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# THE BOOKWORM

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SOUTH MONTGOMERY COUNTY FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

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**JUNE JULY AUGUST 2018**

## **LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT**

Well, WE DID IT, and I really mean WE. Our very successful Annual Book Sale this spring was due, in large part, to each of you, whether you volunteered to set up, take down, stock the tables, be a cashier or counter, and/or buyer. We were also fortunate to have many new volunteers in addition to our returning volunteers during our sale week. The camaraderie by all was outstanding as was the great leadership by our co-chairs, Jan Brodhead and Samantha Winner. The sale is a great benefit to the Friends in our support of the libraries and a great opportunity for us to reach out to the community. We are already in planning mode for next year's sale, so stay tuned for the dates and volunteering opportunities. Please see the note by Jan and Samantha with more details on the sale. Again, thank you for your support of this year's Annual Book Sale.

We are about to be in the thick of summer, with rising temperatures and the need for a cool place to be. Well, we have an answer to your quest for a cool place to be: YOUR LIBRARIES with their tremendous summer programs and activities. Each of our libraries will be offering a wide variety of activities this summer for all ages: for example, from Dinosaur George, and Family Story Time, to the Singing Zoologist, to Legos Fun, to movie afternoons, Book Clubs and, most importantly, the Summer Reading Program for kids, teens, and adults. These programs and activities are funded by the Friends of the Library, through dues, the Book Sale, and, of course, our vigorous shop sales. So stay cool this summer with frequent visits to your libraries to take part in these terrific summer programs and activities and, while there, do stop by the shops for great bargains.

We have not set the date for the next General Meeting but it should be later this summer or early fall. At that meeting, we will announce nominations for officers for the Friends' Board of Directors for next year. Please see the note on the Nominating Committee and their summer mission. Serving on the Board is another way to support our libraries and have fun doing so.

I look forward to seeing you at upcoming events, shopping in the shops and when you drop off donations. With your continued support, it is going to be a banner year for our libraries. And, of course, Happy Reading throughout the remainder of the year.

Deborah Butler  
President, South Montgomery County Friends of the Library

## **NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

The South Montgomery County Friends of the Library Nominating Committee is seeking FOL members with an interest in serving on the FOL Board for 2019 and this search is for you to consider coming on board with us. Please read on and consider serving on the FOL Board. Our Nominating Committee's mission is to nominate members to fill two officer positions: Vice President for Mitchell and Secretary. The Committee is also in search of a member to serve as our Newsletter and Communications Publisher. As members of the FOL Board of Directors, these positions provide a further opportunity to support our libraries as cultural and educational assets of The Woodlands. The Board meets monthly to review the FOL activities and library programs to support, to receive updates on the Shops, to discuss funding requests for programs and activities at the libraries and the procurement of equipment for the libraries, and, of course, to plan for the Annual Book Sale. Through the collective experiences of the members of the Board, the FOL has been able to dramatically support and fund the varied activities and programs at each of our libraries, from the summer reading programs, to the book clubs, computers for the children's room, movie afternoons, crafts, speakers and the summer children's programs.

The Vice President of Mitchell is the direct liaison between the Mitchell Library Manager and the Board. The Secretary is responsible for taking the minutes of the meetings of the Membership and the Board and reporting on those minutes. These positions are long standing positions on the Board.

In contrast, the position of Newsletter and Communications Publisher is a relatively new position for the Board in that it takes advantage of various communications strategies and social media to publicize our activities in support of the libraries and the programs at the libraries. The position is responsible for the quarterly newsletter to our members, preparing it from a collection of articles submitted by Board Members. The assembly of the newsletter is done via an existing template. Our Publisher then ensures electronic distribution to our membership list, and periodic electronic communications to our membership as needed.

If you are in a position to serve on the Board in one of these positions or just want to know more about the Board's activities, please contact the Nominating Committee at [info@smcfriendsofthelibrary.org](mailto:info@smcfriendsofthelibrary.org). Or directly contact Megan VerBerkmoes, Jholeen Cunningham or Lynne Santarsiere. Megan, Jholeen, and Lynne all are super volunteers in the Shops, so please hear them out when they approach you. Remember this is another volunteer option with the FOL. As said at the beginning, this call could be the one YOU have been waiting for. Please give it some thought.

