



the Bridge

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Good Views



Toddler to teens; boys to men; girls to women. There is no age limit when it comes to literacy, and our library system has an ongoing responsibility to continue serving as a catalyst at each level of a person's learning curve. With the advancements in entertainment and educational technology over the past several years, our libraries have kept up with the changing time, as literacy is not just about reading. Visual literacy helps a person discriminate and interpret visible actions, objects, and symbols; media literacy helps children learn to distinguish between fantasy and reality.

Recently, the Austin Public Library began a partnership with the KIDS FIRST! Film and Video Festival to offer educationally challenging, relevant, and fun film programming throughout the Austin Public Library system. The programming covers a wide array of topics, focusing on a variety of age groups. In many cases, the films and videos being screened are either extensions of topics being taught in schools or serve as incentives to promote continued reading.

Television, movies, and computers have woven their way into the fabric of our lives, and it is vital for educational institutions to

embrace these formats and creatively use them for literacy purposes.

The same studios and independent film companies that produce blockbuster summer movies have long been supporters and producers of programming that increases literacy in a variety of age groups. Many of these film companies have teamed up with KIDS FIRST! to offer their programming to libraries nationwide.

Recent studies have shown that educational and entertaining programming—frequently referred to as “edutainment”—is a high-quality catalyst for reading, a frequent teachers’ tool, and a springboard for parent-child communication. According to Twila Liggett, Ph.D., executive producer of the Reading Rainbow television series, “Children enjoy watching our series at home and at school. They know the theme song, react to the action of the picture books and are fond of the child-centered book reviews at the end of each episode. Plus, parents see the series as a very high-quality, highly educational program for their young children, with the series actually acting as a catalyst for their children’s interest in reading.”

Many educators, parents and literacy researchers not only welcome visual media into the literacy mold, but in some cases, they have begun pressuring commercial programmers to introduce implicit learning objectives to commercial, entertainment-based children’s programming. Cable stations such as Nickelodeon and Noggin began utilizing methodologies in their programming based on an “edutainment” model. First put into practice in such educational programming as Sesame Street, this format functions around combining traditional narrative elements of literature, such as plot, character, and action,

with specific learning outcomes.

The world of media has grown exponentially, and will continue to grow at breakneck speed. As parents, educators and literacy advocates, if we embrace this media growth and absorb the tools available to us, we can present to our children some of the best—and most varied—forms of literacy advancement.

In addition to film programming in Austin’s public libraries, many of these enriching videos and DVDs are available for home viewing. Check the online catalog or browse the shelves. Not sure what to watch? Check out the KIDS FIRST! reviews at www.kidsfirst.org.

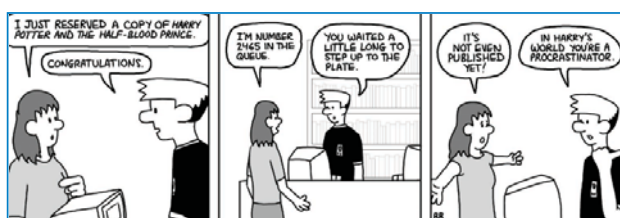
Tips for Parents:

1. Know what your child is viewing. Preview movies and programs in advance, whenever possible. Use reviews from trusted sources when you can’t preview the program.
2. View programs with your child. Discuss parts that may be disturbing, controversial, or unfamiliar so that your child understands your values.
3. Select programs that match your child’s age and maturity. Not every program can be suitable for every age.
4. Support your child’s natural curiosity by connecting books to the topics they see in movies and on television.

Learn more about media literacy from these organizations:

- Cable in the Classroom: www.ciconline.org/parents
Provides information to help make media time safe, productive, and educational.
- KLRU Family Choice: www.klrutv.org/family/familychoice.asp
Focuses on a television program from the month’s schedule that will interest and engage family members, ages 7 & up, and encourage family viewing.

Jeanette Larson
Youth Service Manager



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Harry Potter Parties for ages 5 and up

- North Village Branch**
Monday, November 7, 3:30-4:30 p.m.
- Milwood Branch**
Saturday, November 12, 3:00-4:00 p.m.
- Little Walnut Creek Branch**
Sunday, November 13, 3:00-4:00 p.m.

