

The Bookworm

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2007 Calendar of Events

February 20th, 6:45 General Meeting - South Branch. The featured guest speakers are authors Kristine and Joyce Atkinson. Their book, Journal: The Short Life and Mysterious Death of Amy Zoe Mason, is available in The Woodlands at both Barnes & Noble and Borders. Buy a copy in advance and bring it to the meeting if you would like autographs.

Mar. 20th, 6:45 Exec. Board Mtg. - South Branch

April 2nd, 7:00 Guest author: Susan Wittig Albert Mitchell Branch

April 14th Children's Book Sale South Branch

April 16th, 6:45 General Meeting and Book Sorting Community Center

April 19, 20, 21st SPRING BOOK SALE

May 15th, 6:45 Exec. Bd. Meeting Mitchell Branch

June 30th 2nd Anniversary Fest Mitchell Branch

Sept. 11th, 9:45 AM General Meeting Mitchell Branch

Oct. 13th Children's Sale South Branch

Oct. 15th, 6:45 General Meeting and Book Sorting Community Center

Oct. 18, 19, 20 FALL BOOK SALE

Nov. 13th, 6:45 Executive Board Mtg. South Branch

Nov. 27th or Dec. 4th General Meeting and Election of officers South Branch

Message From the President

Dear Friends of the Library:

The executive board met on January 23rd to set up the schedule for 2007. We hope you will visit our website as well as the websites of our two libraries to keep abreast of all the upcoming activities.

We are a group who love books, libraries and the recycling of books. Our book sales in April and October are our main fundraisers. At both of these sales, the Children's Book Sale was moved to the Saturday prior to the general sales. Changes are evident in the two gift shops, as well; they are continually re-vamped in an effort to better serve our customers.

I am delighted to announce that Norma Dermenjian will be joining the Friends Board as Publicity Chair. You will probably be seeing e-mails from Norma in the near future.

Another addition to the Board is Chantal Weller, who will be joining the Book Sale Committee. There are still openings if you want to do some volunteering for any of our upcoming events. You may contact me directly at alicefwiliams@hotmail.com

Thank you for your support of The South Montgomery County Friends of the Library. We will be doing great things for our libraries in 2007.

Alice Williams

News from South & Mitchell Friends Rooms

Business has been brisk in January, thanks to generous donations and our many supporters. We are keeping the shelves stocked with wonderful nearly-new books, magazines, puzzles, movies and music. Additionally, South has a selection of cards, while Mitchell carries blank notes. Mitchell has just received a 60-volume set of Great Books. It is beautiful and priced at only \$300.00.

The crocheted bookworm/bookmarks available at both shops have been a huge success. Melanie's "fancy worms" are in great demand for Valentines Day and she is already working on new color combinations for St. Patrick's Day and Easter, inspired by original designs by Win McCann and Claudia Smith. Anyone who might have leftover novelty yarn (ex: Fun Fur) and would like to donate it for use in our worm project, please leave it at one of the shops. Even a small length can be put to use.

Both shops carry The Woodlands throws and our sturdy Friends of the Library (FOL) book/tote bag, great for taking your library books home!

South would like to welcome new Friends and volunteers, Nancy Head, Janina

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Buzz from Bonnie at South Regonal Library by Bonnie Boorman

Many changes are happening here at South. Patricia Bicknell, who has been with us in the circulation department for several years, graduated from Texas Women's University and has now been added to our reference staff. Later in February, we are losing Mark Stewart when he transfers to the Tullis branch, soon to open in New Caney.

Maureen Flower, whom many of you know, has retired after seventeen years as our circulation supervisor. She will be moving to Georgetown, Texas soon to live near her grandchildren. Kathryn Borchers has stepped into the supervisor's position in Maureen's place. She will be supervising two new circulation assistants: Donna Kaylor, who moves over from Mitchell, and Candida Garcia, a new face at our desk.

The general public may not be thrilled by library steel shelving, but to librarians who are out of space, the arrival of five new units in the children's area, two units in Young Adult, and a new wall of shelves in the Friends' store, will be cause for celebration. Delivery is expected any day now. The new DVD display unit arrived not long ago and was assembled by Bo Lauterbach. It is a perfect match for the other three units. The professional shelf for the children's reference area came in and was handily assembled by Eileen. It looks very nice indeed. Many thanks to Friends.

Thanks to Friends' support, the YA book club has been a success. All of the books you provided have been snapped up by the teens. Their February selection is Troll Fell, by Katherine Langrish, and in March, they will read Voyage of the Dawn Treader, one of the Chronicles of Narnia, by C. S. Lewis. The children's craft days and book club have also been enjoyed by the younger crowd. We are excited about all the fun of Summer Reading Club. We plan to make use of all the equipment you bought for us: the Play Station with Dance Dance Revolution, the large format printer, and the disc of ALA posters. Without you, our programs would have to be on a shoestring.

