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Robert J. Kleberg Public Library

Newsletter

Happenings @ Your Library

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IMPORTANT DATES

May:
**12-13 - Congratulations to the
2017 Texas A&M University –
Kingsville Graduates**

**13 – Saturday Story Time: Fire
Safety, 10-11 a.m., Children’s
Area**

**16 – Coastal Bend Blood Center
Blood Drive, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.,
library parking lot**

**20 – Book Signing with Frank
De La Rosa Weaver, 10 a.m.-12
noon**

**25 – Poetry Café meeting, 7-
8:30 p.m., 1904 Train Depot
Museum, 104 E. Kleberg**

**29-30 – In observance of the
Memorial Day holiday, the
library will be closed. The
library will reopen Wednesday,
May 31, 2017, at 8 a.m.**

**Toddler Storytime every
Thursday at 9:30 a.m.**

May Story Time: Fire Safety

On Saturday, May 13, 2017, firefighter John Miller will present a special story time from 10-11 a.m. Mr. Miller will educate children and parents on fire safety. The Children’s Services Department hosts a special story time the second Saturday of each month.



The Gift of Life



The Coastal Bend Blood Center will be conducting a blood drive at the library on Tuesday, May 16, 2017. According to the Center’s website, about 1 in 7 people entering a hospital need blood. Drop by the library from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and give the gift of life.

Local Author Book Signing

The library will host a book signing with Frank De La Rosa Weaver, author of *Serenades for the Soul: My Life and Yours*, on Saturday, May 20, 2017, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon. Mr. Weaver’s book is described as “a series of inspirational poems spanning 47 years in the life of a former NASA engineer.” Each poem is accompanied with the background story that inspired the poem. The book also includes two Spanish poems with sheet music. Mr. Weaver’s poetry explores a wide range of topics, from life, love, and laughter to nature’s wonder and God. On the book jacket for this volume of poetry, the reader is invited to “enter the world of a man who holds nothing back, and whose candor, transparency, and inspiration will illuminate your everyday life.” Copies of the book will be available for purchase at the book signing, \$20 for the hardcover and \$12 for the paperback. This event is free and open to the public.



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HOURS OF OPERATION

Tuesday-Friday:

8 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Saturday:

9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Closed Sunday & Monday

STAFF MILESTONES

May:

8 – Michelle Smith, Technical Services Assistant (Cataloging), 5 years of service

29 – Ruthie Valdez, Library Assistant Administrator, 38 years of service

NOTARY PUBLIC SERVICES

To schedule Notary Public services, contact Ms. Michelle Smith at 361.592.6381.

OUTREACH SCHEDULING

To schedule a presentation for your school or civic organization, contact Rohini Adhyaru, at 361.592.6381 or at computertech@kleberglibrary.com

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Easter Story Time at the Library

On April 13, 2017, the Children's Services Department hosted a special Easter-themed toddler story time. The children made bunny masks before the story time began. Afterwards, Ms. Danielle Friend, Children & Young Adults Librarian, read several stories to the toddlers. The children had a surprise visit from Hippity Hop, the Easter bunny portrayed by Reference Librarian Mrs. Mary Ann Escamilla. This is the fifth Easter story time that Hippity Hop has entertained the children. At the end of the story time, the children received goodie bags. One of the library's young patrons, Emma Jorgenson, celebrated her third birthday with the other children after the story time.



***Hippity Hop with
Sebastian Amaya (left)
and
Emma Jorgenson (right)***



Library Outreach Services

Pre-K students from St. Paul Lutheran School in Bishop, Texas, visited the library on Tuesday, April 25, 2017. Ms. Danielle Friend, Children & Young Adult Services Librarian, read to the children and guided them on a tour of the library. Thank you to the students' teacher, Ms. Laura Dirickson, for bringing her class to the library. School and civic organizations are encouraged to call the library to schedule an outreach event or presentation.



HAPPENINGS @ YOUR LIBRARY

Drop Everything and Read (D.E.A.R.) Challenge Winners



Adult winner Dalia Rivera
and son, Sebastian

Ms. Danielle Friend presented each winner with a \$25 Young's Pizza gift certificate. The library wishes to thank the FLAIR Department of the Woman's Club of Kingsville for sponsoring the Challenge, and Young's Pizza for donating the gift certificates.

Congratulations to the winners!



Children's winner
Brigham Sampson

Poetry Café Happenings

"Her legacy will live on through her poetry."

Words lovingly spoken about Maria Angelica Vasquez Tamez, a member of the Poetry Café of Kingsville. Mrs. Natalie Arispe, Poetry Café founder, expressed these words as she reflected on the life of Maria, who passed away on April 9, 2017. Maria was a frequent visitor to the library's Adult Computer Lab as she and her daughter Carmen meticulously recorded many of Maria's poems. Below are some of Mrs. Arispe's reflections on the life and legacy of Maria Tamez:

Maria spoke from her soul.

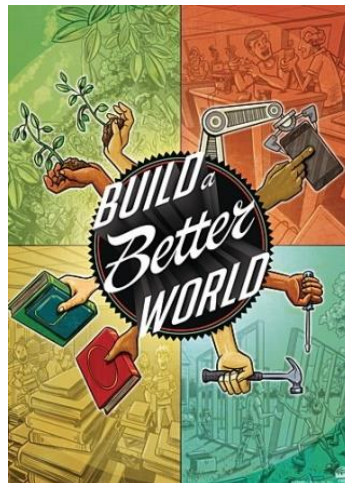
She wrote to WWII veterans, giving them hope.

She had a great sense of humor.

Everyone loved her poetry who read it or heard it.

To read and enjoy some of Maria's poetry, stop by the library's Poetry Garden located near the breezeway.

2017 Summer Reading and Activities Program



Summer is right around the corner. Be on the lookout for the June Newsletter for more information

on the 2017 Summer Reading and Activities Program.

Join us this summer at the library as we
"Build a Better World"
together.

**EXTENDED
HOURS!!**



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