UPCOMING EVENTS

All events are free to the public

JOIN US

for special programs
in celebration of:

- SEPTEMBER Banned Books Week
- OCTOBER Halloween & Teen Read Week
- NOVEMBER Children’s Book Week
- DECEMBER Winter Holidays

STAR SATURDAYS

@ Faulk Central Library
800 Guadalupe 2:00 p.m.

Special events for the entire family on:

September 10

Random Acts Puppet Theater

October 8

ECHO’s Pals present

Mr. Tamarin’s Trees Puppet Show

November 12

Jan Seides

December 10

ECHO’s Pals presents

The Shoemaker & The Elves

ECHO’S PALS!

Puppets + Libraries = Success!

To reserve space for your group to attend a library puppet show call 974-7302.

Youth Services Events Hotline

Call (512) 974-7302 to hear the latest program or event information or visit

www.cityofaustin.org/library

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ECHO's Special Programs

Every Child Has Opportunities



ECHO's Special Programs

@ Libraries

Upcoming Special Events for ages 5 and over

MAKE and TAKE CRAFTS

Preschool age and parents are invited to visit the Children's Department and enjoy a self-service activity making a holiday item to take home. Materials are available Saturday and Sunday on these holiday weekends:

Faulk Central Library Halloween

October 29, 30, and 31
Children's Book Week/Thanksgiving

November 19 & 20

Winter Holidays

December 17 & 18

Carver Branch Halloween

October 29 and 30

Children's Book Week/Thanksgiving

November 19 & 20

Winter Holidays

December 17 & 18

Thank You

to the sponsors and partners
of this year's
Summer Reading Program

Amy's Ice Cream

Austin Books and Comics

Austin Public Library Foundation

Conn's

Friends of the Austin Public Library

Gardner Betts Juvenile Justice Center Staff

Girl Scouts-Lone Star Council

H-E-B

Hot Topic

KLRU

Literacy Coalition of Central Texas

Liquid Dreams Custom Pools

McDonald's

NBA-Development League

Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority

Texas Guaranteed Student Loan

Texas State Library

Travis County Underage

Drinking Prevention Program

Univision

Wal-Mart

Waterloo Records

Wendy's

Whole Foods

Youth Interactive

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SEPTEMBER

BECAUSE OF WINN-DIXIE DOG PARTY

■ Yarborough Branch

Wednesday, September 7, 3:30 p.m.

■ Milwood Branch

Thursday, September 8, 3:30 p.m.

■ Spicewood Springs Branch

Wednesday, September 14, 3:30 p.m.

■ Little Walnut Creek Branch

Thursday, September 15, 3:30 p.m.

■ North Village Branch

Wednesday, September 21, 3:30 p.m.

JUNIE B. JONES LOVES THE LIBRARY

■ Pleasant Hill Branch

Tuesday, September 20, 3:30 p.m.

■ Hampton Branch at Oak Hill

Wednesday, September 21, 3:30 p.m.

KIDS' CRAFT CLUB

■ Southeast Austin Community Branch

Wednesday, September 14, 21, & 28, 3:00 p.m.

SURPRISE ME ACTIVITIES!

■ Cepeda Branch

Tuesday, September 13 & 27, 3:30 p.m.

■ Windsor Park Branch

Tuesday, September 13 & 27, 3:30 p.m.

■ University Hills Branch

Wednesday, September 14, 21, & 28, 3:30 p.m.

OCTOBER

PAINTING!

■ Yarborough Branch

Wednesday, October 5, 3:30 p.m.

■ Milwood Branch

Thursday, October 6, 3:30 p.m.

■ Spicewood Springs Branch

Wednesday, October 12, 3:30 p.m.

■ Little Walnut Creek Branch

Thursday, October 13, 3:30 p.m.

■ North Village Branch

Wednesday, October 19, 3:30 p.m.

PIRATES OF THE LIBRARY

■ Pleasant Hill Branch

Tuesday, October 18, 3:30 p.m.

■ Hampton Branch at Oak Hill

Wednesday, October 19, 3:30 p.m.

KIDS' CRAFT CLUB

■ Southeast Austin Community Branch

Wednesday, October 5, 12, 19, & 26, 3:00 p.m.

SURPRISE ME ACTIVITIES!

■ Cepeda Branch

Tuesday, October 11 & 25, 3:30 p.m.

■ Windsor Park Branch

Tuesday, October 11 & 25, 3:30 p.m.

■ University Hills Branch

Wednesday, October 5, 12, 19, & 26, 3:30 p.m.

