

# LLANO COUNTY LIBRARY

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Hours: Monday 9:00AM - 7:00PM Tuesday - Friday 9:00AM - 5:30PM Saturday 10:00AM - 1:00PM

The New Year stands before us, like a chapter in a book, waiting to be written.

-- Melody Beattie

The quote above seems a perfect fit for the Library. So, where will the next chapter in the Library's book take us? One thing that I love about our Library is that it is constantly changing, evolving, and recreating itself to better serve the needs of our community. When I started work here in the spring of 1999, I never dreamed that our little small-town library could keep me engaged and learning for over 20 years (and who knows how many more!), but the possibilities are endless and totally exciting!

Now to quote Dr. Seuss from *The Lorax*, "It's not about what it is, it's about what it can become." Through the years, I have followed libraries across the state and the country and have attended many conferences, and I am sometimes in awe of what the larger city libraries can offer their community. The one thing that I always come away with is, "There's no reason we can't do that in our small library!"

So, what is the vision for the Llano Library for 2020? In addition to keeping up with your favorite authors and the latest releases in your favorite format, we see adding more hands-on tools and equipment, both to check out and use in the Library. Important to us is building community through sharing knowledge, so you will see more chances to come together to learn. Having a greater presence in the community is high on our list, so be watching for the new ways your library will be reaching out.

But the bigger question is this: What do you see for the future of your Library? Our goal is to provide YOU with what you consider to be the best library services possible. What do you want? Send me an email at llanocountylibrary@yahoo.com or better yet, stop by the library and sit down and visit with me about your ideas.

Tommi Myers, Llano Library Director



## The Library of Things

Take DIY to the next level with this collection of items no one expects to find at a library!

The Llano Library is creating a "Library of Things" – a collection of hands-on items for you to use and create, explore and learn – giving you an opportunity to try new equipment for free! Some of these items will be for use only in the Library, while others you can check out to use at your home.

The options are endless – crafting equipment to yard tools, power tools to kitchen gadgets, musical instruments to children's toys.

What items do you feel we should add to the Library of Things? Have you been looking at specialty kitchen items? Need a certain power tool or yard tool – but only occasionally? It's hard to spend \$\$ on something you seldom use or need for a one-time repair or project. Let us know what you're thinking – IDEAS WELCOME!

We also need your donations of items. Just think – those items that sit gathering dust at your home could be stored at the library, in use by other people, but still available if you need it. All we ask is that the item be in good working order, preferably with instruction manual. We would like to approve your item before you donate it since our space is limited.

If you would like more info about donating or checking out items, contact Tommi at 325.247.5248 or email llanocountylibrary@yahoo.com.



Want the most current news about the library? "Like" the library on Facebook at: [www.facebook.com/llanocountylibrarysystem](http://www.facebook.com/llanocountylibrarysystem) We also post some of the fun, zany things we do -- so "like" us to see more from the library!



The Llano Library uses MailChimp to bring you the news from the library and information about events right to your inbox. If you would like to be added to the email list, please send an email to [llanocountylibrary@yahoo.com](mailto:llanocountylibrary@yahoo.com). Your email address will only be used by the library for the monthly newsletter and an occasional update or reminder about an event.

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**EXTENDED HOURS!**  
The Llano Library is now open until 7:00 PM on MONDAY



The Library will be **CLOSED** Saturday, Jan. 18 - Monday, January 20

3 Book Clubs for you to participate in -- Choose your favorites. Read and enjoy. Gather and discuss. Repeat!

Whether you travel all the time, a little, or long to do so, this Book Club is for you! Travelers will share tips and best practices and give insight into areas around the world from first-hand experience. Travel books will be discussed and compared. The best travel blogs and websites revealed. Join us, and let your journey begin!



Every 3rd  
Wednesday  
@ 2:00 PM  
Next Meeting:  
Wed., Jan. 15

## Travel, Booked!

## SO MANY BOOKS SO LITTLE Time After Hours Book Club

Every  
Tuesday  
5:30 PM  
@ Gio's  
Italian Rest.

Do you love the idea of joining a book club but don't want to commit to reading a particular book – the same book as everyone else?

Join us each week and we will all talk about whatever we're reading and our favorite authors!

Don't have time to make it into the library for something to read? Selections from the library will be available for you to check out each week.

