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Thank You Volunteers!

A big thank you to all of our faithful volunteers. A special mention goes out this month to **Sara Park** who will be taking over the job of Historian, **Anita Lewis** and **Debbie Murley**, who will be helping with our Membership Drive, **Dianne Pratt** who is chair for the Spring Plant Slaes, **Darlene LaCroix**, for chairing the nominating committee and Spring Luncheon. **Andrea Gowens** who joined the Friends meeting in February and is helping with membership and marketing, **Stephy Ochoa** for formatting our newsletter and digital flyers using InDesign software and **Ron Briggs** who prepared detailed library usage statistics using 2007-2014 data. A final note of appreciation to **Austin College** for providing the services of a senior student, **Tyler Hicks**, who is grant writing for the Library.

Artist, Designer, Expert? Get involved by volunteering!

Volunteers are still needed to perform various tasks such as inventory, putting new labels on books, and organizing member files. Desk volunteers are still needed on Tuesdays and Saturdays. If you can help please email or call. The Potttsboro Area Library is open Monday-Friday from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m., Saturdays from 9 .m. to noon and Sundays from 3-6 p.m.

"Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much" - Helen Keller

Obvious Upswing!

Ron Briggs, PhD., has recently prepared in-depth statistics for the Potttsboro Area Library for calendar year 2014. They are amazing and very interesting! Thank you Ron for your dedication and hard work. Here are just a few of the statistics....

- The number of books checked out from 2013 to 2014 has increased by **29.7%**
- The number of e-books checked out from 2013 to 2015 has increased by **33.2%**
 - e-book usage has increased by over **100%** since 2012
 - There were **1,252** volunteer hours for 2014
- We have **8,487** books in our collection as of Dec. 31, 2014 (excluding e-books)
- The number of items checked out for the year is **5,875**, a **42.5%** increase from 2013
- We have **427** new patrons in 2014, compared to 289 and 259 for years 2012 and 2013, a **64.9%** increase
 - Juvenile visits to the library have increased **90.7%** for 2014 compared to 2013!!!
 - Computer/Internet usage has increased in 2013 by **16.7%** and 55.0% for 2014
- The senior center continues to grow, with a **10%** annual increase in 2013 and **23.6%** increase in 2014

It is **obvious** that we are definitely on an **upswing** in all of our endeavors and thank you for supporting our Potttsboro Area Library!

** Also, it is noted - we were closed for 3 weeks in September due to remodeling.*

Spring break for kids is just around the corner –March 9 – 13.

We are open from 1 - 5 pm weekdays and 3 - 6 pm on Saturday and encourage you and your family to come by!

Little Libraries

Rotary "Little Libraries" – The Rotary Club of Lake Texoma and Pottsboro Area Library, along with the Four Rivers Outreach program in Sherman, are working together on providing free reading materials in the form of "Little Libraries" throughout the community. The Rotary Club is providing funds for small wood- en structures to be built to house books free to the general public. Volunteers at the Four Rivers Outreach program will be building the Little Libraries. The Pottsboro Area Library is collecting gently used paperback books for the program. There will be three locations in Pottsboro and 5 in the Denison/Sherman area.

In addition to the paperback books, we are happy to accept books to add to our collection. If we can't use them or have duplicates, the Friends are now undertaking the book sale process. Hardbacks will be sold for \$1 each and paperbacks will be sold for \$0.25 each. All magazines are free. The donated materials are located in the rear of the library and payment is via the honor system (a lock box is provided for payment). All book sales go to the Friends of the Library general donation fund.

We Accept:

All materials in good to new condition, hardback and paperback books, gently used DVD movies (adult and children titles), Audio books on CD, Vintage or classic books, historical/biographical materials.

We Can't Accept:

Cookbooks, encyclopedias, smoke or other damaged books, "How to" books that are outdated, and bibles.



An original idea. That can't be too hard. The library must be full of them.

— STEPHEN FRY

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Pottsville Area Library Bulletin Board

Upcoming Events, Classes, and Activities

Time to lunch, laugh, reflect, and find out what's new at the library!

We will be celebrating our 30th Anniversary during National Library week with all of our Friends and YOU! We are the poster child for this year's theme - "Unlimited Possibilities at Your Library ®"

We welcome back speaker Dr. Rose-Mary Rumbley, sharing with us, "Slaves, Underdogs, and Tough Women."

The event will be held at St. John's Episcopal Church in Pottsville, Monday April 13, 2015 at noon. Tickets are \$20 per person and invitations will be emailed soon.

Need a Job or Career Change? We Can Help You!

Our library has a direct link to the Texas Workforce Solutions website. Here you can browse and apply for jobs online. Need help writing a resume? We can show you many resources for making the best first impression. Need to brush up on a skill or take an exam? You'll be surprised at our database of online courses for software and all are free. We can also copy, print, scan, and fax. Come by soon!

Get Your Game On!
Retro gaming, fun for all ages!



February 28

1 - 5 pm

Call for reservations

Friends of the Library Fundraiser

Once again, the Friends of the Library will undertake a fundraiser selling beautiful, long-lasting plants and flowers. Thank you Dianne Pratt, who has agreed to chair this activity. If you can help, please give us a call or email us. No "selling" is involved, we just need help passing out flyers to your friends, family, and neighbors. This is a great way to help the library! More information coming soon!



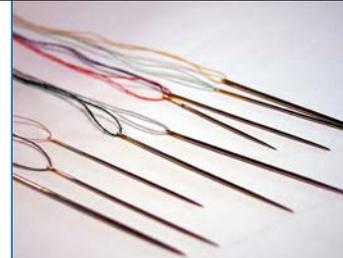
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Second Monday of every month 10 am



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