

TYE PRESTON MEMORIAL



## TPML April News

### "Getting Ready for Kindergarten"

"Getting Ready for Kindergarten" is a new program offered the second Monday of each month from 10-11 am through May. This educational program is to help prepare children age 3-5 years for a productive year in kindergarten. **For the month of April, the program will take place on the 14th.** Please contact Jo at the TPML or come in to sign up. Also, bring your children in and join Jo for "Story Time" each Wednesday from 10-11am in the Children's section of the library.

### National Library Week

National Library Week will be observed from April 13 - April 19. To help celebrate, Jo will be having a "Guess How Many Pieces of Candy Are in the Jar" contest in the Children's Section. The winner will receive the jar of candy as the prize!

### Got Homework?

Go to TPML's website to find free online tutors for Math, Science, Social Studies, and English. Tutors are available for grades 4-12 and College Intro 7 days a week from 3-10pm. You will be asked for your library card number when you log in to Homework Help. Currently the system is not using TPML card numbers. Please call the library (964-3744) for an access code.

### BIG GIFT FROM A LITTLE BOY

Since Christmas, Greyson Offermann, age 5, has been asking family members and friends to help him raise money for a new library. On March 25, he presented his "library" bank to the Board of Trustees of the Canyon Lake Community Library District. Greyson, son of Cord and AJ Offermann, proudly donated \$425.00 to the fund to build a new Tye Preston Memorial Library. The Board presented Greyson with a Certificate of Appreciation that read, "Though you may be small in stature, your heart and love of the library are *T-Rex* sized". Way to go Greyson!

### Lunch N' Learns and I Heard It Programs are Ready for Summer!

*Lunch N' Learn* takes place on most Wednesdays from noon to 1 pm. The following topics are scheduled for April: Robin Allen will be here on April 2 to teach "Beginner's Yoga", On April 16 Marilyn Bush (Mrs. Bush's Pies) returns to show us how to make the perfect "Pecan-Crusted Porkchop", on April 23 our own Roxanna Deane will be discussing "Genealogy Online", and Patty

Godfrey, a Master Gardener, will be here April 30 to talk about "Herbs and Their Uses". \*\*\* **Please note that we have a special Lunch N' Learn scheduled for Tuesday, April 8 at 10 a.m. Chaundel Johnson will be here to demonstrate how to decorate gourds for display. We will not have a Lunch N' Learn scheduled for April 9.**\*\*\*

*I Heard it at the Library* programs are on most Monday evenings from 6-7 pm. We have the following topics scheduled for April: Author Dr. George M. Ricker will be here to discuss his books on spiritual guidance on April 7, Elizabeth Matthews from PEC will be here on April 14 to show us how to "Go Green on a Budget", and on April 21 we will be going over "Medicare Supplement Options" with Sergio Zepeda and another expert on this subject.

***When you attend one of our programs, you may notice a suggestion sheet on the table. Please feel free to suggest a topic for a future program. Your interests and opinions are important to us and we would like to hear them.***

Join us to meet some fascinating members of our community who are willing to share their experiences and knowledge with our library patrons! Remember, these programs are free and open to everyone.

### **Adults Learning To Read**

Ruth Mims, who had minimum reading-and-writing skills, started the Tye Preston Memorial Library Adult Literacy Program in October 2006. She met twice a week with Emily Hopkins, a volunteer tutor, to learn how to read and write.

On March 20, 2008 Ruth Mims was presented with a certificate of achievement by Nathan Macias, State Representative, recognizing her progress in the Tye Preston Memorial Library Adult Literacy Program.

While the ceremony marks an important milestone, Mims is by no means done with learning. In addition to her weekly piano lessons, she intends to continue her education, hoping to earn her GED next. And after that? "College", she says, adding that she would like to study religion. "I love the Bible and now I can better understand the scripture", she says.

Proud of her accomplishment, Mims hopes that her story can inspire others. "I'm not ashamed to go public that I couldn't read and write", she says. "What I would be ashamed of is if I let my pride get in the way of learning."

The Tye Preston Memorial Library offers a free adult literacy program to anyone interested in learning how to read and write, regardless of residency or financial need. The program is staffed by volunteer tutors who are highly qualified and trained in adult literacy. Students and tutors set their own schedules, meeting two times a week at the library. All study materials and workbooks are provided free of charge. For more information, call TPML at (830) 964-3744 and ask for Roxanna Deane, TPML Special Projects Coordinator.

### **New Reads**

New books have started rolling into the library over the past few months and are being checked out as soon as they hit the shelves! We will be including a list of the very latest additions in each newsletter. If you see one on the list that you would like to reserve, just call (830)964-3744, give us your name and the book title and we will be happy to place a hold on it for you. *The online book reserve is not working at this time, so please remember to call the library to reserve your books.* Also, please remember our InterLibrary Loan system (I.L.L.). If you would like to read a book not listed in our collection, come into the library, fill out an I.L.L. form and we will do our best to fulfill your request for that title.

**Fiction:** *A Prisoner of Birth* (Jeffrey Archer), *Killer Heat* (Linda Fairstein), *The Shooters* (W.E.B. Griffin), *The Dark Tide* (Andrew Gross), *Blue Heaven* (C.J. Box), *Hide and Seek - Sisterhood Series #8* (Fern Michaels), *Fast Track* (Fern Michaels), *Lady Killer* (Lisa Scottoline), *Charley's Web* (Joy Fielding), and *Plum Lucky* (Janet Evanovich).