## Llano County READING GROUP

Meets the 3rd Thursday each month  
at 10:00 a.m.



There are no dues or fees to join this group – just read the book, attend the meeting, and join in the lively discussion.

January selection:  
*Where the  
Crawdads Sing*  
by Delia Owens

### Reel to Real & Book to Screen



Reel to Real  
& Book to Screen  
2nd & 4th Tuesdays  
1:30 p.m.

#### January:

Tuesday, Jan. 14 – The Movie – The Andromeda Strain  
Tuesday, Jan. 28 – The Books – The Andromeda Strain & The  
Andromeda Evolution by Michael Crichton

#### February:

Tuesday, Feb. 10 – The Movie – Sarah, Plain & Tall  
Tuesday, Feb. 25 – The Book – Sarah, Plain & Tall  
by Patricia MacLachlan

#### March:

Tuesday, Mar. 10 – The Movie – Hidden Figures  
Tuesday, Mar. 24 – The Book – Hidden Figures  
by Margot Lee Shetterly

Take the leap from book to screen and from reel to real. (Reel to Real (R2R) screens movies based on books and then takes the leap into the real world with tutorials on how to go online, use the library databases and other collections, and explore other sources related to events, people, and places in the real world.

Part 1 – screens movies and introduces the book. Handouts and fact sheets related to the book/movie topics will be distributed. During a brief intermission, we'll go over the agenda for R2R Part 2 – the hands-on session.

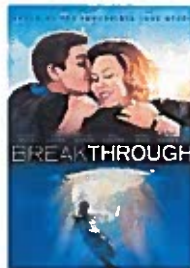
In R2R Part 2, library staff will facilitate a lively discussion of the book and movie and real world implications. Attendees will participate in hands-on tutorials to explore topics that interest them related to the book and movie.

For more info call the Library at 325.247.5248 or email Tricia at [tricia.llanolibrary@co.llano.tx.us](mailto:tricia.llanolibrary@co.llano.tx.us)

## Game/Movie Day/Time

#### Schedule:

Jan. 3 –  
MovieTime  
– The Great  
Gatsby  
Jan. 10 – Game  
Day  
Jan. 17 – Movie  
Time –  
Breakthrough  
Jan. 24 – Game  
Day  
Jan. 31 –  
MovieTime –  
About Time



Every Friday  
afternoon  
@ 1:00-3:00 PM  
Program for Adults Only  
Bring your friends and  
meet up with others for  
Game Day and MovieTime  
at the Library. We'll have  
cards, dominoes and  
board games, or bring  
your own and start some  
fun game play! We'll have  
FREE tea, water and  
popcorn.

## The Write Time



The Write Time  
Writing Group  
2nd Tuesday  
5:00 p.m.

## Writers Group

Whether you are a blogger, blocked, or write regularly, this is a time for you to meet and write with other writing enthusiasts. After a half-hour opener to share favorite writing books, podcasts, contests, etc., you'll spend an hour just writing.

Snacks and writing inspiration provided!  
During the first meeting, participants will brainstorm for upcoming meetings.

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# Adult Programs @ your Library: Living / Learning / Creating



How Pinteresting!  
A FREE craft program  
each month.

## Napkin Folding

Tuesday, January 21 @ 2:00 p.m.

You can take your dining table setup to the next level by having cloth napkins folded into a fun shape or design. Folded napkins can add an elevated and professional looking touch to place settings. Please bring your own pressed, linen napkins.



Class size is limited. Call the Library @ 325.247.5248 to reserve a seat. Light refreshments will be served.



## BACK to BASICS FAIR

A FREE sustainable living event featuring area enthusiasts sharing a variety of ideas and topics  
Saturday, February 29, 2020  
10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

### CALL for EXHIBITORS & VENDORS

#### Exhibitors – NO charge

Exhibitors share information only, no sales. Booth spaces are inside or outside (first come, first serve)

#### Exhibitor/Vendors

– \$15 fee  
Must share information, also may sell products made. Outside booth spaces only

#### TOPIC IDEAS

- Gardening
- Homesteading
- Rainwater Harvesting
- Beekeeping
- Small-Scale and Backyard Livestock
- Natural Health
- Food Preservation
- Tool Care
- Fermenting Foods & More

#### Speaker Sessions

Exhibitors may request a session; no charge; will be selected by the Back to Basics committee

More Info & Application email Tommi at [llanocountylibrary@yahoo.com](mailto:llanocountylibrary@yahoo.com)



Many people were greatly disappointed that the Llano Recycling Center had to close, and have been looking for alternatives since that time. The Library will host a community discussion where anyone interested can come together to try to find a solution for recycling, plus develop strategies to help people in the community learn more about how to reduce and reuse.

