

McReader Report

Spring Edition 2026



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There is a new service at the DPPL for children and families! Read about our Storytime-To-Go Kits in Hoot's Highlights on page 27.

Our Library will be closed
the following dates:

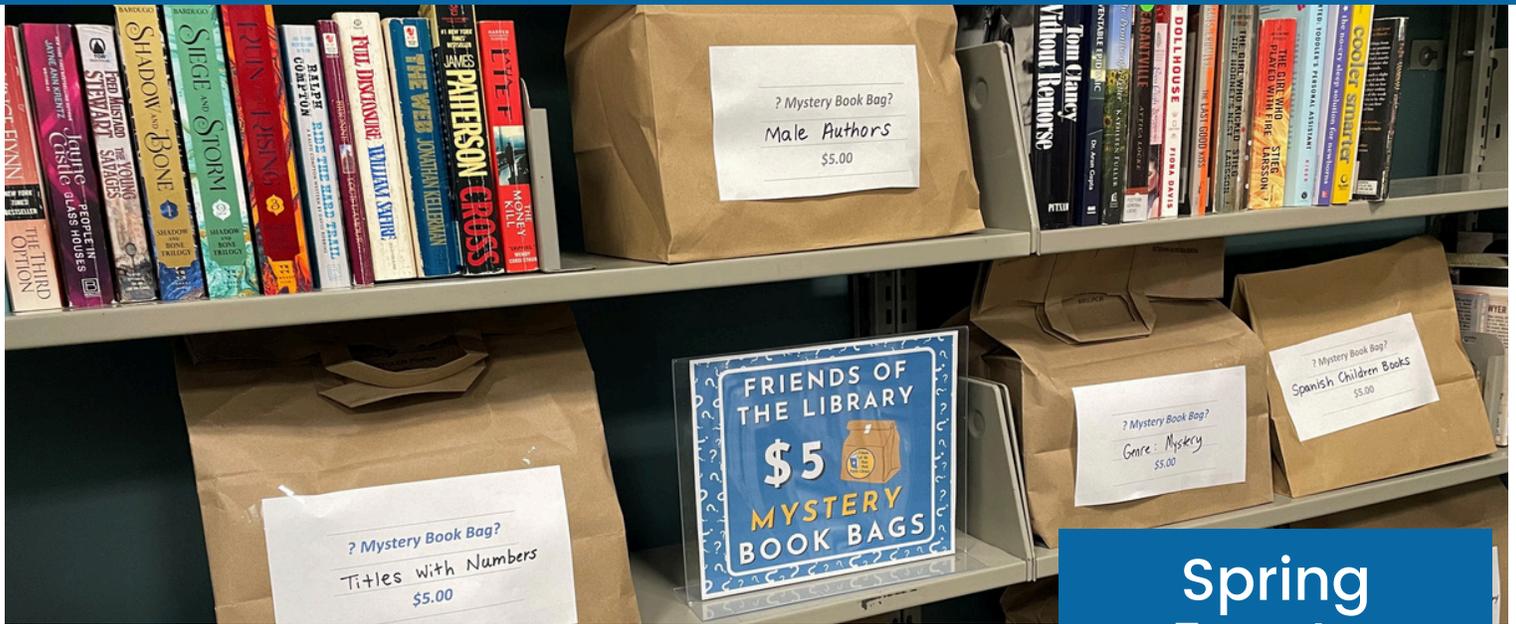
April 3- April 5

*Reopening on Monday,
April 6 @ 10 AM*

May 23- May 25
*Reopening on Tuesday,
May 26 @ 10 AM*



Friends of the Library



News from the Friends

The Friends of the Deer Park Public Library once again funded the two \$50 Barnes & Noble gift card prizes for the Adult and Teen 'Blind Date with a Book' winners. We hope everyone who participated enjoyed the event!

Instead of a Spring Book Sale, Friends members created *Mystery Book Bags* on a variety of topics and themes, which are being sold for \$5 (cash only) at the library. Proceeds from this initiative will be used to fund programs at the Library and Summer Reading Program prizes.

Upcoming events include the Friends Annual Meeting and the Scholastic Book Fair. Details for each event can be found on pages 3 and 4.