## **SMCFOL ANNUAL BOOK SALE 2018**

We would like to let everyone know that in March we completed another successful book sale for the Friends of the Library and it is all possible because of volunteers like

you. Without your help, energy and enthusiasm, we would not be able to do this! Our sale depends entirely on your efforts. For our 2018 sale, we had the help of ninety-five volunteers.

Staging the book sale takes almost a full week, comprising the days devoted to preparations and the actual sale days. The set up team worked very hard on Tuesday and Wednesday to unpack and sort approximately 520 boxes of books. By the end of Wednesday, almost everything was done and we were just waiting for opening night.

Our opening night on Thursday was extremely successful - one of the best ever! We sold almost one-third of our books on opening night. The rest of the sale was equally successful; we ended up selling almost ninety percent of our books. The many volunteers who worked on actual sale days worked tirelessly to help make everything flow and to keep our customers happy. The end result is that we made approximately \$7,900.00 for the Friends with this sale.

We need ALL of our volunteers, but the people on our book sale committee team deserve special recognition. They are Deborah Butler, Mark and Chantal Weller, Debbie Adams, Megan Larsen, Judy Mitchell, Maureen Dalton, and Mary Jo and John Sgro.

It cannot be said enough - we need volunteers like you! We cannot put on a big book sale like we just did without your help and support. We look forward to seeing you again next year!

Thanks again,

Jan Brodhead and Samantha Winner  
Book Sale Co-Chairs

## **SOUTH LIBRARY**

It is time to rock and roll! Summer reading begins June 4, and there are all kinds of programs planned – everything from snakes, movies, to a rock concert. The library staff thanks you for all your support that allows us to have a rocking good summer program. We look forward to seeing everyone this summer!

### **Family Game Night**

June 4, at 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm

July 2, 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm

Join us for fun board games and refreshments for the whole family.

### **Excel for Teens**

Jun. 4, 9:30 am - 11 am (Part 1)

June 6, 1 pm – 2:30 pm (Part 2)

June 11, 9:30 am – 11 am (Part 3)

June 13, 1 pm – 2:30 pm (Part 4)

June 18, 9:30 am – 11 am (Part 5)

We will go over many aspects of Excel, from the basics to pivot tables. We will also cover filling your spreadsheet with useful series and making your spread sheets visually appealing.

### **Texas Snakes & More**

June 5, 10 am – 12 pm

Mr. Clint will bring his snakes to this come and go event for families.

### **Summer Reading Kick-Off Concert**

June 5, from 6 pm – 8 pm

Concert on the lawn (near book drop area) with Edge of the Universe (featuring librarian Steve). All ages welcome.

### **Lucas Miller, the Singing Zoologist**

June 6, at 10 am & 11 am

Program that focuses on wildlife and their habits through original songs, movement, and audience participation.

### **Baby and Me Storytime (0-18 months)**

June 7, 14, 21, 28

July 5, 12

Focuses on nursery rhymes and movement and is geared toward infants up to age 18 months. Parents and caregivers should be prepared to be actively involved in this story time. Each Baby & Me Storytime is about 20 minutes long and concludes with time for babies to explore books and toys.

### **Teen Music & Light Show (Registration required, begins June 4.)**

June 7, 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm

Teens will enjoy a music light show in the Houston Museum's Traveling Light Dome. A show will start every 30 minutes beginning at 5:30 pm with the last showing beginning at 7 pm. There will also be pizza, snacks and board games available. Prizes will be given away at the beginning of each light show. Open to all teens ages 13-17.

### **Preteen Screen printing Workshop**

June 8, 1 pm & 2:30 pm

### **Bright Star Theater's Alice in Wonderland**

June 11, 10 am & 11 am

The Lewis Carroll literary classic is magically brought to life in this 45 minute adventure. Join Alice on her journey into the rabbit hole, packed with some eccentric and fantastical characters who take your audience on an imaginative ride. Tickets are required for this program and will be handed out beginning 30 minutes before each program begins. Persons must be present to receive a ticket.

### **Adult Afternoon – Needlecraft Circle**

June 11, 1:30 pm – 3:30 pm

Bring your project (knitting, embroidery, crochet, etc.) and socialize with us. Meetings are held in the Children's Room at the back of the first floor.