Join us Thursday, January 23

@ 2:00 p.m.

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## 10 Signs of Alzheimer's

with

Haydee Becerril-Hernandez, PsyD,  
Mobile Care Consultant

Thursday, January 16 @ 12 PM

The National Alzheimer's Association has developed a very helpful list of warning signs that assist families and individuals determine if they might be experiencing the early stages of Alzheimer's disease or one of the other dementias.

Bring a bag lunch; tea and dessert will be provided. Please call 325.247.5248 to reserve a seat.

### CARE CONSULTATIONS

with Haydee Becerril-Hernandez, PsyD, Mobile Care Consultant, will be held all day on Thursday, January 16 from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (with a break for the program). These are one-on-one consultations; no appointment necessary; first come, first serve; no charge.

alzheimer's association

**KNOW** the  
**10 SIGNS**  
EARLY DETECTION MATTERS

## Let's Talk Tech

Technology Office hours

Thursday, January 16 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Sign Up Today!

Sign up at the front desk for 15 minute one-on-one technology sessions with Tricia, our Technology Services Librarian. She will answer your questions on everyday information technology use. Did you get an tablet for Christmas? Learn how to download eBooks and Audiobooks. Want to learn more about the great functions of your smart phone? Get the answers you need to use all of these fun, time-saving feature. If we don't have the answer, we'll find it.

## Let's Do Tech

Technology Workshop

Thursday, January 9 10:00 a.m. -11:00 a.m.

Seating is limited -- sign up today!

Each month, we'll tackle a technology category that enhances your everyday life! In January, you'll learn about ALL THINGS STREAMING with Tricia, our Technology Services Librarian. It seems like EVERYONE is doing it -- streaming movies, music, and more -- and you don't have a clue what it is or how to get started. Bring your own device and learn how you can enjoy streamed content using Hulu, Netflix, Libby, Internet Archive, Roku, Kindle, and much more. You'll get hands-on practice, how-to instruction sheets, and lists of streaming sites for movies, books, tv, online education, and more.

**PLEASE REMEMBER:** When you sign up for a program or class, you are filling one of the few spaces open. If you are unable to make it to the program or class, please let the library staff know in advance so that people on the waiting list will be able to attend.



We get by with a little help from our Friends ....

# FRIENDS of Llano the Library

Mission Statement: Through the volunteering and fundraising efforts of the Friends of the Llano Library, the Library continues to provide vital services and resources to the community.

Join the Friends for 2020!  
See all of the membership rates and perks below . . .

## Annual Membership Rates

### Individual:

Classic	\$100
Special Library Card, book bag, event perks, recognition on Facebook (optional)	
Novel	\$50
Book bag, event perks, recognition on Facebook (optional)	
Chapter	\$25
Book bag, event perks	
Page	\$10
Event perks	

### Corporate/Business:

We welcome businesses, clubs, or organizations to support the Friends.

Llanite	\$500
Event perks, recognition on Facebook, website and Library newsletter, sandwich board, photo op and Llano Marquee, certificate to display	
Granite	\$250
Event perks, recognition on Facebook, website and Library newsletter, sandwich board, photo op, certificate to display	
Sandstone	\$100
Event perks, recognition on Facebook, website and Library newsletter, photo op	

Each membership carries one vote. Must be present at a meeting to vote.

Join the Friends today and be a part of the team that is dedicated to keeping our Library strong now and for the future.

Friends of the Library meet the 2nd Thursday of each month at 2:00 PM at the Llano Library

Notes from the Prez:

Hi everyone.

The new year and decade has started. Are you still writing your checks with 2019? It takes a while to get used to a new year, doesn't it?