Spring Events:

Friends Annual Meeting

Saturday, April 11
@ 11:45 AM



Rockets, Tanks & Submarines
A Book Talk by Edward T. Cotham Jr.

Scholastic Book Fair

Tuesday, May 26-
Saturday, May 30



Rockets, Tanks and Submarines

A Book Talk by Edward T. Cotham Jr.



FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY ANNUAL MEETING
NO REGISTRATION REQUIRED- ALL ARE WELCOME!

A brief Friends meeting will be held prior to the presentation. You do not have to be a Friends member to attend.

Join us for a light lunch and the chance to win door prizes!



SATURDAY,
APRIL 11
@ 11:45 AM



Author Edward T. Cotham Jr.

 SCHOLASTIC

BOOK FAIR!

Save the date!

May 26

to

May 30

Sponsored
by the Friends of
the Library.





Coming Soon

Adult

March

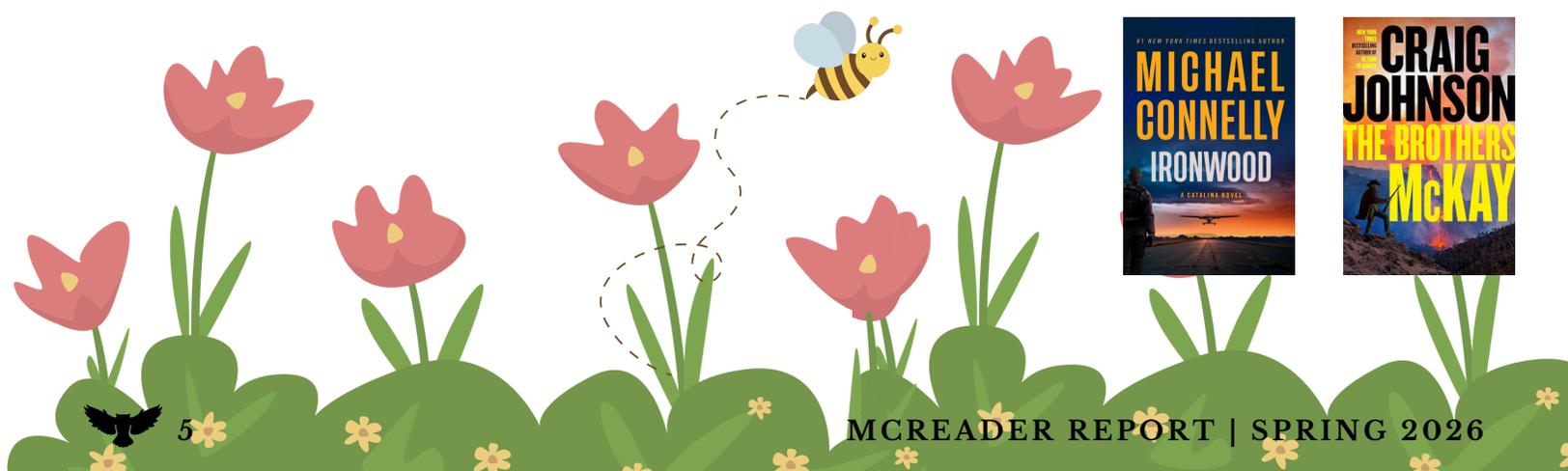
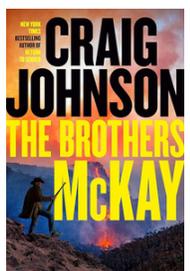
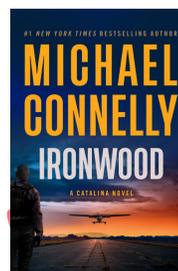
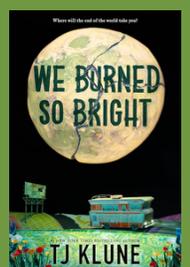
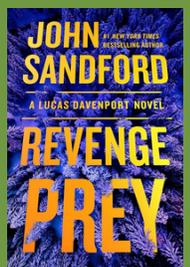
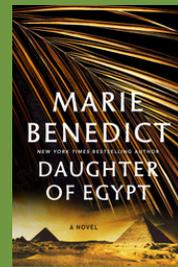
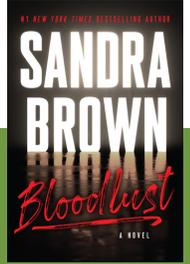
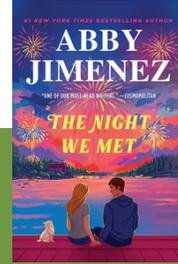
- *The Night We Met* by Abby Jimenez
- *Bloodlust* by Sandra Brown
- *Daughter of Egypt* by Marie Benedict