### **R.E.A.D.® to the Dogs**

June 12, July 10

This program encourages children to practice their reading skills by reading to specially trained therapy dogs. Children who read 5 books to a dog receive a free book. This activity is provided through a partnership with Montgomery Pet Partners. No registration is required.

### **Dinosaur George**

June 13, 10 am, 11 am, & 12 pm

Dinosaur George will take you back in time to teach you about some of the most amazing creatures that ever lived. You'll see dinosaur bones, skulls, horns, teeth, claws and more during this exciting fun adventure.

### **Teen DIY Lotion** (Registration required, begins June 4)

June 13, 1:30 pm to 3:30 pm

Teens will learn about and create their own lotion. Open to all teens 13-17.

### **Teen Chocolate Tasting** (Registration required, begins June 4)

June 14, 4:30 pm to 5:30 pm

Teens learn the history of chocolate and make their own special chocolate creation. Open to all teens 13-17.

### **Preteen Paint Party**

June 15, 1 pm & 2:30 pm

Have you ever wanted to try out one of those painting party places? Now you can try it at the library! Preteens age 9 to 12 years will learn step-by-step from an art instructor how to paint a selected picture. Preteen will be using acrylic paint, which can stain. Please dress your child appropriately. Registration is required for this event. Please register for ONE session only. Registration begins June.

### **Soap Making**

June 18, 1:00 pm

Come and learn how to make soap the old-fashioned way. Free samples provided to participants. **Seating is limited** to adults 18 and up and registration is required (one slot per person).

### **Family Movie: Paddington 2 (rated PG)**

June 19, 10 am

It's hot outside, so chill out at the library with a family movie. We'll show Paddington 2 and serve snacks. This program is offered on a first-come, first-serve basis, so no tickets are required.

### **It's Showtime! The Woodlands Show Chorus**

June 19, 6:30 - 7:30 PM in the Lobby Meeting Room

The Woodlands Show Chorus is coming back to South Regional Library to bring the house down with amazing, award-winning repertoire! The barber-shop group performs acapella music that will knock your socks off! Get a sneak preview at the website <https://thewoodlandsshowchorus.org/>.

### **Arts Alive!**

June 20, 10 am and 11 am

This interactive program will capture children's imagination using drama, dance, music, and visual art. Tickets are required for this program and will be handed out beginning 30 minutes before each program begins. Persons must be present to receive a ticket.

### **Keyboarding for Teens**

June 20, 1 pm – 2:30 pm

Keyboarding is something we all do almost daily. If you are struggling with this skill, or just want to improve your speed, join us for this class. You will improve your typing habits and learn about ergonomic devices that will protect you for the future.

### **Teen Movie Matinee – Black Panther (rated PG-13 - 2018)**

Registration required, begins June 4

June 20, 1 pm to 3:30 pm

Teens will enjoy snacks while watching a movie on the library's big screen. Movie Summary: "Black Panther" follows T'Challa who, after the events of "Captain America: Civil War," returns home to the isolated, technologically advanced African nation of Wakanda to take his place as King. However, when an old enemy reappears on the radar, T'Challa's mettle as King and Black Panther is tested when he is drawn into a conflict that puts the entire fate of Wakanda and the world at risk. Open to all teens 13-17.

### **Teen Lip Sync/Karaoke Hour (Registration required, begins June 4)**

June 21, 4:30 pm – 5:30 pm

Teens will have an hour to test out their vocal skills in a fun and friendly atmosphere. Refreshments will be served. Open to all teens ages 13-17.

### **Preteen Book Swap & Board Games (Registration required, begins June 4)**

June 22, 2 pm

If you need some new reading material, come to our Book Swap! Bring up to 3 books that you no longer want and swap them out for something new to read. If you don't have any books you want to swap, that's ok - we'll be playing board games and making ice-cream sundaes too!

Books to be swapped should be in useable condition (i.e. clean, not torn up, no

pages missing) and be within the reading level of a 9 to 12 year old. Library staff reserve the right to reject any books not meeting these criteria.

### **Computer Class - Cloud Storage**

June 25, 9:30 am – 11:30 am (Part 1)

June 27, 1 pm – 3 pm (Part 2)

Join us in this class to learn about storing your data online where you can always access it through an internet connection. We'll discuss definitions, benefits and drawbacks, take a look at future storage possibilities, compare 5 cloud storage companies, and open a 'One Drive' or 'Google Drive Account'.