As 2020 starts, your Friends group is already starting to plan for the Annual Souper Supper Smackdown on February 13. This popular event will again feature many types of soups and fixings and of course door prizes. You will again get a chance to vote for your favorite soup and be a part of deciding the top 3 soups of the night. Put the date on your calendar and remember to come early as the line starts forming well before the doors open at 5:30 PM.

Your Friends group continues our membership drive for 2020. Please get your membership for the upcoming year to help your Friends group as we provide support to our Library programs and activities for next year. How about upgrading your membership? That is one way to further show your support for our Library.

You can pick up a membership form from the Circulation Desk.

Talking about helping the Friends. It is time again to elect officers for 2020-2021. I would like to extend a personal plea for filling the Vice President's role in the Friends organization. Hey, you don't have to shelve books in the Book Room (unless you want to and then your help is greatly appreciated). We meet once a month on the third Thursday of the month. If you are interested, please leave your contact information with the front desk, and I will get back with you with more details and answer any questions that you might have. Please help your President by taking on this role in the organization; he would like to lighten his load a bit. Come to our meeting on January 9 at 2 PM and see what we do.

I will talk more about the Souper Supper next month prior to February 13; so, get ready to sample soups and enjoy your favorite.

See you around the Library.  
Robert

**"Souper" Supper Smack Down**  
Thursday, February 13  
5:30 'til gone  
Llano Library

Register for Sweet Door Prizes!

Over a dozen varieties of soup to sample!  
Vote for your Favorite!

Enjoy Homemade Bread!

**\$10 per person**  
Friends of the Library fundraiser



# Children's Storytime Thursdays at 10:00 a.m.

All ages welcome! Come join us as we read, sing, dance, create, and interact with others. Storytime is a great way to introduce books, meet a new friend, and take a break from the everyday.

Bring your friends and join the fun!

January Themes:  
 Jan. 2 & Jan. 9 -- NO Storytime  
 Jan. 16 -- Music  
 Jan. 23 -- Penguins  
 Jan. 30 Squirrels



**Make Mondays FUN Again!!**  
 Break free of the Monday blahs at the NEW Monday Funday at the Library!  
 Bring your friends and join the fun activities.  
**Every Monday after school**  
**4:00- 5:30** (for elementary age kiddos!)

January Activities:

Jan. 6 -- No Monday FunDay  
 Jan. 20 -- No Monday FunDay

Jan. 13 -- Snow  
 Jan. 27 -- Chinese New Year



**LEGO Camp 1st & 3rd Fridays**  
**MovieTime 2nd & 4th Fridays**  
 (with FREE popcorn and drink)  
 Jan. 3 & Jan. 10 -- No Fun Friday  
 Jan. 17 LEGO Camp  
 Jan. 24 -- MovieTime -- Missing Link  
 Jan. 31 -- LEGO Camp!

**EVERY FRIDAY**  
**After School**  
**4:00-5:30**



**For Teens 6th Grade - High School**  
 A fun afternoon filled with snacks, activities, games, and much more!  
 Bring your Friends and make the fun!

As a child I always wondered what the dots under bathroom signs were for and why the red squares on the ground at street crossings were bumpy, and it made me think do other children wonder about that stuff too?

Nowadays I know that those bumps, which are Braille, are for legally blind or visually impaired individuals. Braille was created by Louis Braille as a way to read when he was 12 years old. A little known fact is that Braille itself isn't a language. In fact, most languages have their own system of Braille.

Being a person with a disability can be harder because communities often aren't as accessible as they could be. This is especially true when you're visually impaired or legally blind. Just take a moment to think about everything you take for granted because you can see the world around you. From the moment we get up in the morning, we need sight to find our clothes, make our way through the house, and get out the door on time. As a child imagine not being able to see a new environment you've been placed in or relying on those around you to help you throughout the day.

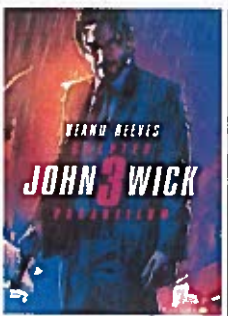
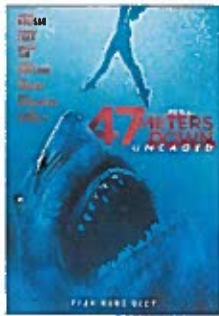
Currently we only have one book on Braille, *Out of Darkness: The Story of Louis Braille* by Russell Freedman. Our sister Library in Kingsland has a few more like *The Black Book of Colors* by Menena Cottin and *I Am Helen Keller* by Brad Meltzer. These books would be a great way to better understand how individuals with visual impairments navigate their world as well as the struggles they face. Take a moment today to walk a few feet in their shoes, you might find out it's harder than you think!