April

- *Revenge Prey* by John Sandford
- *A Woman's Place* by Danielle Steel
- *We Burned So Bright* by TJ Klune

May

- *26 Beauties: A Women's Murder Club Thriller* by James Patterson
- *The Shippers* by Katherine Center
- *Ironwood* by Michael Connelly
- *The Brothers McKay: A Longmire Mystery* by Craig Johnson



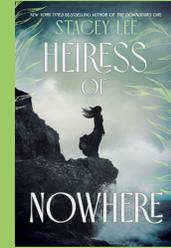


Coming Soon

Young Adult

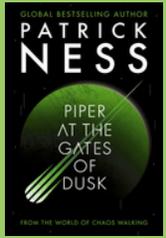
March

- *Burn the Water* by Billy Ray
- *Heiress of Nowhere* by Stacey Lee
- *What We Did to Survive* by Megan Lally



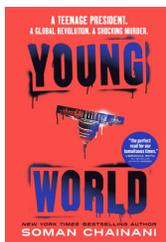
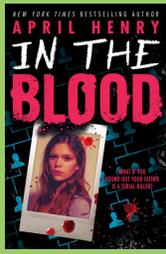
April

- *The Escape Game* by Marissa Meyer
- *Piper at the Gates of Dusk* by Patrick Ness
- *The Blood and the Damned* by Becca Coffindaffer



May

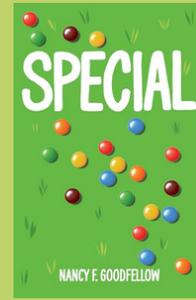
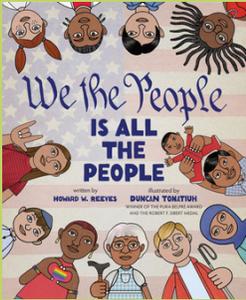
- *In the Blood* by April Henry
- *Seconds to Spare* by Rachel Reiss
- *Young World* by Soman Chainani





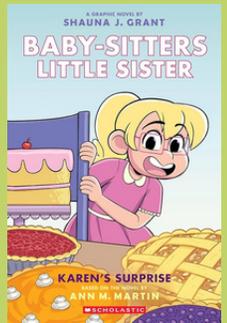
Coming Soon

Children



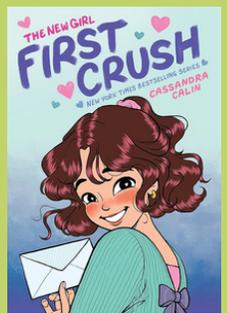
March

- *Glory Be* by Jamie Sumner
- *I Witnessed: The Great Train Robbery of 1963: A Graphic Novel* by Andrea Debbink
- *Special* by Nancy Goodfellow



April

- *We the People is All the People* by Howard W. Reeves
- *The Sun Thief* by Alice Hemming
- *This Was Not the Plan* by Jane Chapman



May

- *Wombat Waiting* by Katherine Applegate
- *Karen's Surprise: A Graphic Novel* by Shauna Grant
- *The New Girl: First Crush: A Graphic Novel* by Cassandra Calin

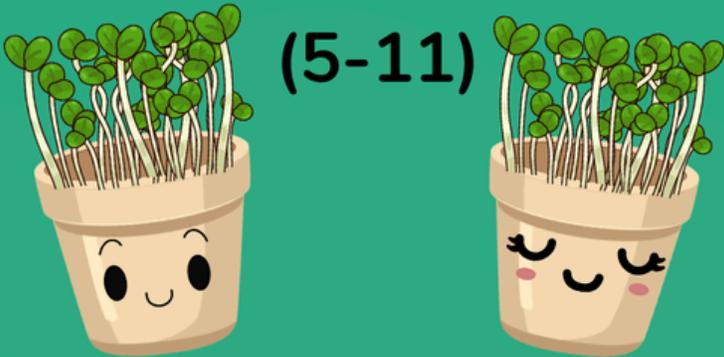
DPPL SPRING BREAK 2026

Tuesday, March 10

Cress Head Planting

11:00 AM

(5-11)