Spring 2007 Book Sale

The New Year is underway! Are you looking for an enjoyable resolution that will benefit others? It's time to begin thinking about the Friends' **Spring 2007 Book Sale**. It will be held April 19-21, at the South Montgomery County Community Center. **Resolve** now to be one of the many volunteers needed to unpack and organize over 600 boxes of donated materials. Please join us on Monday, April 16, at 6:45 p.m. for an evening of socializing with friends and unpacking all those boxes. We will continue unpacking and organizing on Tuesday and Wednesday, April 17 and 18, beginning at 9:00 a.m. Members, as well as all other interested adults, are invited to come by and help set up for the general sale. The Friends' Hospitality Committee will provide light snacks and beverages for our hard-working volunteers.

Also, mark this special date on your calendar. The Children's Book Sale will be held on Saturday, April 14, from 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. in the large conference room at the South Regional Library. Unpacking for this sale will start at 10:00 a.m. on Friday morning, April 13. We anticipate finishing by 1:00 p.m.

We look forward to seeing you in April. Your participation in this fun and rewarding book sale experience will help us get off to a good start in 2007!

Gerry Anthony and Geni Garrison, Co-chairmen, General Sale
Brenda Mayer and Debbie Adams, Co-Chairmen, Children's Sale

Donations of gently used books are accepted at South Branch and Mitchell Libraries all year. We also take



News From The George & Cynthia Woods Mitchell Library

by Barbara Miller

Mitchell Staff KISSES Friends

We are getting ready for a very busy spring into summer at the Mitchell branch. February will see another Texas Humanities exhibit, *Peru Mestizo*, displayed in our lobby, followed by the Conroe ISD art teachers' select student show in March. Speaking of art, the next *Young Art Explorers* children's art workshop, under the direction of gifted local artist Elissa Fletcher and sponsored by the Woodlands Art League, will be offered at Mitchell on Sat., Feb. 17. Participation is free to children 7-12 years of age by reservation.

Mitchell children's department will participate in *READ Across America Dr. Seuss/Cat-in-the-Hat*, a national celebration on Friday, Mar. 2. Not to be outdone, the next day, Saturday, Mar. 3, our Young Adult and Reference staff host our *2nd Annual Teen Job Fair*.

On Saturdays, Mar. 10 and 24, *The Princeton Review*, considered one of the best sources for college entrance test preparation, will offer two free SAT/ACT workshops for teens. Sign-up at the Mitchell Reference desk on the second floor.

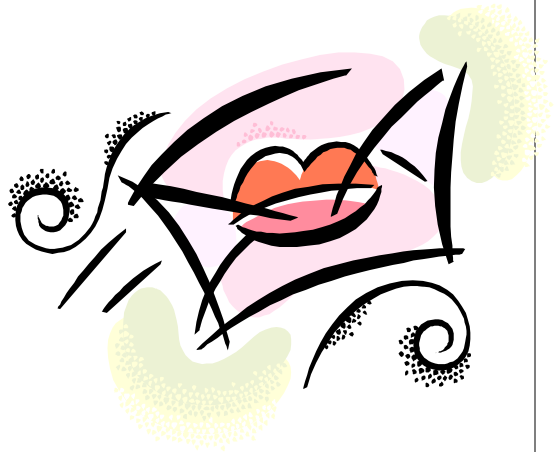
Over the next several months, continuing last year's *What Is a Classic?* theme, the Mitchell *Classic Book Discussion Club for Teen Homeschoolers* will read 19th and 20th century classics, including selections from Emily Dickinson, Franz Kafka's *The Metamorphosis* and George Orwell's *Animal Farm*. Members of a local home schooling consortium have worked with Reference librarian Donna Dzierlenga to donate a very special collection of reference and workbook materials for the use of home schooling families. For additional information about the Home School collection, which is located in the Children's area, contact Children's librarian Shelly Lane or Donna Dzierlenga.

Computer classes continue to be well attended. Lab Tech, Dax Nichols, plans to offer almost as many at South as at Mitchell, beginning in February.

Our *Great Battles Through History* reading and discussion group continues, with meetings beginning at 7:00pm the second Monday of each month. The Mitchell non-fiction reading club meets on the 3rd Thursday of each month. Their book for February is *Mockingbird, a Portrait of Harper Lee*.

Monday, Apr. 2nd, the Friends and the Montgomery County Herb Gardeners are privileged to sponsor an author's talk and book signing at Mitchell by noted Texas mystery writer Susan Wittig Albert. We really look forward to learning more about Susan's newest book, *Spanish Dagger*, featuring herbalist China Bayles. Friday, May 11th Mitchell will host a program to discuss Amy Tan's classic story of immigrant experience and assimilation, *The Joy Luck Club*. The event is part of the National Endowment for the Arts BIG READ project.

Members of Mitchell staff have been invited to join the Montgomery County Hispanic Chamber of Commerce again this year at their *Cinco de Mayo* community festival. Last year's event in Town Center was a wonderful outreach opportunity. We met a number of delightful folks and were able to hand out information about our branch and the County library system. We look forward to doing that again this year.