Tina Thurman, Children's Librarian

## New DVDs @ your Library:

Here are a few from the great selection of movies at the library that you can check out for free. Listed below are the movies added this past month. In the library, you will find a large selection of movies and TV series to choose from.



### NEW RELEASE DVDs

47 Meters Down: Uncaged  
Game of Thrones: Season 8

### NEW RELEASE DVDs

The Goldfinch  
The Handmaid's Tale: Season 3

### NEW RELEASE DVDs

It – Chapter Two  
John Wick -- Parabellum

### NEW RELEASE DVDs

Once Upon a Time in Hollywood  
Ready or Not

## Musings from the Front Desk . . .

each month, the Circ Crew shares insight into their own lives and happenings at the Library.



From Roberta . . .

Auld Lang Syne was a poem written by Robert Burns in 1788. It literally translates to "old long since" and basically means "days gone by."

2019 is gone and is replaced with 2020, a year filled with possibilities.

We should be able to appreciate reconnecting with old friends and thinking about old times.

I have been reminiscing about staff members who have left; Ann, Paige and Kirsten, and the arrival of Tina, Rhonda, and Trish...old and new employees who have (and will) contribute so much to making our library vital, friendly, helpful, informative and fun. Looking back, too, we mourn the passing of our patrons Paul, Mark, Tom, Sylvia and Juanda. Our patrons become friends; so, you are missed when we don't see you on a regular basis.

I forecast for 2020 many interesting programs such as the Back to Basics Fair in February, more health-wise programs, and more opportunities for the children to visit and fall in love with the library and, Miss Tina, our children's librarian. I predict that How Pinteresting will keep our regulars coming back the third Tuesday of the month at 2:00 PM. And I forecast so much more to come in the months ahead.

And that, dear patrons, is my story and I'm sticking to it...



From Rhonda

With 2020 clarity and a resolute attitude, each day lends itself to victory for the willing. Each New Year many people create new resolutions with great hope for the future. Before making any commitment this year and in order to reap the greatest harvest of

action, I decided I must fully understand the meaning of resolution and apply it appropriately. These are various definitions of resolution and their application for this years goals.

1. The act of analyzing a complex notion into simpler ones.

It is so easy to make the idea of shedding those holiday pounds complicated with fad diets such as: *The pH Miracle: Balance Your Diet, Reclaim Your Health* or *The Maccrobiome Diet: The Scientific Way to Restore Your Gut Health and Achieve*

*Permanent Weight Loss.* We make the idea of weight loss a complex notion, but the truth is we need to stop being ninny-muggins and just eat right. FYI the aforementioned books are available at the library as soon as I return them.

2. The subsidence of a pathological state.

Another of the most popular NY resolutions is getting in control of our finances. Over the last few decades the decline of reason over our money has reached pathological depths. Excessive credit, balloon notes, attitudes of entitlement, and unreasonable expectations can destroy us. Just ask Dave Ramsey, or better yet read his book *The Total Money Makeover*. Or seek good solid wisdom from a proven source, *Buffet Beyond Value* by Warren Buffet.

3. The act of solving a problem or completing a project.

Do you have unfinished projects cluttering your life and conscience? Oy vey! Do I understand! There is only one way to make this resolution happen . . .

4. . . . with a boldness or firmness of purpose.

Using one definition to complete another has me feeling like a dizzy ninny-muggins therefore I believe we have reached the . . .

6. . . . point in a literary work at which the chief dramatic complication is worked out.

### HAPPY NEW YEAR!



From Tricia . . .

Let's talk tech . . .

One of the great things about so-called streaming technology – the ability to send (stream) internet-based content to smart phones, tablets, computers and/or televisions – is that you need never be bored in line again.

Okay, a lot of us shop online, but even so, streaming can even make that less boring as you wait for your grocery receipt to download. With the advent of streaming and the acquisition of my smartphone, I can read or listen to books, watch movies, take a class on ancient Egypt, or create a photo collage while waiting in line.