Monday, March 9

*11:00 AM

Tweens Cook:
Pinwheel Sandwiches

(7-11)



Wednesday, March 11

*2:00 PM Teen Mystery

Lunch

(12-18)



Thursday, March 12

Storytime

10:15 AM Toddler

11:00 AM Preschooler



Thursday, March 12

2:00 PM Teen Mario

Kart Tournament

with prizes!

(12-18)



***Registration Required.**



All

Ages

COLOR AND CHAT COMMUNITY ART DISPLAY!



**HOW IT WORKS: STOP BY TO
PAINT A CANVAS FOR OUR
COMMUNITY ART DISPLAY!**

**ALL ARTWORK WILL BE RETURNED TO THEIR
CREATORS AT THE END OF OUR DISPLAY IN
EARLY MAY.**

ADULT SESSION:
SATURDAY, MARCH 28
10:30 AM - 12:30 PM



ALL-AGES SESSION:
SATURDAY, MARCH 28
3:00 PM - 5:00 PM

Once-A-Month

Color & Chat Upcoming Dates

Saturday, March 28-

Community Art Display

Saturday, May 9

Stop by the library from 3-5 PM for fun the entire family can enjoy.

Our adults only session will be from 10:30 AM- 12:30 PM. Light refreshments will be available.



COLOR AND CHAT

Stop by and relax while filling out coloring pages.

For adults
Saturday, May 9
10:30 AM to 12:30 PM

For all-ages
Saturday, May 9
3:00 PM to 5:00 PM



SPRING MOVIE MATINEE

FREE PUNCH & POPCORN

ON SELECT DAYS WE INVITE YOU TO STOP BY FOR A MOVIE & POPCORN!

CINEMA CINEMA CINEMA

MARCH 26	APRIL 23
	
THURSDAY @ 4:00 PM	THURSDAY @ 4:00 PM

Thursday Movie Matinee

Families welcome!

Our films will be as follows:

Thursday, March 26 @ 4:00 PM:
Zootopia 2

Thursday, April 23 @ 4:00 PM:
The Spongebob Movie:
Search for SquarePants



Child Programs (2-11)



Spring Storytime

TODDLERS 10:15 AM
PRESCHOOLERS 11:00 AM



EVERY THURSDAY
LAST SPRING STORYTIME IS MAY 7.
SUMMER STORYTIME STARTS ON JUNE 4.

Storytime

Storytime is designed to encourage a love for books and language, increase attention spans, and develop basic social skills for children ages infant to 6.

Spring Storytime ends on May 7.

Summer Storytime begins June 4, 2026.

Holiday Storytime

This combined ages special storytime will include songs, stories, a craft and an indoor egg hunt! Bring a camera because there are sure to be a lot of photo opportunities!

Egg Hunt Storytime starts at 10:15 AM on April 2.



**EGG HUNT
STORYTIME**

JOIN US FOR A SPECIAL
COMBINED AGES STORYTIME,
FILLED WITH STORIES,
SONGS, CRAFTS, AND AN
EGG HUNT!

**APRIL 2
@ 10:15 AM**

March

Cress Head Planting

Join us during Spring Break to decorate and plant a pot of cress! This will be an outdoor program (weather permitting) with no registration required. Supplies are limited!

Recommended ages 5-11.



Happy St. Patrick's Day!

Join us in person during March to create this cute pot of gold craft OR pick up a take-and-make kit from our circulation desk starting March 13.

Recommended ages 5-11.



April

Garden Frame

Spring is in the air! Join us in person to create a 'Garden Frame' craft OR pick up a take-and-make kit from our circulation desk starting April 17.

Recommended ages 5-11.