### **Grease Sing-Along**

June 25, 1:30 - 3:30 pm in the Lobby Meeting Room

Watch this classic musical film (rated PG-13) on the big screen and sing along to all the songs! We'll provide the popcorn! Adults ages 18 and up. Walk-ins welcome. Registration provided so you can receive a reminder email.

**Adult Fiction Book Club** – All spots for June are filled.

### **Bicycle Safety Program**

June 26, 3 pm

Learn about bicycle safety, including rules of the road and proper helmet fitting. This program will include a brief video, various hands on activities and interactive games, and a helmet fitting session. This program is most appropriate for children aged 4 years and up.

### **Crocodile Encounter**

June 27, 10 am, 11 am, and 12 pm

Learn about different types of reptiles in this exciting live animal program. Tickets are required for this program and will be handed out beginning 30 minutes before each program begins. Persons must be present to receive a ticket.

**Teen Henna Design** (Registration required, begins June 4)

June 27, 1:30 pm to 3:30 pm

Teen will learn about the history of henna and how to apply their own henna design. Registration is required. Open to all teens 13-17.

### **Fresh\*Reads Online Book Club Meet Up**

June 27, 3 pm – 4 pm

We hope you can join us for our first in-person meeting of Fresh\*Reads, our online book club. Our June title is ***I'll Give You the Sun*** by Jandy Nelson. We will discuss the title online, but we are also meeting on June 27 from 3-4pm at our South Regional Library to discuss the title and enjoy snacks/refreshments. You do not need to participate online to attend. We will also be giving away a few

copies of our July title. Registration for the event is provided only for reminder emails; it is not required.

### **Teen Book & Manga Talk with Ice Cream & Cookies**

(Registration required, begins June 4)

June 28, 4:30 pm to 5:30 pm

Teens will enjoy an hour long self-directed talk about the books and manga that they are currently reading. Ice cream and cookies will be provided. Open to all teens ages 13-17.

### **Preteen Brushbot Derby** (Registration required, begins June 4)

June 29, 2 pm

Preteens age 9 to 12 years will learn to make a brushbot, then design and build challenges for their brushbots to compete in. Let the games begin!

### **LEGO® Fun**

July 3, 10 am – 11 am

We provide the LEGO® bricks, you provide the imagination! Use the library's LEGO® collection to build individually or as a group and create something amazing! Ages 3 and up due to choking hazard. This is a come and go event, so no tickets are needed.

**Gumshoe Mystery Book Club** – all spaces are filled.

### **Book Tasting**

July 3, 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm in the Lobby Meeting Room.

“Some books should be tasted, some devoured, but only a few should be chewed and digested thoroughly.” Sir Francis Bacon

Expand your reading palate! Join us for nine courses of reading, covering different genres. Find new favorite authors and discuss reading by candlelight. Adults ages 18 and up. Seating is limited.

### **Teen Water Color Inspiration Card** (Registration required, begins June 4)

July 5, 4:30 pm to 5:30 pm

Teens will create their own water color inspiration card. Open to all teens ages 13-17.

### **Preteen Emoji Crafts** (Registration required, begins Jun 4.)

July 6, 2 pm

Love emojis? Then try your hand at some emoji-themed crafts! This program is for preteens age 9 to 12 years old.

### **Luxurious Peppermint Foot Cream** (Registration required, begins Jun 4.)

July 9, 11 am – 12 pm

Learn how to make luxurious peppermint foot cream to soothe those aching feet and enjoy a free sample for the blistering July heat.

**Adult Afternoon – Needlecraft Circle**

July 9, 1:30 pm – 3:30 pm

Bring your project (knitting, embroidery, crochet, etc.) and socialize with us. Meetings are held in the Children's Room at the back of the first floor.

**Mad Science** (Tickets required)

July 11, 10 am – 11 am

Mad Science introduces science concepts with fun, interactive demonstrations and experiments. Tickets are required for this program and will be handed out beginning 30 minutes before each program begins. Persons must be present to receive a ticket.

**Teen Movie Matinee – Heartbeats** (rated PG - 2017)

July 11, 1 pm – 3 pm

Registration required, begins Jun 4.

