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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Thank you for being a Friends member. By joining the Friends, you are showing your support for the Library and acknowledging the value of the services that a public library provides to a community. As the President, I am often asked what happens after I join.

Once you have joined, there are a number of things you can do to actively support the Friends.

- ◆ Volunteer at the Book Sale. We hold two book sales a year. Book sales are the primary fundraising activity that allows us to support the Library.
- ◆ Join a committee. Committees include Hospitality, Membership, and Newsletter. You should receive an interest form after you join or renew. Fill it out and return it to get involved.
- ◆ Use your Kroger card and your Amazon purchases to support the Library. The Friends are registered as a charitable organization with these retailers. Go to Kroger.com or Smile.amazon.com, register your card or your account, and select Friends of the Deer Park Public Library. We will receive a percentage of your purchases each time you use your Kroger card or shop for eligible items on Amazon. For additional help, call the Library at 281-478-7208.
- ◆ Contact your employer to see if they offer matching funds for charitable donations or even volunteer grants. Your company's Human Resources department can assist you with these matters.
- ◆ Like the Library on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/DeerParkTX.Library/>. Share the Library's posts on your social media to maximize our audience.

Come and enjoy the programs at your Library.

Penny Henson

FRIENDS BOOK SALE

Do you love a good book? The Friends of the Library Fall Book Sale is Wednesday, October 12th—Saturday, October 15th. A special preview night just for Friends members is Tuesday, October 11th, 5pm to 9pm. The sale is open during normal library hours and everyone is welcome. Come find your favorite author!



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DID YOU KNOW THE LIBRARY OFFERS A VARIETY OF SERVICES?

- E-Books
- Inter-Library Loans
- Group Study Rooms
- Homework Help
- Craft Classes
- And much more...



FEATURED FRIDAY

Did you know that the Deer Park Public Library regularly offers programs for adults? This monthly series is called "Featured Friday" and is intended to offer a variety of lectures, movies and special programs of cultural, historical and local interest to library visitors. Many of the guest speakers are college professors and several of them have connections to the Deer Park community. Past program subjects have included Sam Houston's leadership abilities, the

history of the Battleship Texas and what it is like to work for the Houston Astros. Featured Friday programs begin at 11 am. Upcoming Featured Friday programs:

October 28, 2016: Galveston's Historic Cemeteries

November 11, 2016: Dancing in Bomb Shelters

December 16, 2016: The Real History of Krampus

Tell me and I forget. Teach me and I remember. Involve me and I learn.
-Benjamin Franklin

FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK

The Library has so many exciting programs and services that it can be difficult to keep up with all of them. Here are a few simple tricks to staying abreast of library events and services.

1. Check the Library's website at www.deerparktx.gov/library. We place all programs and events on the City's calendar and we highlight programs on the News and Announcements portion of our homepage.
2. Sign up for the Library Happenings Newsletter. The Newsletter will keep you informed and you will receive reminder emails or texts, based on your settings when you sign up, of News and Announcements from our homepage.
3. Like us on Facebook and follow the City on Twitter. For Library events look for hashtags #DeerParkTX.Library, #DPPLTXInfants, #DPPLTXKids, #DPPLTXTeens.
4. Drop by the Library and pick up our monthly events calendar. A printable events calendar is also available on our webpage.

For more information call us at 281-478-7208.

Hope to see you soon at the Library.

Rebecca Pool
Library Director

TEEN ZONE

Teen Time Wednesday 3:45-5:45 pm

Join us after school Wednesdays for some fun and games! For ages 12-18 we offer video games, board games, snacks and more!

Thursday Movie Matinee 4 pm

Before working on homework, take a break with some popcorn and a show. Movies shown will be PG or PG-13.



Special Teen Time

Halloweenie Roast—To help us celebrate Halloween, our October 26th Teen Time will include a "cook-out" of hot dogs, a video gaming tournament, and a costume contest!