Kids Crafts
GARDEN FRAME
TUESDAY, APRIL 21



**AGES 5-11
RECOMMENDED!**

**TAKE-AND-MAKE KITS WILL
BE AVAILABLE STARTING APRIL 17**

FACEBOOK LIVE - 3:30 PM
IN-PERSON CRAFT - 4:00 PM

May

Mother's Day Craft

Join us in person to create a 'Mother's Day Bouquet' OR pick up a take-and-make kit from our circulation desk starting May 1.

Recommended ages 5-11.



Kids Crafts
MOTHER'S DAY BOUQUET
TUESDAY, MAY 5



**AGES 5-11
RECOMMENDED!**

**TAKE-AND-MAKE KITS WILL
BE AVAILABLE STARTING MAY 1**

FACEBOOK LIVE - 3:30 PM
IN-PERSON CRAFT - 4:00 PM

Tween Programs (7-11 year olds)

Pinwheel Sandwiches

Tweens can join us during Spring Break to learn how to make 4 varieties of pinwheel sandwiches! This takes place on Monday, March 9 at 11:00 AM.

Registration is required!
Sign-up is open now.



Tweens Cook: *Pinwheel Sandwiches*

SPRING BREAK 2026

JOIN US TO LEARN HOW TO MAKE 4
VARIETIES OF SANDWICHES.



- Pizza
- Turkey & Cheese
- Rainbow Veggie
- PB & J

All 7-11 year olds welcome! Join us



MARCH 9
11:00 AM

Registration required. Sign-up begins February 23

Call: 281-478-7208
Email: youthlibrarian@deerparktx.org



Deer Park Public Library Presents
Tween Program:
Recycled Materials
Rain Sticks
FOR AGES 7-11



WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22
@ 4:00 PM
No Registration required!

Happy Earth Day!

Join us after school for Earth Day to create a rain stick out of recycled materials! This craft takes place on April 22 at 4:00 PM.

No registration required. All 7-11 year olds welcome!



TEENS ONLY



BECOME A VOLUNTEER **THIS SUMMER**

**DPPL is now looking for
13-18 year old volunteers!**
Space is limited. Apply now!

APPLICATIONS ACCEPTED MARCH 9- MAY 2

Applications can be submitted at the library or emailed
to youthlibrarian@deerparktx.org

**EARN
VOLUNTEER
HOURS!**



**MAKE
NEW
FRIENDS!**

Applications are available on our
website, or in person at the front desk.





TEEN ADVISORY BOARD (T.A.B.)

DO YOU NEED VOLUNTEER HOURS? WANT TO HAVE INPUT IN THE LIBRARY'S TEEN PROGRAMMING?

TAB INVITES **YOU** TO APPLY!

Contact us at youthlibrarian@deerparktx.org to join!

All 12 - 18 year olds still in school are welcome.

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

TUESDAY **March 3** AT 4:15 PM
 TUESDAY **April 7** AT 4:15 PM
 TUESDAY **May 5** AT 4:15 PM



T.A.B.

Are you a teen looking for volunteer hours? Join T.A.B to take part in the library's teen programming, make suggestions for the teen collection, and more!

To join pick up an application from the library today or email youthlibrarian@deerparktx.org!

Teen Mystery Luncheon

Everyone is a suspect in this upcoming mystery experience. Join us for a thrilling vampire-themed barbecue lunch and detective work this Spring Break on Wednesday at 2:00 PM!

Registration required. Sign-up is open now!



Teen Mystery Luncheon

Amateur sleuths are invited to enjoy a barbecue lunch while taking part in an interactive mystery!

Registration Required. Sign-up begins February 25.

During spring break!

For ages 12-18



Email youthlibrarian@deerparktx.org or call **281-478-7208** to sign up.

Be sure to include the teen's name and age when signing up.

Wednesday, March 11 @ 2:00 PM



Teen Game Day

Teens are invited to stop by on select Thursdays every month! The library has a variety of video games and snacks available. There will be a special session with prizes & pizza on March 12 for Spring Break!

Upcoming Dates:

March 12 at 2:00 PM-Spring Break
Super Mario Kart 8 Tournament

April 9 at 4:00 PM

May 7 at 4:00 PM



**For
12-18
Year
Olds.**

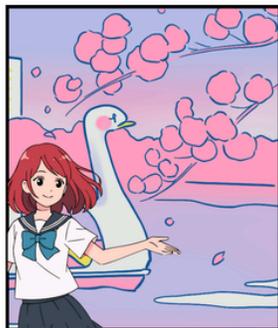
DPPL ANIME CLUB

Join us on select Thursdays every month to watch anime and more at 4 PM!
No registration required.

