

Happy New Year!

Changes Continue at the Library

At the December meeting, the Operating Board accepted Fern Watson's resignation. We wish to express our appreciation to Fern for her service and wish her well in her retirement. Dianne Connery was appointed as the new Director. The Board also approved a new position titled Circulation Librarian to manage the front desk and volunteers. We are extremely fortunate to have Ann Barker join our staff. Please give her a personal welcome when you visit the library. Ann worked with the Richardson Library in various positions since 2006 and most recently with the Gainesville Library as an Assistant to the Librarian. She and her family moved to Pottsboro in 2012.



Have You Seen Us Lately?

A few years ago, with many small town libraries closing their doors, the Pottsboro Area Library decided to take drastic steps. The board came up with new ideas to make the library a center for learning with a focus on technology for all age groups. Weeding books that had not been checked out in 10 years afforded space to host the Pottsboro Senior Center and meeting space. Here's a snapshot of your Pottsboro Public Library!

Upon entering the library, patrons are greeted at the new contemporary receptionist's desk, which has a light wood tone, and plenty of desk space to accommodate sorting and other administrative duties. At the reception desk, patrons can also check out iPads and other tablets for use in the library. A large digital screen advertises the library's current programs and events.

The children's area features two computers, child-size tables and chairs, children's artwork, games, and of course, books categorized according to reading levels of easy, juvenile, and young adult. A custom made glass display case is eye candy for patrons. Local artists/collectors can display their works and collections, as well as advertising our new programs, crafts, and books.

The latest new books are easily found on one of the new book shelves. We have a large selection of audio books (on CD's). Pottsboro is part of a consortium of 18 small town libraries who rotate audio books on a quarterly basis.

Large print books, the latest fiction and non-fiction books are neatly displayed with prominent signs on the ends of the bookcases. If you can't find what you are looking for, our entire collection is available on our website and you can easily search for books by subject, author and title. In addition, we offer our patrons access to thousands of titles through e-books, which are free and can be downloaded to your pc or other reading devices.

In the back of the library are many computers with state-of-the art software ready for patrons to log on, using their library card, with high speed internet. Safety and security settings are in place. There are many comfortable tables, chairs and lounge furniture with arm tables for relaxing, reading or working. Another large digital screen is posted in the back of the library, advertising many local events for all non-profit organizations. The back of the library has a wall mounted t.v. for training and convertible tables that can be used for training, luncheons, and meetings.

Volunteers Needed

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 Pottsboro 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.



A Texas Tea Reception



A special reception was held at the library on Wednesday, January 7, to showcase the newly renovated interior of the library to benefactors and supporters, including Mr. & Mrs. Darryl Tocker and Karin Gerstenhaber. The renovation was funded through the generosity of the Tocker Foundation, the Oliver Dewey Mayor Foundation, the Hancher Foundation, Friends of the Pottsboro Area Library, Lake Texoma Rotary, as well as donations from the community. The renovation included new furniture and shelving, new flooring, newly painted walls and electrical upgrades. While the renovation is close to complete, some funding is still needed to complete the partially renovated children's area and new lighting. Future needs include improvements to the outside of the building and additional electrical work. Dianne Connery, Library Director, gave a brief history of the Pottsboro Area Library, started in 1985, with members of the community gathering donated books, volunteers, and a trailer home as the base. Friends of the Library worked

hard to raise funds to purchase a building, and continued to grow support for the library. Volunteers filled positions and manned the library until the library was able to afford to hire part-time librarians. Nancy Ridgeway, owner of Nancy's Events and Catering, along with Janice Howell, local artist and volunteer, provided a beautiful array of teas, showcasing Nancy's collection of antique tea cups and silver service. Janice provided finger sandwiches, displayed on her hand-painted plates, which coordinated with colors of the newly painted walls. There were also delicious home-made sweet treats to enjoy. On behalf of the Pottsboro Area Library and Friends of the Pottsboro Area Library, our thanks to our many benefactors, vendors, and volunteers who made our renovation possible. The operating board and Friends will continue to research new ideas to keep the library alive and thriving. In closing, Dianne stated we are all about saying "Yes!" to ideas that make the Pottsboro Area Library a vital part of our community.

Book Donation Information

Are you ready to clean out books, books on tapes, or DVD's? We are happy to accept them 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 will be 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.

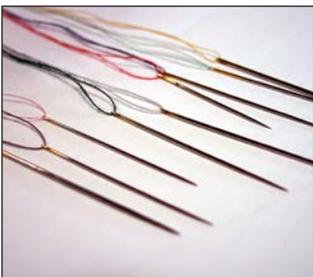
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We do not accept: Cookbooks, Encyclopedias, Smoke or other damaged books, "How to" books that are outdated, Bibles.



Pottsboro Area Library Bulletin Board

Upcoming Events and Classes



Needlework Group

Wednesdays 3 pm - 5 pm

Friends of the Library

Second Monday of every month

10 am



Spring Luncheon

April 13, 2015

St. John's Episcopal Pottsboro

"TECHSPERTS"

Computer Questions Answered

Sundays 3 pm - 6 pm



New Books!

Large Print - The Healer's Touch, and A Plain & Simple Heart both by Lori Copeland, Unspoken by Dee Henderson, A Wreath of Snow by Liz Curtis Higgs, Need You Now by Beth Wiseman, Leaving, Longing, Loving, Learning and Coming Home - Karen Kingsley

Fiction - Bridge to Haven by Francine Rivers

Non-Fiction - The Dallas Cowboys by Joe Nick Patoski



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