**Non-Fiction:** *Losing It: and Gaining Back My Life One Pound At a Time* (Valerie Bertinelli), *Identical Strangers: A Memoir of Twins Seperated and Reunited* (Elyse Schein & Paula Bernstein), *Boom!* (Tom Brokaw), *Eat, Pray, Love* (Elizabeth Gilbert), *The Texas Flowerscaper* (Kathy Huber), *Bulletproof Flowers of the South* (Jim Wilson), and *The Bountiful Flower Garden: Growing and Sharing Cut Flowers for the South* (Neil Odenwald & William C. Welch).

### **Great Decisions 2008 Program**

Developed by the Foreign Policy Association, the Great Decisions Discussion Program is the oldest and largest grass-roots world affairs education program of its kind in the country. Each year FPA publishes *Great Decisions*, a briefing book on eight foreign policy issues, as the basis for these discussions. Each article provides background information, current data, policy options for the United States, recommended readings, discussion questions, maps and other illustrations. The library has one copy of the briefing book for use in the library. Click on the link below to find out more about the program and to order your own copy of the briefing book. Meetings will be held on Tuesday evenings from 6-7:30pm on April 1, 8, 22, 29, and May 6, 2008. Participants are welcome to drop in to any program. No registration is required. Choose which programs to attend based on your schedule and interests.

[http://www.fpa.org/info-url\\_nocat4705/info-url\\_nocat.htm](http://www.fpa.org/info-url_nocat4705/info-url_nocat.htm)

### **Friends of the Library**

Don't forget the "Rediscovered Treasures" for sale on the back wall along with book bags, t-shirts, reading glasses, and earbuds available for purchase at the circulation desk. You can also find great deals on some older and hard-to-find books on Amazon. Look for "**friendsoftye**" so your purchases can benefit the Friends and TPML!

Joining Friends of TPML is easy... just come in to the library and ask for a sign-up form. Join now and get half off of membership price for January through June.

### **AMAZON ASSOCIATES PROGRAM**

The Tye Preston Memorial Library is pleased to announce that it has recently become a member of the Amazon Associates program. There is a box on the front of [www.tpml.org](http://www.tpml.org) that allows you to search Amazon. If you search here first and then purchase something from Amazon, the library earns a small referral fee. All of the earnings will go directly into the Building Fund. Remember, the Tye Preston Memorial Library is a library for the community and this is another way you can help. Thanks for your support.

### **Volunteer of the Month**

Volunteer of the month for April is Loretta Shultz. Loretta devotes a lot of her time and energy to helping the staff and patrons at TPML and her efforts are greatly appreciated.

We would also like to thank **all** of our volunteers here at TPML. Each and every one of them gives their time freely, without complaint and always with a smile to assist our patrons every day. If you would be interested in becoming a TPML volunteer, please come in to the library and fill out an

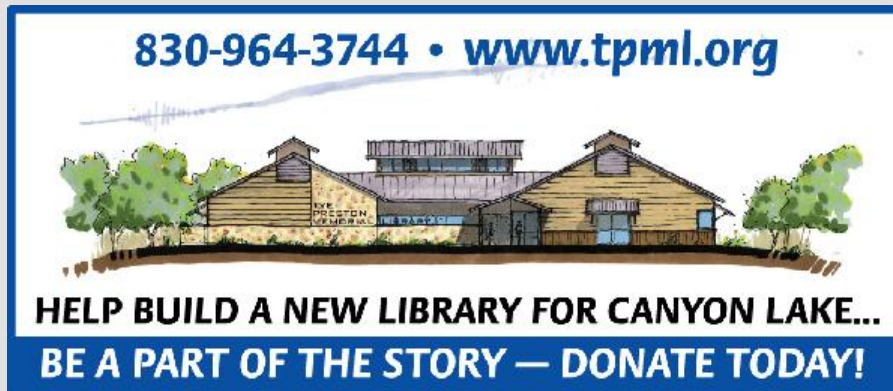
application. We are always happy to have new volunteers.

## Be a Part of the Story Capital Campaign

Tye Preston Memorial Library is raising funds to build a new 18,000-square-foot library off South Access Road, on a hill overlooking the CRRC Recreation Center. The current library is housed in a 5568-square-foot building in Sattler with only 30 parking spaces - and no where to expand. Meanwhile, the population continues to surge as is evident by the overwhelming number of subdivisions that have been added over the last decade. Contributions have come from businesses and individuals who recognize the value of a library to the community. Having met the \$1.9 millions level, the committee is now working toward the next milestone: \$2 million. Donations are welcome at any level and various naming opportunities are still available, from the \$50 Pathway of Friends bricks to the \$450,000 Canyon Lake Community Room. Follow the link below to contribute online with PayPal.

[http://www.tpml.org/donate\\_now.htm](http://www.tpml.org/donate_now.htm)

**The Capital Campaign Committee would like the opportunity to come to a meeting of your Property Owner's Association and make a presentation about the new library. They can bring plans, the model, and brochures. The presentation would take 15 to 30 minutes. If you are interested, please call the library and ask for Roxanna Deane, TPML Special Projects Coordinator.**



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