March 19..... 4 PM
Shrinky Dink Keychains

April 16..... 4 PM
Rain Charms

May 14..... 4 PM
Custom Printed Buttons



DPPL Anime Club

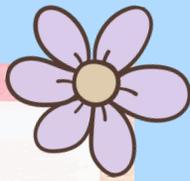
12-18 year-olds are welcome to join us as we watch anime and do an activity or craft on select Thursdays every month.

March 19: Shrinky Dink Keychains

April 16: Rain Charms

May 14: Custom Printed Buttons



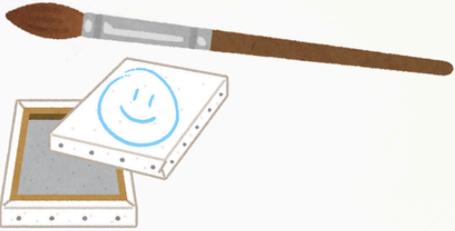


March CreativiTeen

Join in our Tiny Art Show! Completed paintings will be exhibited in our Lobby Display case. After the exhibit has finished, all art pieces will be returned to their artist.

No registration is required.

CREATIVITEEN
TINY ART SHOW
FOR 12-18 YEAR OLDS.
 TEENS ARE INVITED TO STOP BY AND
 CREATE A PAINTING FOR OUR DISPLAY CASE*



*ALL ARTWORK WILL BE RETURNED TO THEIR
 CREATORS AT THE END OF OUR DISPLAY

WEDNESDAY,
MARCH 18 @ 4:30 PM
NO REGISTRATION REQUIRED.
SUPPLIES MAY BE LIMITED.



April CreativiTeen

No registration required! All teens are welcome to stop by and create a small paper mache jar! This fashionable craft can be used to hold pencils, knick-knacks, and trinkets.

Pre made designs will be available, though teens are encouraged to get creative.



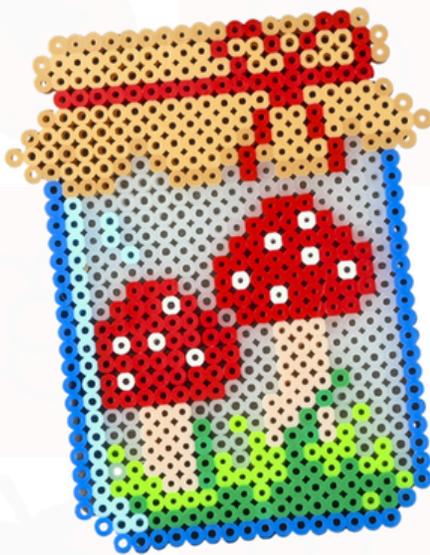
CREATIVITEEN
PAPER MACHE JARS
FOR 12-18 YEAR OLDS.



WEDNESDAY,
APRIL 15 @ 4:30 PM
NO REGISTRATION REQUIRED.
SUPPLIES MAY BE LIMITED.



CREATIVITEEN
PERLER
BEAD CRAFT
FOR 12-18 YEAR OLDS.



WEDNESDAY,
MAY 13 @ 4:30 PM

NO REGISTRATION REQUIRED.
SUPPLIES MAY BE LIMITED.

**Adult
Programs**

Spring Computer Classes

Bilingual aid available!

Thursdays @ 6:00 PM

- **March 19– Word 2021: Basics**
- **March 26– Word 2021: Long Documents**
- **April 2– PowerPoint 2021: Basics**
- **April 9– Excel 2021: Basics**
- **April 23– Excel 2021: Format, Sort & Filter**
- **April 30– Excel 2021: Formulas & Functions**



**Registration required. Call 281-478-7208
or email Library@deerparktx.org**





¡Ven a la Biblioteca!

Both Beginner and Intermediate Spanish Classes are back for the spring! Beginner Spanish meets Tuesdays at 10:30 AM and Intermediate Spanish meets Wednesdays at 10:30 AM.

To sign up for either session email or give us a call!

