGovern.

PRE-SCHOOL STORY TIME

THURSDAYS @ 10:30am

Join us every Thursday morning at 10:30 for stories, songs and a craft. All ages are welcome.

Sept. 9 Off we go!

Sept. 16 A Helping Hand

Sept. 23 Apples! Yum, Yum!
Special treat and an apple craft.



Sept 30 Seasons
Craft: Leaf tracings.

Anne of Green Gables Girls Night Out!

Friday October 15th. @ 6pm.

Girls age 8 and up and their moms.

Read the book Anne of Green Gables by L. M. Montgomery and join us as we watch the movie and discuss the book. Snacks will be provided.

Registration is required. To sign up, or for more information call Robin @ 838-6606.

Movie and discussion will be held at the Theodore Johns Library.

BOOK DISCUSSION @ THE BEST YEARS CENTER

Friday, September 10 @ 10am

Black Dahlia by James Ellroy

The *Black Dahlia* is a crime novel inspired by the murder of Elizabeth Short. Set in Los Angeles in the late 1940s portraying corruption in the police department and the DA's office.

Friday, October 8 @ 10am

Red River by Lalita Tademy

Lalita Tademy weaves together history and the story of her own family to bring us an epic work of fiction, the dramatic, intertwining story of two families struggling to make a place for themselves in an America deeply divided after the Civil War. For the newly freed black residents of Colfax, Louisiana, the beginning of Reconstruction promised them the right to vote, own property, and at last, control their own lives. But in the space of a day, angry whites would take back Colfax in one of

the deadliest incidents of racial violence in Southern history, In the bitter aftermath, the Tademys and the Smiths will have to deal with the wreckage, push on, and build a better life for their sons and daughters over the next seventy years. A unique accomplishment, this is the history never before told, brought to life through the unforgettable lives of three generations of African American husbands and wives, parents and children. A saga of violence, courage, and most of all, dreams broken, repaired and strengthened over time, *Red River* explores issues that resonate to this day....as it illuminates the sometimes heartbreaking choices we all must make to claim the legacy.

Books are available at the Best Years Center

NONFICTION BOOK DISCUSSION

Wednesday, September 1 @ 10am

Play: How it Shapes the Brain, Opens the Imagination, Invigorates the Soul by Stuart Brown

Brown, a physician, psychiatrist, clinical researcher and the founder of the National Institute for Play, has made a career of studying the effects of play on people and animals. His conclusion is that play is no less important than oxygen, and that it's a powerful force in nature that helps determine the likelihood of the very survival of the



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Wednesday, October 6 @ 10am

1776 by David McCullough
The book *1776* by David McCullough covers a series of events from the announcement of war against the American colonies by King George the III in 1775, to the great American victory at Trenton in 1776.

Books will be available at the Beaumont Public Library – Downtown

Elmo Willard Branch Library

3590 East Lucas
892-4988
Monday – Thursday 9am – 8pm
Friday & Saturday 9am – 6pm

BASIC COMPUTER CLASS

Saturday, September 18
9:30am – 11:30am
Reserve a seat **in-person** at the Circulation Desk



FAMILY MOVIE MATINEE

Saturday, September 11
2pm
This month's feature presentation:
Diary of a Wimpy Kid

STORY TIME & CRAFTS
WEDNESDAYS @ 10:30am

Sept. 1 "Color Me Healthy: Making Snack Mix" presented by Kristy King from Jefferson County Agri-Life Services

Sept. 8 "Trees and the Animals That Live in Them" presented by Mary K. Manning from Big Thicket

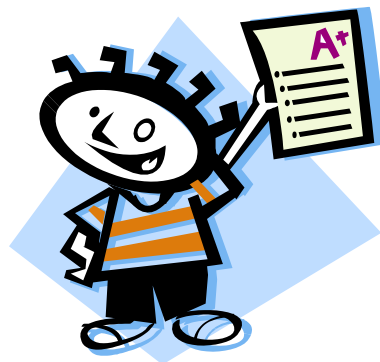
Sept. 15 "Little Grunt and the Big Egg"

Sept. 22 "First Day of Autumn"

Sept. 29 A special presentation by HEB Buddy and Doreen

SOUTHEAST TEXAS WORKFORCE ON WHEELS

Tuesdays & Fridays
9am – noon
Job Seekers' Services available to the public on the Lucas Street side parking lot



Theodore Johns Library

4255 Fannett Road
842-5223
Monday – Thursday 9am – 8pm
Friday & Saturday 9am – 6pm

WEEKLY STORY TIME
WEDNESDAY @ 10:30AM
Starting September 8th

September 8 - Bubble Bath Pirates



September 15 - Billy Goat in the Chili Patch

September 22 - Jackie and the Shadow Snatcher

September 29 - Three Little Pigs

SATURDAY MOVIE MATINEE

September 18th
@ 3:00 PM

Last Song

This film is set in a small Southern beach town where an estranged father gets a chance to spend the summer with his reluctant teenaged daughter, who'd rather be home in New York. He tries to reconnect with her through the only thing they have in common – music – in a story of family, friendship, secrets and salvation, along with first loves and second chances.



