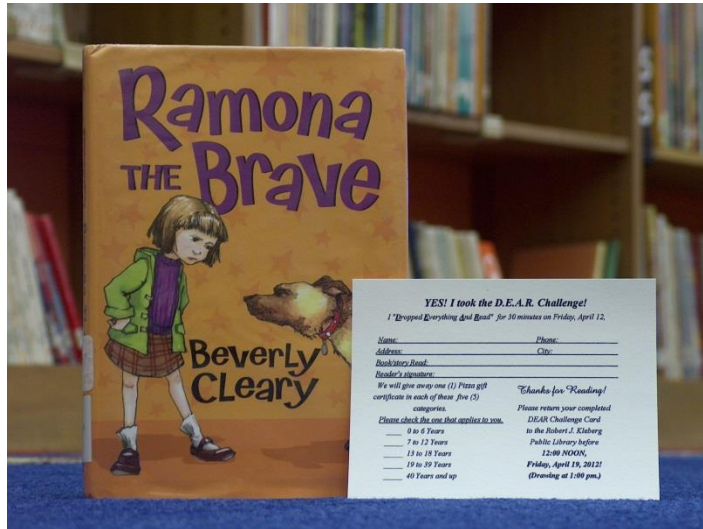


**Robert J. Kleberg Public Library Newsletter**  
**Happenings @ your library®**  
**Friday, May 3, 2013**

**D.E.A.R. (Drop Everything and Read) Program Challenged Readers**

The library recently participated in the D.E.A.R. (Drop Everything and Read) Challenge



sponsored by The Friends of the Robert J. Kleberg Public Library. This national event is held annually on April 12<sup>th</sup> to celebrate the birthday of children's author Beverly Cleary. One of the most popular and honored authors of all time, Newbery Medal Winner Beverly Cleary. Each year D.E.A.R. Challenges are held in order to encourage children to read for at least 30 minutes that day. All children and adults who read for 30 minutes or more on April 12<sup>th</sup> were encouraged to pick up an entry form at the library. The forms were entered into a drawing for several \$25 pizza gift

certificates. Mrs. Sue Miller, representing The Friends of the Library, drew the winning names from four age categories on Friday April 19<sup>th</sup>. The winner in ages 0-6 years old was Arianna Price; for ages 7-18 years old was Jerral Friend; ages 19-39 years old was Christina Hernandez; and 40 years old and up was Rex Paul Ashby. A total of 38 library patrons and 996 readers participated. Congratulations to the winners, and thanks to all who participated in the D.E.A.R Program Challenge this year!

**Special Event for National Children's Poetry Month**

To encourage a love for reading and also the enjoyment of poetry, the library held in conjunction



with D.E.A.R. Day a special story time on Friday, April 12<sup>th</sup>, at 4:00 p.m. Children and their parents were invited to attend a special event of listening to children's poetry, nursery rhymes and simple verses. Also on hand were six students from Texas A& M University-Kingsville who are members of the Golden Key Honor Society. These students took several turns reading poems of their choice to the children and their parents. Poems written by Shel Silverstein, Dr. Seuss, Jack Prelutsky, and others were selected.

Those attending were led in singing several fun children's songs between readings. There were seventeen children and fifteen adults in attendance.