IN-PERSON SPANISH CLASSES SPRING SESSIONS

Beginner Spanish

MARCH 17- APRIL 28*

Tuesdays from 10:30- 11:30 AM

Intermediate Spanish

MARCH 18- APRIL 29*

Wednesdays from 10:30- 11:30 AM

*There will be no classes on April 7th & 8th.

REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED

Call us at **281-478-7208**
or email
library@deerparktx.org
to sign up!



DEER PARK PUBLIC LIBRARY PRESENTS

COMMUNITY PLANT SWAP

Held in collaboration with the Deer Park Petal Pushers Gardening Club, this swap welcomes all gardening items!

From cuttings to seeds, pots to gently used tools, all items are welcome!

SATURDAY, APRIL 25TH

**AT 1 PM IN THE
DPPL MEETING ROOM**

**ALL AGES
WELCOME!**



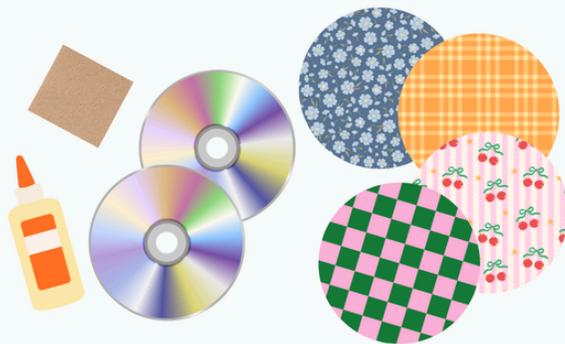
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Community Plant Swap in April

We are once again joining up with the Deer Park Petal Pushers to put on a plant swap for all ages! It will be held in the Deer Park Public Library meeting room, and patrons are encouraged to bring a variety of things to swap from seeds, and pots, to gently used tools!

Upcycled Coasters Adult Program

No registration required.



Join us as to create attractive coasters out of old DVDs and CDs for Earth Day!

**Wednesday,
April 22 @ 1 PM**

Celebrate Earth Day with Upcycling!

In April adults will get the opportunity to make cute and environmentally friendly coasters out of old or damaged discs!

No registration required, supplies may be limited.

May Adult Craft: Drip Pour Painting

This painting craft offers patrons a new way to create an artistic masterpiece! A variety of paint colors will be offered so that each piece has its own unique charm.

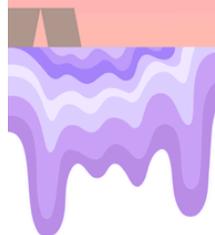
Registration is required and opens on May 1.



ADULT DRIP POUR PAINTING

MAY 20 AT 2:00 PM

Space is limited. To register:
Email: library@deerparktx.org
Call: 281-478-7208



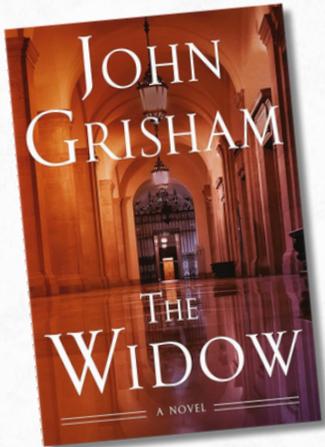
Adults welcome!
Join us to create your own unique drip-pour painting. Results will vary!

Registration opens on May 1.



MYSTERIES & MORE BOOK CLUB

Upcoming Books:



'The Widow'

by John Grisham

Tuesday, March 10

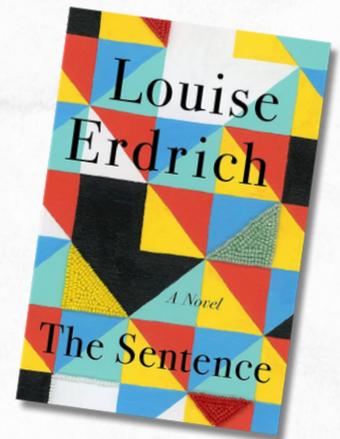
@ 4:00 PM

'The Sentence'

by Louise Erdrich

Tuesday, April 14

@ 4:00 PM

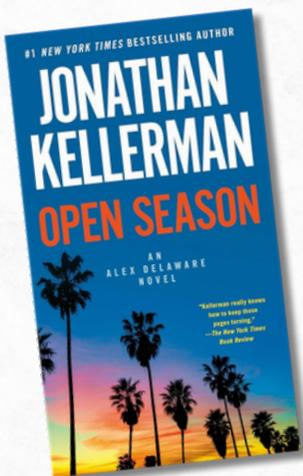


'Open Season'

Jonathan Kellerman

Tuesday, May 12

@ 4:00 PM



Join us at 4:00 PM at the Library.