With free apps (software applications you can download), I can even act as a citizen scientist and count penguins in the Antarctic or report on the type of clouds in my area. You don't need an expensive

smartphone or tablet to do all these things. I just use my pre-paid phone.

At the library, you can access free wireless to use on your phone or tablet or log-on to a public computer to explore streaming applications. Our first technology class of 2020 will explore streaming for beginners. We will talk about facts and fictions about streaming and how to access streaming content to make your day more fun and informative.

For example, we will learn how to use the LIBBY app to check out electronic and audible books.

This year, along with rebooting our technology classes, we will add office hours during which your technology questions – to the best of my ability – will be answered. Full disclosure, I'm your gal if you want to ask questions about using your technology in everyday life, but I am not an IT expert or programmer. So, if you have a broken keyboard, I can sympathize but that's about it. However, if you want to know how to get your pictures off your phone, I am here to help.



From Carolyn . . .

It's the start of a new year and soon to be my two year anniversary at the Llano Library. The Library has been so much fun to work at and has been so much to learn that I'm still learning new things every day. I've met many people and made a lot of friends --

patrons and coworkers, alike. I had worked in retail my whole life, and great customer service was always my top priority. I even won a Customer Service Excellence Award back in my retail days! I love to keep that smile going because you never know how much you can turn a person's day around just by being friendly. It works both ways, too, and you can make our day with just a friendly smile. If you haven't been in the Library in a while, you may be surprised at all that we offer. If you need a book or movie, we can help you with that, and we can also take care of making copies or faxing papers for you.

Come on in and check out all of the different programs we offer, from Children's Storytime to Teen Programs to Game Day and MovieTime for adults. Check with me about the movies we will be showing on alternating Fridays and make suggestions for what you would like to see on the Library's big screen.

Til next month, that's all folks!

# New Arrivals @ your Library:

## FICTION

*Robert B. Parker's Angel Eyes* by Ace Atkins  
*Minute to Midnight* by David Baldacci  
*Someone to Remember* by Mary Balogh  
*Eating About the Bush* by M.C. Beaton  
*The Confession Club* by Elizabeth Berg  
*At Justice Descend* by Lisa Black  
*Becoming Mrs. Lewis* by Patti Henry  
*The Christmas Boutique* by Jennifer Chiaverini  
*Quantum* by Patricia Cornwell  
*The Andromeda Evolution* by Michael Crichton  
*Stars of Alabama* by Sean Dietrich

## FICTION

*The Old Success* by Martha Grimes  
*The Second Sleep* by Robert Harris  
*Regretting You* by Colleen Hoover  
*Agent Running in the Field* by John Le Carr  
*The Peppermint Tree Chronicles*  
by Alexander McCall Smith  
*Criss Cross* by James Patterson  
*The Rise of Magicks* by Nora Roberts  
*Secrets in the High Rise* by J.A. Rost  
*A New Chapter* by Kristin Eckhart  
*Meet You at the Museum* by Anne Youngson

## LARGE PRINT

*Nothing Ventured* by Jeffrey Archer  
*That Rose Forgot* by Nevada Barr  
*The Blue Moon* by Lee Child

## LARGE PRINT

*Quantum* by Patricia Cornwell  
*The Second Sleep* by Robert Harris  
*Land of Wolves* by Craig Johnson

## AUDIOBOOKS

*Becoming Mrs. Lewis* by Patti Callahan  
*The Blue Moon* by Lee Child  
*The Second Sleep* by Robert Harris  
*Land of Wolves* by Craig Johnson

## AUDIOBOOKS

*The Giver of Stars* by Jojo Moyes  
*The Rise of Magicks* by Nora Roberts  
*Olive, Again* by Elizabeth Strout  
*The Oysterville Sewing Circle* by Susan Wiggs

## BIOGRAPHIES

*Life Well-Built: The Authorized Biography of Brigadier General Richard (Dick) E. Fisher*

## NEW NON-FICTION

*1,000 Books to Read Before You Die: A Life-Changing List* by James Mustich  
*The Man Who Played with Fire: Stieg Larsson's Lost Files and the Hunt for an Assassin*  
*The Big Book of Instant Pot Recipes: 240 Must-Try Dishes for Your Multi-Function Cooker*  
*Rick Steves, Europe Through the Back Door: The Travel Skills Handbook*  
*Dreams of El Dorado: A history of the American West*

## NEW in the BACK TO BASICS COLLECTION

The Back-to-Basics Collection is located by the Seed Library and is filled with books covering all topics of sustainable living.