CHILDREN'S CORNER



Storytime

Storytime programs incorporate books, finger plays, songs, and activities to promote interest in reading and lifelong learning. We currently offer three programs which are divided by recommended ages.

Infant Lapsit Storytime Wednesday 10:15 am

This is the newest addition to our storytime offerings! This 20-30 minute program features songs, rhymes, socialization, bubbles, and board books. Caregivers are required to stay with the child and help them participate in the program. We recommend this program for children up to 2 years.

Toddler Storytime Thursday 10:15 am

Recommended for children 2- 3½. Songs, activities, and stories during the 20-30 minute session are designed to encourage a love for books and language, increase attention span and develop basic social skills. Caregivers are required to stay with the toddler and encourage participation in the program.

Preschool Storytime Thursday 11:00 am

Recommended for children 3 ½ - 6. Children listen to stories, and participate in group activities during the 30-40 minute sessions. A craft often enhances the story theme.



Special Storytimes

October 27th @ 10:30am—We will have a special Halloween Storytime for our Infants, Toddlers, and Preschoolers! We highly encourage costumes and we will have lots of fun stories, a craft, and treats!

December 15th @ 10:15am—Join us for our Winter Storytime with a special visit from Santa. This storytime will include plenty of fun and photo opportunities, so don't forget your camera!

FROM THE CHILDREN'S LIBRARIAN

Hello everyone!

Although I have been with the Deer Park Public Library since May I thought that this newsletter would be the perfect way to introduce myself to the wider community. My name is Susan Zykorie and I am your new Children's Librarian.

A long time ago I attended the University of Texas at Austin and received a degree in Early Childhood Education. Although I did become certified to teach I decided instead to return to school immediately and become a librarian! I have been a librarian for 10 years and worked as a Children's Librarian in the Houston area for over 6 years. I love working with the younger children as well as with the Teens.

I greatly enjoy reading the popular Teen fiction as well as finding the great new children's picture books that are coming out. Keeping up with all the popular new series that are coming out is a fun challenge.

I am looking forward to meeting and working with more of the Deer Park community and creating great programming for all to enjoy.

-Susan



FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

The Friends of the Library is a citizen's organization that contributes greatly to the library. The members promote library services, organize public event raise money, and sponsor a variety of library activities.

FRIENDS OFFICERS

President.....Penny Henson
Vice President Paulette Lawther
Treasurer Pat Adams
Secretary..... Linda McHone

Membership Dues

The Friends welcome new members. Membership dues are \$5 for individuals, \$10 for families, and \$2 for seniors and students.

For more information on how you can get involved please call the library at 281-478-7208 or visit us online at www.deerparktx.gov/library.

We are also on Facebook at deerparktx.gov/library

GULF COAST READS

Deer Park Public Library has been a participant in the annual Gulf Coast Reads initiative since 2014. A new book is chosen each year to be read and promoted at several libraries in the Southeast Texas region. This year, the selected title is *The Train to Crystal City* by Jan Jarboe Russell. The book is about a family internment camp in Texas during World War II. Readers will learn the stories of the families who lived and worked in the Crystal City camp and the prisoner exchange program that took place during the War. It is the first non-fiction book to be selected for Gulf Coast Reads.



All Gulf Coast Reads events take place in the month of October. Dr. Abbie Grubb, a history professor at San Jacinto College, South Campus, will speak at the Library about the origins, development and experience of internment during World War II. The program will take place on Thursday, October 20 at 7 PM in the Library's meeting room. A book discussion on *The Train to Crystal City* will be held at the Library for October's Mysteries and More Book Club. The book is available for checkout in hardback, large print and electronic formats at the Deer Park Public Library. More information on Gulf Coast Reads is available at www.gulfcoastreads.org.

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Tuesday..... 10-9
Wednesday..... 10-6
Thursday..... 10-9
Friday 10-5
Saturday..... 10-5
SundayClosed

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