Feel free to come having read the book or not. All are welcome!

Many of our chosen titles are also available in e-book and e-audiobook format from Overdrive and Hoopla!



Deer Park Public Library Featured Friday Series Event



1994 RACING FOR GOLD

24 Days Around the World- Learn about an air race won by Texas aviatrix Marion Jayne and her daughter co-pilot.

Presented by
Brad Adams

*Senior Docent of the
Lone Star Flight Museum*

Refreshments provided by the
Friends of the Library.

• Friday •
March
20
• @ 11 AM •

DEER PARK
PUBLIC LIBRARY



Deer Park Public Library Featured Friday Series Event



QUACK MEDICAL DEVICES

Join us to hear about a variety of fraudulent panaceas housed at the McGovern Historical Center, including 'Asthma Cigarettes', a 'Kolon-Motor', and the classic 'Snake Oil'.

Presented jointly by

Kelsey Koym

*Archivist & Special Collections Librarian
at the McGovern Historical Center*

Alethea Drexler

*Lead Archivist Assistant at the
McGovern Historical Center*

Refreshments provided by the
Friends of the Library.

• Friday •
April
17
• @ 11 AM •

DEER PARK
PUBLIC LIBRARY



Deer Park Public Library Featured Friday Series Event



Texas City
EST. 1911

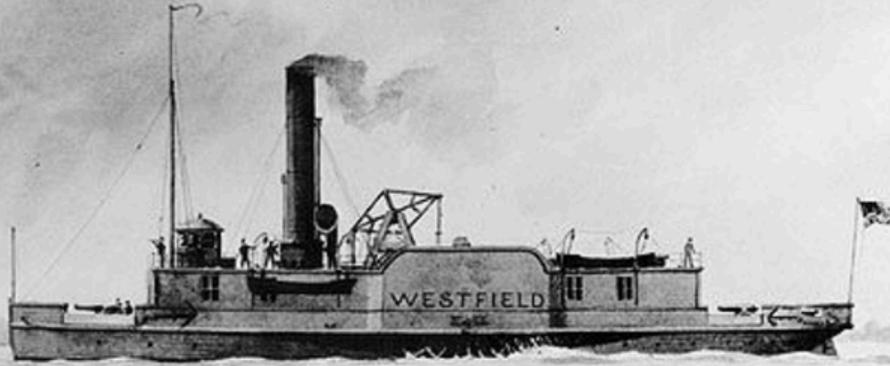


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U.S.S WESTFIELD- RESTORED DAHLEGREN CANNON

Presented by

Shelby Rodwell

Museum Curator

of the City of Texas City



Refreshments provided by the
Friends of the Library.





HOOT'S HIGHLIGHTS



A special segment of the McReader Report where the owl himself shows off some of the different services available at the DPPL!

NEW SERVICE: STORYTIME-TO-GO KITS

Help the children in your life develop their little minds in the comfort of your home with a Storytime-To-Go kit!

The Storytime-To-Go kits are designed to promote the five elements of early literacy: read, talk, write, sing, and play.

READ

TALK

WRITE

SING

PLAY

Each kit includes themed picture books and a laminated activity packet.

The kits are perfect for young ones from ages 3-5, and the kits are loaned for two weeks.

One kit may be checked out at a time, per adult library card.

Topics range from Apples to Zoo and more inbetween! Read on for additional information.





STORYTIME-TO-GO KITS THEMES

Click on an image below to learn more about what books are included in the kit!

Apples



Bedtime



Bugs



Colors



Dinosaurs



Pirates



Sports



Summer



Transportation



Zoo



Contact Us



Have any questions?

Click below to

Ask a Librarian!



Ask a Librarian

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3009 Center St. Deer Park Texas, 77536

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