*Body Into Balance: An Herbal Guide to Holistic Self-Care*  
*Homegrown Tea: An Illustrated Guide to Planting, Harvesting, and Blending Teas and Tisanes*  
*Get Your Goat: How to Keep Happy, Healthy Goats in Your Backyard, Wherever You Live*



## COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Bringing the library to you!

The Library may not have a real bookmobile, but we won't let that stand in our way! Our goal is to reach those with limited mobility and expand the community's awareness of the many programs and opportunities offered by the library.

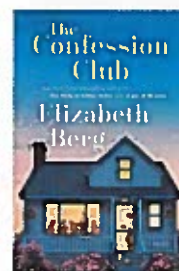
Beginning in the new year, we will be making bi-monthly visits at several locations delivering books & movies!

Information about many other FREE programs – such as the Talking Book Program, OverDrive downloadable eBooks and Audiobooks, TexShare Databases, and much more – will also be shared.

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Book Descriptions from Amazon



**The Confession Club**  
by Elizabeth Berg  
When a group of friends in Mason, Missouri, decide to start a monthly supper club, they get more than they bargained for. The plan for congenial evenings—talking, laughing, and sharing recipes, homemade food, and wine—abruptly changes

course one night when one of the women reveals something startlingly intimate. The supper club then becomes Confession Club, and the women gather weekly to share not only dinners but embarrassing misdeeds, deep insecurities, and long-held regrets.

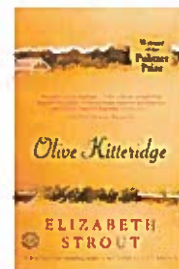
They invite Iris Winters and Maddy Harris to join, and their timing couldn't be better. Iris is conflicted about her feelings for a charming but troubled man, and Maddy has come back home from New York to escape a problem too big to handle alone. The club offers exactly the kind of support they need to help them make some difficult decisions.

The Confession Club is charming, heartwarming, and inspiring. And as in the previous books that take place in Mason, readers will find friendship, community, and kindness on full display.



**Olive, Again**  
by Elizabeth Strout  
Prickly, wry, resistant to change yet ruthlessly honest and deeply empathetic, Olive Kitteridge is "a compelling life force" (San Francisco Chronicle). The New Yorker has said that Elizabeth Strout "animates the ordinary with an

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# January Calendar of Library Events and Meetings

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
		1	2 11:00 Virtual Family Law Clinic	3 8:30-10:30 Staff Meeting Library will open at 10:30 a.m. 1:00 Movie Time! for Adults
6 10:00 GED Morning Class 4:00 Monday FunDay 6:00 GED Evening Class	7 1:00 STEAM Day Kids Program	8 10:00 GED Morning Class 1:00 Crazy Game Day Kids Program 2:00 Library Board 6:00 GED Evening Class	9 10:00 Children's Storytime 10:00 Let's Do Tech! Technology Workshop 1:00 Drive-In Theater Kids Program 2:00 Friends of the Library	10 1:00 Game Day! for Adults 4:00 Fun Friday – LEGO Camp
13 10:00 GED Morning Class 11:00 Daughters of the Republic of Texas 4:00 Monday FunDay 5:00 The Write Time Writing Group 6:00 GED Evening Class	14 1:30 Reel to Reel & Book to Screen – Part 1 4:00 Teen Group	15 10:00 GED Morning Class 6:00 GED Evening Class	16 10:00 Children's Storytime 10:00 Let's Talk Tech! Technology Office Hours 10:00 Llano County Reading Group 12:00 10 Signs of Alzheimer's	17 1:00 Movie Time! for Adults 4:00 Fun Friday – Movie Time
20 LIBRARY will be CLOSED 	21 2:00 How Pinteresting! Craft Program 4:00 Teen Group	22 10:00 GED Morning Class 6:00 GED Evening Class	23 10:00 Children's Storytime 2:00 Back to Basics Program	24 1:00 Game Day! for Adults 4:00 Fun Friday – LEGO Camp
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