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# THE BOOKWORM

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SOUTH MONTGOMERY COUNTY FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

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## LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

We have had a very busy summer here in our libraries. The summer reading programs and other activities geared towards every age group seemed to be record breaking events. That estimate was based on the parking lots full of cars, smiling folks coming in and out of the libraries and the spill out of attendees into the hallways. The shops were also very busy thanks to each of you as donors and buyers. A big thanks to all who attended the events and to our very dedicated and creative librarians, here in The Woodlands, who put all the programs together.

Many of the programs were funded by the Friends of the Library through shop sales, dues, donations, including those coming in through arrangements with Kroger, Randall's and Amazon Smiles, and funds raised at our Annual Book Sale. So in short, you too made the great summer programs happen. Thanks for that continued support. The approaching much anticipated fall is coming along with cooler weather and great programs in the libraries and special sales in the shops. Check out the other blurbs on events.

The National Friends of the Library Week is set for October 15-21, 2017. Look for signs and messages on Facebook and our website for more information on how we are going to involve all in celebration of "all things libraries." Mitchell is also sponsoring along with the FOL an author, Amita Trasi on October 5 at 2pm. She will be discussing her new novel, The Color of Our Sky. The program is perfect for finding new authors and see them in person.

We are tentatively set also to take part in the Gulf Coast Reads program in October. The book chosen is The News of the World with the author Paulette Jiles. Our participation is with our sister libraries in Harris County and Houston and the tentative dates are October 18 or October 25. Keep your fingers crossed that negotiations go well and we will be able to announce the program soon. It will be a fantastic event. It is a great read and a great story of Texas in adolescence and teenage years.

See you at the libraries and in the shops. And keep on reading!

Deborah Butler  
President, South Montgomery County Friends of the Library

**SAVE THE DATE!!!**  
**SMCFOL ANNUAL BOOK SALE 2018**

SMCFOL 2018 book sale will be held at the Community Center on Lake Robbins in The Woodlands, on Thursday March 22, Friday March 23 and Saturday March 24.

Please save the date and if you'd like to help out at the sale, please contact Samantha to be added to the volunteer list - [samantha.winner72@gmail.com](mailto:samantha.winner72@gmail.com)

Jan Brodhead and Samantha Winner  
Book Sale Co-Chairs

### **SOUTH LIBRARY**

Dear Friends,

Thank you so much for your generous volunteer hours, financial support and commitment to our community. This year we added additional summer programs with an outstanding turnout of attendees!

June Programs - total attendance 4322

Adult	11
YA	7
Children	26

June Programs - total attendance 1815

Adult	7
YA	8
Children	17

On a more personal note, after almost 10 years of working at the South Regional Library, I have decided to return to the Conroe Independent School District as an Elementary School Librarian. During the library's Summer Reading Program, I realized I really missed working with children and being an exciting part of their reading activities.

Not to despair, Jenn Wigle, the new Assistant Branch Manager is here! Over to you Jenn!

Hi everyone! I am thrilled to be the new Assistant Branch Manager and I look forward to getting to know the community here in The Woodlands. I joined the Montgomery County Memorial Library System in 2014 as the Webmaster at our Central Library in Conroe. I love working for Montgomery County Libraries and I am very excited to be joining the South Regional Library. I am currently enjoying the book *Big Little Lies* by Liane Moriarty, which is this month's selection for the system's Online Book Club that I help run with our current Webmaster, Lindsay.

Catherine Pells  
South Regional Branch Manager

Jenn Wigle  
Assistant South Regional Branch Manager

## MITCHELL LIBRARY

Mitchell Library has a full slate of events this fall for library users of all ages. We hope to see you soon!

### Events for Adults

#### Mitchell Adult Evening Book Club

Not sure what to read next? Let us pick the book for you! The evening book club reads a mix of fiction and non-fiction selections and meets the third Wednesday every month for a lively discussion of the current book. We meet from 6:30-7:30 pm in the Community Room. Questions? Call us at 936-442-7728 or email [jennifer.giele@countylibrary.org](mailto:jennifer.giele@countylibrary.org). Evening Book Club Schedule:

September 20 – Station Eleven by Emily St. John Mandel

October 18 – News of the World by Paulette Jiles (2017 Gulf Coast Reads selection)

#### Mitchell Adult Nonfiction Book Club

Mitchell Library's Nonfiction Book Club will be reading the following books this fall:

- September 28 at 1pm – Hero of the Empire: The Boer War, a Daring Escape, and the Making of Winston Churchill by Candice Millard
- October 19 at 1pm – Weapons of Math Destruction: How Big Data Increases Inequality by Cathy O'Neil

Come and enjoy the camaraderie of like-minded readers! For more information, contact Jackie Greene, Reference Librarian, at 936-442-7728, ext. 6314 or at [jgreene@countylibrary.org](mailto:jgreene@countylibrary.org)

#### Mitchell Adult Fiction Book Club

The Mitchell Fiction Book Club is participating in the Gulf Coast Reads book sharing event. We will discuss the 2017 selection, News of the World by Paulette Jiles, at our September 7 meeting at 2:00pm in Community Room 102. The book is set in Texas after the Civil War. Captain Kidd is a wonderful character who earns fifty dollars to transport a kidnapped girl back from the Kiowa Indians to her relatives near San Antonio. After living with the Kiowa for four years she is not a typical girl and the journey is full of adventures.