Teens will enjoy snacks while watching a movie on the library's big screen. Movie Summary - In this mix of music, drama, and comedy, a young college student (Krystal Ellsworth) who once dreamed of being a professional dancer travels to India with her family to attend a wedding. While there, her passion for dance is reignited as she forms a budding relationship with a young man (Amitash Pradhan), but pursuing her dreams will mean facing the disapproval of her parents. Open to all teens 13-17.

**Teen Miniature Succulents** (Registration required, begins June 4)

July 12, 4:30 pm – 5:30 pm

Teens will learn about and how to plant their own miniature succulent. Open to all teens ages 13-17.

**Preteen Movie & Pizza: Wonder (Rated PG)**

July 13, 2 pm

**End of Summer Reading Program**

July 14 - Last chance to turn in reading log tickets!

**Teen Shrinky Dink Bookcover** (Registration required, begins June 4)

July 18, 1:30 pm to 3:30 pm

Teens will get to pick out their book covers from various prepared shrinky dink and use jewelry tools to make their bracelet. Open to all teens ages 13-17.

**Teen Cupcake Decorating Class** (Registration required, begins June 4.)

July 19, 4:30 pm – 5:30 pm

Teens will learn the tips and tricks for decorating cupcakes. Please inform the Young Adult librarian of any food allergies at least 48 hours in advance of this program so that we can try to accommodate them. Open to all teens ages 13-17.

**Teen Cookie Decorating Class** (Registration required, begins June 4.)

July 26, 4:30 pm – 5:30 pm

Teens will learn the tips and tricks for decorating cookies. Please inform the Young Adult librarian of any food allergies at least 48 hours in advance of this program so that we can try to accommodate them. Open to all teens ages 13-17.

Lynn Garcia  
South Regional Manager

## **MITCHELL LIBRARY**

### **Libraries Rock! Mitchell's Summer Reading Program Begins on June 4!**

Mitchell staff have been strategizing and organizing for months in order to plan and produce our best summer reading program ever. This year's theme is "Libraries Rock!" and we'll be rocking out from June 4 through July 14 with activities for library patrons of all ages. Each week will feature the music of a different decade with Mitchell staff members dressing in period-appropriate attire on Wednesdays, concerts of music from the decade on Friday afternoons, and movie musicals each week! Make a point of stopping by to see the fabulous decorations throughout the library, many using records received through the Friends' shops - special thanks to Judy Mitchell for steering these discards our way! We are expecting to set new attendance and participation records this summer with events including book clubs, craft activities, and popular children's presenters such as Dinosaur George and John O'Bryant. We are able to put on such a popular and packed program schedule because of the support we receive from the South Montgomery County Friends of the Library.

Keeping our school-aged patrons reading to avoid any summer backslide, while continuing to boost the pre-literacy skill development of babies, toddlers and preschoolers, is our key challenge each summer. Adults of all ages can help by modeling active reading, by discussing what they are reading with others, by asking about and expressing interest in the books being read by the young people they encounter, by reading to the children in their lives, and by promoting and advocating for the libraries in our community. Thanks for your support!

Children's Librarian Shelly Lane gave a great interview about the upcoming summer reading program to the Woodlands Mommy—a local website promoting events of interest to families in The Woodlands area. She also talked about the Friends and what they do! The interview is 13 minutes and 35 seconds. Have a look! Here's the link:

[http://woodlandsmommy.com/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&id=3626:2018-summer-reading-a-programs-for-kids-at-mitchell-library&catid=61:news&Itemid=74](http://woodlandsmommy.com/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=3626:2018-summer-reading-a-programs-for-kids-at-mitchell-library&catid=61:news&Itemid=74)

## Events for Adults

### Adult Summer Reading:

Get ready to read as we embark on a symphony of activities, highlighting this year's summer reading music theme, Libraries Rock. There's no sign-up needed for the reading program, simply read to your heart's content and submit the titles you've read from June 4 – July 14 either online or in boxes around the library! Each submission is an entry to win fun prizes, including an RCA Maven 2-in1 Quad Core (32GB) tablet, courtesy of Hoopla Digital!

Come join us for these free events all summer long!

### Crafternoons

Our popular craft program, will host three special sessions this summer. The make-and-take crafts are free, while supplies last. No advanced skills are needed; just show up ready to have fun, and create something amazing! Art supplies and instruction are provided, no registration necessary. We hope to see you there!