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Pekarcik, Glenna Owens and Jerry and Sherry De Lane. More volunteer opportunities are currently available, some with flexible hours; just stop in the bookshops for details. Thanks to our FOL volunteers the shops are open from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Saturday.

We look forward to seeing you,
Melanie, Nancy and Claudia and all our volunteers

GIFTS FROM FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY DURING 2006 AND 2007:

GIFTS TO BE SHARED BY BOTH LIBRARIES:

A large printer and poster printing disc
Outreach banners for use at public functions

GIFTS TO SOUTH BRANCH 2006:

Promotional materials

Supplies for Teen Read Week mystery party
Craft supplies and candy for holiday projects for the preschool and toddler
"Story Time"
Supplies for the arts and crafts afternoons in the children's department

Programs & Anniversary celebrations

Reward certificates, incentives and refreshments for summer reading program
Underwrote 5 sessions of the teen book club "It's Not Your Mother's Book Club" supplying 10 copies of each paperback read
Teen Art contest prize and reception
Refreshments for Job Fair, Open Mike night, Poetry Slam, and Teen Drum Circle

Library collections

100 new DVD movies in January 2006
Additional money for DVD's that cannot be purchased with county money:
PBS, BBC, Library Video which are not county vendors

Equipment & Furnishings

CD/movie display shelving
Steel shelving for children's reading room, and Young Adult reference
TV with VCR/DVD players for J & YA

Library benefit

Maintenance for green plants in the library

Coming in 2007:

16 games plus light refreshments for Family Game Night
A Chinese New Year puppet show
Educational game software for the 4 children's computers
Programs and supplies to supplement budget for Young Adult Summer
Reading programs (14 programs)

GIFTS TO MITCHELL BRANCH:Promotional materials

ALA READ2 Graphics CD for promotional and fund-raising posters
ALA Celebrity READ posters
Bookmarks (2 yrs)
Art & Craft supplies for J & YA depts. (1st year)
Subscription to *BookMarks* giveaway at both libraries

Programs & Anniversary celebrations

J & YA Summer Reading Presenter fees, give-aways and craft materials (2 yrs)
Classic Book Discussion Club for Teen Homeschoolers books and snacks
Teen Job Fair refreshments (2 yrs)
Speaker fees and receptions – David Gottlieb, James Haley
Six Texas Humanities traveling exhibits

Library collections

Literacy materials and workbooks ESL
Board books for toddlers
Children's picture books and audio/visual materials
Jazz series of DVDs

Equipment & Furnishings

TV with VCR/DVD players for J & YA
Puppets & Puppet theater curtain
Die-cut machine and numerous bookmark die-cuts
Laminating machine
Listening stations for Children's area
Play Station3 and games; "Dance, Dance Revolution," "Guitar Hero etc.
CD player/listening station and bookstands
Under-cabinet light fixture for Circulation workroom (not purchased)
CD/music spinning display units (2)
CD/DVD disc repair equipment

Staff benefit

Monthly bottled water delivery
Proposed workshop sponsorship for MCMLS Summer Reading training

Coming in 2007:

Additional die cuts and a storage case
Supplemental funds for Lone Star summer reading
Refreshments for March Job Fair, Princeton review ACT/SAT prep class
Silk decorative tree for library foyer

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"The Bookworm"
An original sculpture by Gary Price

More Book Club News

Murder by Friends

Second Thursday, 2 pm
2nd Floor, South Regional Library

Greetings, Mystery Lovers!

For those of you who weren't at our January meeting, we missed you. We had a lively discussion about Elizabeth Peters and the books in her "Amelia Peabody" series. We then decided on the following selections for meetings through May:

March 8: Any "87th Precinct" book
by Ed McBain. (Biographical information - Rose Smith)

April 12: Any book in the "Revenge of the Sisterhood" series by Fern Michaels. *Weekend Warriors*, the first book in the series, may be in limited supply. However, the author does refer to the formation of the group and recaps information from the early episodes in each of the later books. They are a quick and fun read - perfect for everyone who will be busy with book sales in April! (Biographical information - Norma Dermenjian)

May 10: Any book by Nora Roberts writing as J. D. Robb.
(Biographical information - Norma Dermenjian)

Leisure Readers

Fourth Thursday, 10 am
2nd Floor, South Regional Library

This book club covers the spectrum; we read non-fiction, popular fiction, the classics, mystery, history & romance. Our discussions & search for variety carries over to lunch at local restaurants. We've car-pooled to Beck's Prime, The Olive Garden, Johnny Rocket's, Katz's Deli, The Egg and I, Romano's Macaroni Grill, The Cheesecake Factory, Panera's, The Red Lobster and PF Chang's. Where will your 'taste' lead us?

February 22: Saturday by Ian McEwan

March 22: Any non-fiction title about the hey-days of Hollywood. Rose Smith will bring a video of early movie clips featuring her husband, a studio musician.

April 26: An American Tragedy by Theodore Dreiser

May 24: The Color Purple by Alice Walker

June 28: The Devil In the White City by Erik Larson