On October 5 at 2pm, the Mitchell Fiction Book Club will welcome local author, Amita Trasi, for an author event and book signing. Ms. Trasi will speak about her book, The Color of Our Sky. It is the story of Tara and Mukta. Tara sets out to search for and rescue her childhood friend, Mukta, from human trafficking in India. The book takes place in Indian and Los Angeles. Following the presentation, there will be a question and answer session. Copies of the book are available for purchase and Ms. Trasi will be signing copies of her book. The event is open to all members of the community. We hope to see you there!

#### Mitchell Adult Writers Group

Mitchell Writers Group meets on the third Tuesday of every month from 1-2:30pm. For anyone who wants to get started writing but perhaps isn't sure where to start, we will have some materials and ideas for inspiration. Our group will give members a time and place to start a journal, plan a short story, or capture a precious memory. Experienced writers are welcome to join and

inspire us. Would you like to leave some special thoughts behind for your children and grandchildren? Craft a poem? Write an essay? Drop in and see what we're up to! We've also started Mitchell Writers Group: Writing Lab. It's a dedicated time and place to get some writing done in an inspirational atmosphere. The Writing Lab is the second Tuesday of the month from 1-2:30pm in Conference Room 222.

### Mitchell Computer Classes

The September Computer Class schedule is set. The first two weeks of September are devoted to learning the ins and outs of Microsoft Excel in a six-part instruction series. Seating is offered on a first-come, first-served basis. The last two weeks of the month explore QuickBooks in five parts. You must register for each QuickBooks class online through the library's event calendar. For more information on the dates and times of these classes and future class offerings, please visit the Computer Classes page on the library's website at [http://www.countylibrary.org/computer\\_classes.htm](http://www.countylibrary.org/computer_classes.htm).

### Mitchell Crafternoons

Join us for Crafternoons this fall for a fun, free craft to take home! Supplies and instructions are provided on a first-come, first-served basis. All ages welcome, but be aware that crafts are intended for adults and older children. No registration needed. Happy crafting!

Date: 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays of the month

Time: 1:30-2:30pm

Location: Community Room 102

#### Crafternoons Schedule:

August 22 – Decorative Light Switch Covers

September 12 – Desktop Terrariums \*Back by popular demand!\*

September 26 – Fall Earrings

October 10 – Book Paper Brooches

October 24 – Scrabble Coasters

November 14 – 2017 Retrospective & Surprise Holiday Craft (make a craft you missed, or make something new!)

\*Please Note\* There will be only one Crafternoon program in November and December due to the holidays.

### Mitchell Movie Matinees

Our popular movie series is back. We'll bring the popcorn!

Thursday, September 21 at 1pm - The Zookeeper's Wife (PG-13)

In 1939 the Warsaw Zoo was flourishing under the guidance of a devoted husband-and-wife team, Antonia (Jessica Chastian) and Jan (Johan Heldenberg) Sabinski. After the Germans bombed and invaded the zoo, the couple found back, working with the Resistance and secretly using their zoo's underground tunnel area for hiding Jews. This remarkable story is based on Antonia Zabinski's wartime diaries.

Thursday, October 26 at 1pm – La La Land (PG-13)

Come and enjoy the romantic old-school musical about two L.A. dreamers, one a jazz pianist and the other an aspiring playwright. This exceptional movie is either a must-see because you missed it in the theater, or it's a must-see-again if you have already fallen in love with its starry-eyed premise!

#### Mitchell Needlecrafts: Knit & Stitch

Crocheters, knitters, embroiderers, quilters, and all textile artists welcome. Bring your own work-in-progress and supplies! First and third Friday each month, upstairs in Conference Room 222. Drop by for inspiration and to meet fellow crafters.

\*NOTE – There is no Knit & Stitch meeting on Friday, September 1, 2017\*

#### Events for Teens (Ages 13-17)

##### Teen Gaming Unplugged

Tuesday, September 19 from 5:30-8pm

Tuesday, October 24 from 5:30-8pm

##### Teen Movie Night

Tuesday, August 29 from 5:30-8pm

Tuesday, September 26 from 5:30-8pm

Tuesday, October 31 from 5:30-8pm

##### Teen Mystery Club

Tuesday, September 12 from 5:30-8pm

Tuesday, October 17 from 5:30-8pm

##### Teen Powered Up Program – DIY Fidget Spinners

Tuesday, October 3 from 5:30-8pm

##### Teen Trivia

Tuesday, October 10 from 5:30-8pm

##### Teen Volunteer Orientation

Tuesday, September 5 at 5pm \*Registration required\*

##### Parent & Student Informational Session – ACT & SAT

Tuesday, September 5 from 6:30-7:30pm

#### Events for Children

Our Summer Reading Club saw 2,614 children registered and 1,670 complete their summer reading goals. We offered 84 programs with 2,899 children and 1,571 adults attending.