Tuesday, June 13 – Musical Canvas Wall Art

Tuesday, June 27 – Wooden Flag Decor

Tuesday, July 11 – Music Note Necklace

### Family Sock Hop

C'mon everybody we're gonna have some fun! This 50's-themed party will feature games, music, refreshments, and more. Come in costume for a chance to win prizes. So grease your hair back and grab your poodle skirts... it's time to Shake, Rattle & Roll!

Wednesday, June 27 from 11am-1pm

### Musical Matinees

These will be weekly at 1:30pm and are rated PG to PG-13. Children 12 and under must be accompanied by an adult. Popcorn and drinks will be provided!

Wednesday, June 6 – Grease, PG-13

Monday, June 11 – Wizard of Oz, PG

Wednesday, June 20 – Hairspray, PG

Monday, June 25 – Momma Mia, PG-13

Tuesday, July 3 – August Rush, PG

Wednesday, July 11 – Pitch Perfect, PG-13

### Musical Meditation

Join us for a FREE Introduction to Meditation class at the Mitchell Library in June and July! We will have volunteers from Art of Living teach on beginner meditation with music and how to add some stress-relief to your daily routine! This is a seated meditation only; participants will learn and practice the lesson while

seated in chairs. Registration is required. Ages 18 and up only. Registration will open May 21 at 8am on the events calendar online.

Thursday, June 7

Wednesday, July 11

### **Tunes @ Two**

Enjoy live music every Friday during Summer Reading at 2pm in the library lobby. Songs from the library's featured decade of the week will be performed.

Friday, June 8 – Music of the 1970s

Friday, June 15 – Music of the 1940s

Friday, June 22 – Music of the 1960s

Friday, June 29 – Music of the 1950s

Friday, July 6 – Music of the 1980s

Friday, July 13 – Music of the 1990s

Be sure to keep a look out for Activity Stations throughout the library! You can stop and pick up a mystery CD at our 'Blind Date with a Disc' station, test your music knowledge at our 'Name That Tune' kiosk, or participate in a fun, "Musical Scavenger Hunt"! These activities are great for all ages! Mitchell Library is going all out to get your summer off to a great start and we encourage everyone to take advantage of all the fun activities and programs. The Summer Reading Program will run from June 4 to July 14.

### **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 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday every month for a lively discussion of the current book. We meet from 6:30pm -7:30pm 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:

June 20 – *The Stranger in the Woods: The Extraordinary Story of the Last True Hermit* by Michael Finkel

July 18 – *The Book of Polly* by Kathy Hepinstall

August 15 – *The Twelve Lives of Samuel Hawley* by Hannah Tinti

### **Mitchell Adult Fiction Book Club**

The Fiction Book Club meets the first Thursday of the month at 2pm in Community Room 102.

Fiction Book Club Schedule:

June 7 – *Last Days of Night* by Graham Moore

July 5 – *The Other Einstein* by Marie Benedict

August 2 – *The Tea Girl of Hummingbird Lane* by Lisa See

## **Mitchell Adult Nonfiction Book Club**

Come and enjoy the camaraderie of like-minded readers! Any adult is invited to attend and refreshments will be served. We meet at 1pm in the Community Room. For more information, contact Jackie Greene, Reference Librarian, at 936-442-7728, ext. 6314 or at [jgreene@countylibrary.org](mailto:jgreene@countylibrary.org)

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### Nonfiction Book Club Schedule:

June 21 – *The Not-Quite States of America: Dispatches from the Territories and Other Far-Flung Outposts* by Doug Mack

We all know that America has 50 states but how many of us are aware of the various U.S. territories and their 4 million inhabitants? The author traveled to each and, through his book, enlightens us on the history, culture, and current situation of these oft-overlooked places.

July 19 – *I Was Told to Come Alone: My Journey Behind the Lines of Jihad* by Sauad Mekhennet

The author traces her journey from points in Europe where the 9/11 attacks were fomented to the Turkish-Syria border and back to Europe where terror has come to the heart of Western civilization. This fascinating account by a reporter of the Washington Post takes the reader into places where not many journalists have gained access, much less a Muslim woman such as Mekhennet.