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SATURDAY STORY TIME

September 25th
2:00 PM

MONDAY EVENING TUTORIAL

Starting September 13th
6:00-7:00 PM
Grades 1st - 8th

Tyrrell Historical Library

695 Pearl Street
833-2759
Monday – Saturday 9am – 6pm

ADVANCED GENEALOGY WORKSHOP

Saturday, October 9
2:00pm - 4:00 pm
German genealogical research
Saturday, October 16
2:00pm - 4:00 pm
Scandinavian genealogical research
Saturday, October 23
2:00pm - 4:00 pm
Canadian genealogical research
The public is invited to attend all three sessions of the workshop at the library located at 695 Pearl Street. Parking is available curbside on Pearl and Forysthe Streets. And the library can answer any questions about this upcoming workshop by calling (409)833-2759.

New books continue to be received by the library. We encourage everyone to check the shelves reserved for new arrivals to see

what new titles may prove useful to them in their research. Library staff is always available to assist patrons with their research needs.

The Tyrrell Historical Library continues to actively seek volunteers interested in working at the library. Anyone interested in volunteering at the Tyrrell please contact the branch manager, Bill Grace, at 833-2759. Currently, there are many volunteer opportunities.




R.C. Miller Memorial Library

1605 Dowlen Road
866-9487
Monday – Thursday 9am – 8pm
Friday & Saturday 9am – 6pm

PRESCHOOL STORY TIME & MOTHER GOOSE STORY TIME

Resumes the week of September 1st and 3rd at 10:30am

Children ages 3 to 5 are welcome at the PreSchool Story Time and Mother Goose is geared for new borns through 36 months.




Maurine Gray Literacy Depot

1205 Franklin Street
835-7924
Monday – Thursday 9am – 8pm
Friday 9am – 5pm

The Literacy Depot offers the opportunity for people to learn



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English as a Second Language, the opportunity to earn a GED, and study for citizenship.

BOOK REVIEWS FOR CHILDREN

Picture Book Review

Rhyming Dust Bunnies
by Jan Thomas

When you read hundreds of picture books a year, you reach a point that it takes something really special or creative to make a book stand out in your mind. It might be beautiful illustrations, like those in The Lion and the Mouse, illustrated by Brian Pinkney which won the Caldecott award this year. It could be an especially well written and heart touching story, such as The Blind Hunter by Kristina Rodanas which teaches a beautiful lesson on how our actions affect others, and does it without shoving the message down your throat. Or it could be something like Rhyming Dust Bunnies.

Rhyming Dust Bunnies does not have beautiful illustrations – but they are bright, colorful, and eye-catchingly simple. And so is the story. Rhyming Dust Bunnies is about dust bunnies... who rhyme... all the time. Except for Bob, who can't seem to get the hang of it. What is Bob's problem? The answer is a surprise, and the book is a delight. Children will love the cute, fluffy dust bunnies, and will have fun rhyming along with Ed,

Ned, Ted and Bob. But parents will appreciate the humor of the dust bunnies' situation.

Short, simple, entertaining and fun; it makes me smile every time I read it. Rhyming Dust Bunnies by Jan Thomas is one of my favorite picture books of the year. Check it out, and enjoy it with your pre-schooler.

Reviewed by Robin Smith
Children's Librarian, Beaumont
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Children's Fiction Review

The Mysterious Howling
(The Incurrable Children of Ashton Place, Book 1)
by Maryrose Wood

What is the secret of Ashton Place? Who are the children found in the woods?

When 15 year old orphan, Miss Penelope Lumley, accepts a job taking care of three children, she is naturally surprised when she finds them in the barn, acting like wolves. Teaching them to act like real children, instead of wild animals is a challenge, but not too much for Penelope. They start out putting on clothes upside down and backwards and eating with their fingers, but they are fast learners. It

isn't long before they can speak in complete sentences – even if the sentences do all end with a howl. And they will eat with a knife and fork, as long as all their food is covered in ketchup.

But there are mysterious goings on at Ashton Place. Why were the children living with wolves? Why did Lord Frederick decide to keep them instead of sending them to the orphanage? What made the strange scratching noises in the attic the night of the Christmas party? Why won't Miss Mortimer tell Penelope anything about her missing parents? Will the children stop chasing every squirrel they see?

Children may find more questions than answers as they read The Mysterious Howling, but they will eagerly await the next title in this new series about the **Incurrable Children of Ashton Place**. Recommended for children age 8-12.

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BOOK REVIEW FOR ADULTS

The Guernsey Literary & Potato Peel Pie Society by Mary Ann Shaffer & Annie Barrows

In post-war London, a young author, Juliet Ashton, lives in a borrowed flat because her flat was destroyed during the bombing of London. Her best friends consist of her publisher and his sister until she receives a letter from Dawsy, a farmer from the island of Guernsey in the English Channel. He's in possession of a book she once owned (it has her address inside the front cover). Because there aren't anymore bookstores on the island since the German Occupation, he would like her to help him find other works by the author, Charles Lamb. This is the beginning of correspondence between Dawsy, Juliet and members of the Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society.

The book consists of letters to Juliet from her publisher, his sister and girlhood friend, and to some of the residents of Guernsey. Juliet writes to each of them in turn and we discover what happened during the German Occupation, but we also learn about Juliet's growth as a young woman and her easy acceptance into the Guernsey community.

This is a warm inviting book with characters you want to get to know, characters you feel you already know and characters you recognize as unsavory and not at all likable. You will enjoy reading this gem of a book as the people of Guernsey invite you into their lives and give you a great big hug.

Reviewed by Geri Roberts
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