Following a summer break, weekly Toddler Playdate, Family Storytime and School Age Storytime are scheduled to resume at the library the week of August 28.

## Play - Learn - Grow Early Literacy Space

This past fall, the Mitchell Library joined the Family Place Libraries™ national network, providing a welcoming community environment with resources to help families nurture their children's development and early learning during the critical first years of life.

We have committed to providing a welcoming community environment with resources that families need to nurture their children's development and ensure they enter school ready and able to learn. Over the past year we have redesigned and improved our Children's Area to create a specially designed and welcoming space for families with young children to relax, play, share books, and meet other families. We have also added a Parent collection in the Children's Department to include new and up-to-date books on popular parenting issues, including, but not limited to, nutrition, speech and language acquisition, early literacy skills, play, and guidance techniques.

In late September we will run our very first Parent/Child Workshop, a fun, play-based five week program where families can relax, make friends, and talk one-on-one with specialists on child development. This program will be open to children ages one to three and their caregiver and is limited to one session per year per child. The program will be held on Thursdays, September 14, September 21, September 28, October 5 and October 12 from 10 – 11:15am. Online Registration for the Parent/Child Workshop will begin on Monday August 28 at 9am by going to the library website's page: <http://www.countylibrary.org/calendar.htm>.

Mitchell Library's implementation of this expanded public library role is made possible in part by a grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services to the Texas State Library and Archives Commission under the provisions of the Library Services and Technology Act, and in part by a State-funded grant from the Texas State Library and Archives Commission.

### About the Family Place Libraries™ Network

The Family Place Libraries™ model is now in over 400 libraries in 29 states serving thousands of young children and their parents/caregivers. Learn more about Family Place Libraries at <http://www.familyplacelibraries.org/>.

Amber Fritschel-Manolovitz  
Assistant Branch Manager

## NEWS FROM THE GIFT SHOPS

### SOUTH

We've enjoyed a wonderful summer. Sales have been great and we've enjoyed watching community members participate in all the great programs and activities our libraries have offered this summer. We always thank our wonderful volunteers for donating their time to work in our shops. But let's not forget the other group that's so instrumental in making our shops a success – our wonderful customers!

We enjoy interacting with folks who love books as much as we do. It is great to get to know them and hear about the latest book they are reading. They truly become part of our book shop

family. These wonderful people not only support our libraries through their purchases. They often generously help others. I'd like to tell you about just two of them.

John is someone who visits our shop regularly. He always finds books for his personal library, but recently he purchased a very large donation of comic books. We were surprised as it was not something he is usually interested in. However, it seems he learned a local children's hospital was in need of books for kids. John donated the comics to the hospital.

Just recently Tammie Gandarillas, the owner of a local design company, bought some books and donated a generous amount over and above the total purchase. Her request was that it be used to "Pay it Forward". We suggested the money be used to help teachers buy books for their classroom libraries and Tammie agreed. So far we've been able to help 5 local teachers by using those funds to help pay for classroom books. The surprise on teachers' faces was fun to watch and they were so grateful!

Yes, we love our customers. Not only do you support our community libraries, you make a difference throughout the community. We are grateful for each and every one of you.

Judy Mitchell  
South Book Shop Manager

## MITCHELL

Here at the Mitchell Friends' Shop we are currently looking for members who would be interested in working as substitutes at our shop sales desk. We offer a fun working environment in a cheerful setting and training is provided. Once per month I e-mail available two-hour shifts running Monday through Saturday from which you can select.

If you are interested please contact the Mitchell Friends' Shop Co-managers, Megan VerBerkmoes at [mverberkmoes@live.com](mailto:mverberkmoes@live.com) or Samantha Winner at [samantha.winner72@gmail.com](mailto:samantha.winner72@gmail.com).

We've had a few changes at our Mitchell shop and we said goodbye to Alex Ellison as she stepped down from her position as co-manager of the shop. We will miss her and we're sad to see her go but we wish her all the very best. On a happier note, we're pleased to welcome Megan VerBerkmoes who joins Samantha Winner as co-manager of the shop. Exciting times ahead!

The summer has been very busy at Mitchell with all the children's programs - everything from pizza making to dinosaurs and alligators. Our sales have been fabulous! We've also increased our Facebook use, so as we head out of summer towards fall keep an eye on both the shop and our social media to check out all the upcoming sales and specials!

Thanks for donating, shopping and volunteering, we really appreciate it!

Samantha Winner and Megan VerBerkmoes  
Mitchell Shop Managers



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