August 16 – *High Noon: The Hollywood Blacklist and the Making of an American Classic* by Glenn Frankel

Who knew that there is much more significance to the revered, award-winning movie High Noon than we imagined! Because this Western was made during the height of the Hollywood blacklist, it served as a sort of allegory for the swirl of controversy, courage, and tension surrounding its screenwriter and others involved with the film.

## **Mitchell Adult Writers Group**

Mitchell Writers Group meets on the third Tuesday of every month from 1pm -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 gives 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, 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 1pm -2:30pm in Conference Room 222.

### **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.

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

#### **Teen Summer Reading Club**

June 4 through July 14

Sign up begins Monday, June 4. Sign up at one branch and participate in programs at both the South Regional and George and Cynthia Woods Mitchell Library. Keep track of what you read on your log! To complete the reading log, participants must read 3 books! Once a teen signs up for the summer reading program they receive a book bag with prizes and a free book while supplies last. Teens who read 3 books by July 14 are invited to attend the VIP Party including a Silent Disco, photo booth, special prizes, and ice cream sundaes.

#### **Teen Kickoff Party featuring Music Light Show**

Shows begin at 5:30pm and end at 7:30pm. Enjoy snacks, games, and prizes during the intermission between shows. [Event at South Regional Library]

Teen Programs at Mitchell Library [All programs begin at 5:30pm]

Tuesday, June 12 – Teen Hip-Hop Workshop with Isaac Barron

Tuesday, June 19 – Teen Soundwave Art with Lynn Gammon

Tuesday, June 26 – Teen Music Trivia

Tuesday, July 3 – Teen Gaming

Tuesday, July 10 – Teen Libraries Rock Painting with Sandy Tramel

Tuesday, July 17 – Teen VIP Reader's Party [By invite only]

#### **Teen Movie Matinees**

[All movies begin at 1pm and are rated PG or PG-13]

Friday, June 15 - Jumanji

Friday, June 22 – The Last Jedi

Friday, June 29 – A Wrinkle in Time

Friday, July 6 – Ready Player One

Friday, July 13 – Pitch Perfect (Sing Along)

#### **Teen Girls Who Code:**

Summer Session [All programs begin at 5:30pm in the Computer Lab]

Wednesday, June 20

Wednesday, June 27

Wednesday, July 11

Wednesday, July 18

Wednesday, July 25

Wednesday, August 1

Wednesday, August 8

## Events for Children

Summer is the perfect time to read for the fun of it, and Mitchell Library's Summer Reading Program is ready to motivate and reward young readers while offering fun, educational programming! Children from birth to age 12 can participate in the Texas Reading Club, whether they are reading by themselves or being read to by a parent or caregiver. Signup begins on June 4 in the Children's Area, and the last time to submit logs to receive the reading certificate, award book, and prize bag is July 14 at 3pm. Toddler Playdates will continue from 10am to 12pm on Mondays in the Children's Activity Room from June 4 through July 9, except for July 2. Family Storytime for children from birth to age 3 will take place at 10, 10:30 and 11am on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from June 5 to July 11 except for July 3. Lego® Fun and Craft Fun activities are also scheduled at various times during the summer. For full details on all activities, go to the Mitchell webpage <https://www.countylibrary.org/mitchell.htm> and click on "Events for All Ages".

### Children's Summer Reading Program Events

Monday, June 4 – Lucas Miller, the Singing Zoologist.

Programs at 3pm (geared for ages 3-6), 4pm and 5pm (geared for ages 7-12), and 6pm (geared for all ages).

Thursday, June 14 – Dinosaur George.

Programs at 10am and 11am (geared for ages 3-6), 2pm and 3pm (geared for ages 7-12), and 4pm (geared for ages 9-12).

Monday, June 18 – Captain Book's Story Treasures.

Storytelling with Audience Participation at 10am (geared for ages 3-6). Julian Franklin. "Reading Rocks with Socks and Fox", a Dr. Seuss Tribute Magic Show, at 1pm and 2pm (geared for ages 7-12). Preteen Magic Workshop with Julian Franklin at 4pm for preteens ages 9-12--REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

Thursday, June 28 – Crocodile Encounter.

Live animal program designed to teach children about reptiles. Programs at 2pm and 3 pm (geared for ages 3-6), 4pm and 5 pm (geared for ages 7-12), and 6pm (geared for all ages).

Educational Safety Fair from 10am to 1pm. Texas Children's Hospital will be sharing car seat safety, bike/pedestrian safety, and home safety information. This come-and-go event will allow parents to walk around and try out the demonstrations while learning how to buckle a child into a car seat, how to fit a bicycle helmet, and how to childproof a home for safety--all with expert advice and hands-on practice!

Monday, July 2 – Pizza Dough Demonstration.

Domino's Pizza will be showing us how to have fun with pizza dough with an emphasis on the importance of reading at 10am, 11:15am, 12:45pm, 2pm and 3:15pm (geared for ages 2 and up)–REQUIRES REGISTRATION.

Signup begins June 18.

Monday, July 9 – The Comedy Magic of John O'Bryant.

Magic Show promoting the importance of reading at 3pm, 4pm, 5pm and 6 pm (geared for ages 6-12).

Thursday, July 12 – Imagination Station.

Books, music, magic, stories, puppets, comedy and lots of audience participation at 10am and 11am (geared for all ages).

Preteen Star Wars Program. Mark Shepherd, Song Solutions will be sharing a Star Wars themed program filled with music, songs and science fun at 4-5 pm for preteens ages 9-12. Mark Shepherd, Song Solutions. Come-and-go Sing-a-Long and Snacks from 5 to 7pm.

Donna Dzierlenga  
Branch Manager

### **AMERICAN HERITAGE GIRL RAISES FUNDS FOR MITCHELL'S PLAY-LEARN-GROW AREA**



Abby Bokros, a teen library patron who has been involved with the library since she was a young storytime attender, worked with the South Montgomery County Friends of the Library and Mitchell Library staff to complete her final American Heritage Girl community service project. Abby's goal was to design and carry out a project that assisted the library in serving children with sensory learning issues. Her project involved organizing a group of younger girls to make bookmarks from old book pages using Abby's designs. Abby then sold the bookmarks to raise money for her project. The successful project was completed in early April and raised \$685.00 dollars! Deborah Butler, the President of the South Montgomery County Friends of the Library, accepted the check at the May

meeting board meeting and recognized Abby for her accomplishment. Her contribution was used to purchase sensory toys, enrichment materials and tactile board books for the Play-Learn-Grow area in the Mitchell Library Children's Department. Children's Librarian Shelly Lane brought a representative selection of the items added to the May board meeting. Congratulations Abby!

## **NEWS FROM THE GIFT SHOPS**

### **SOUTH**

The South Library FOL Book Shop is gearing up for a great summer reading program. We are looking forward to all the exciting activities being offer for children, teens, and adults this summer. The FOL Book Shop is ready with shelves brimming with great reads for all ages.

We'd like to remind everyone that FOL Book Shops are a great place to get Required Summer Reading books for local schools. We've received and collated the Summer Reading Lists from local schools and have set aside a special section in the shops with books students are required to read. It's just another way FOL supports our community members by offering books at great prices.

Sign up for Summer Reading Programs for readers of all ages begins June 4. We hope everyone registers and commits to a summer of reading! At South Library the exciting Kick Off Event is June 5. We look forward to a summer of fun activities and programs AND to seeing you in the shop.

Let's spread the word throughout the community - Libraries Rock!

Judy Mitchell  
Vice President for South

### **MITCHELL**

Here at the Mitchell FOL Book Shop, we are looking forward to the fun-filled Summer Reading Events beginning June 4 through July 14. The terrific programs including Dinosaur George, storytellers, a magician, and much more will draw great numbers of parents and children, some of them being new to our community. What a treasure our libraries are to The Woodlands area!

At the shop we are currently accumulating and will soon display some of the books listed on our local schools required summer reading agenda. Check out what we have available.

Once again, our shop is requesting of parents and teachers to please consider donating your gently used children's books and teacher/student resource materials. These categories are some of our best selling and most requested items. We strive to continue

serving our community to the best of our ability and your wonderful donations help tremendously.

Lastly, we invite customers of all ages to visit our Mitchell FOL Book Shop and see our vast array of children and adult fiction and nonfiction books as well as DVDs, CDs and magazines. At such low prices these items are great for taking on vacation, reading at the beach or poolside or simply enjoying inside at home on a hot summer afternoon.

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