NOVEMBER

CHRONICLES OF NARNIA CELEBRATION

■ Yarborough Branch

Wednesday, November 2, 3:30 p.m.

■ Milwood Branch

Thursday, November 3, 3:30 p.m.

■ Spicewood Springs Branch

Wednesday, November 9, 3:30 p.m.

■ Little Walnut Creek Branch

Thursday, November 10, 3:30 p.m.

■ North Village Branch

Wednesday, November 16, 3:30 p.m.

FRACTURED FAIRY TALES

■ Pleasant Hill Branch

Tuesday, November 15, 3:30 p.m.

■ Hampton Branch at Oak Hill

Wednesday, November 16, 3:30 p.m.

KIDS' CRAFT CLUB

■ Southeast Austin Community Branch

Wednesday, November 2, 9, & 16, 3:00 p.m.

SURPRISE ME ACTIVITIES!

■ Cepeda Branch

Tuesday, November 8, 3:30 p.m.

■ Windsor Park Branch

Tuesday, November 8, 3:30 p.m.

■ University Hills Branch

Wednesday, November 2, 9, & 16, 3:30 p.m.

Visit www.cityofaustin.org/library for a complete listing of APL Children's Book Week Celebrations. November 14-20, 2005

FREE TO READ: It's Your Decision!



As we recognize Banned Books Week, we celebrate the "Freedom to Read." We believe that the parent or guardian should make decisions about what their child or teen reads, listens to, or views. Banned Books Week highlights titles that have been challenged by individuals or groups in an attempt to restrict access to the books or remove them from libraries. The lists of books challenged in recent years include many favorite authors and titles, including J.K. Rowling and the *Harry Potter* series, Dav Pilkey and his *Captain Underpants* series, and Barbara Park and her *Junie B. Jones* series.

We strive to provide open access to a variety of materials and resources, with guidance from the Library's *Materials Selection Policy*, the American Library Association's *Library Bill of Rights*, and the Texas Library Association's *Intellectual Freedom Statement*. We choose materials on the basis of quality, variety, and representation of divergent points of view, as well as popularity and customer demand. We trust that you are exercising your rights in guiding your children's selection of materials.

These tips will help you and your children choose materials that are appropriate for your family:

- Come to the Library with your children. Monitor what they bring home, and talk with them about their selection.
- Read the plot summaries on the inside of the book jacket or on the back of the book or movie case. Information can also be found on the Literature Resource Center reference database available through the Library's Web site.
- Look at the call number on the spines of books, tapes, or movies. In general, the target audience for materials with call numbers beginning with "E" is preschoolers or early elementary students, while items with a "J" call number will be more appropriate for older elementary and middle school students. Materials with a "Y" classification may deal with more serious subjects, including sexual situations, illegal behavior, or abuse, and will be more suitable for older middle school and high school students.
- Ask a youth librarian for assistance in selecting books for your child.
- Refer to standard book lists and award lists

that match your interests and values. Many of these are provided on the Youth Services Web site at www.cityofaustin.org/library/youth_read.htm. For example, the Children's Crown and the Lamplighter reading lists encourage elementary and junior high students to read wholesome and uplifting books. Each list includes a link to information about the group that confers the award or develops the list.

You can view the Austin Public Library Materials Selection Policy on the Library's Web site at www.cityofaustin.org/library/information.htm. From the Web site, you can also link to the ALA's Library Bill of Rights.

Amazon.com includes reviews from *School Library Journal* and *Booklist*, two standard sources used by libraries across the country. The site also includes reviews and comments from readers. For lists of recommended books, check out the Parents' Choice Foundation at www.parents-choice.org. The Faulk Central Library and some branches also own books, like *Best Books for Children*, that offer suggestions for good books your child will enjoy.

Elizabeth Murphy
Youth Librarian

Storytime Guide

September 12- November 19, 2005

BOOKS AND BABIES STORYTIME

A program for parent/adult caregivers with children from birth to 18 months old. Activities encourage language development and learning through stories, rhymes, and music. Programs last 30 minutes.

Carver Branch

Thursday, 10:15 a.m.

TODDLER STORYTIME

A program for children 18 months to 3 years old accompanied by an adult. Participation by both parent/caregiver and child is expected. The 15- to 20- minute program may include stories, fingerplays, and music.

Hampton Branch at Oak Hill

Tuesday and Wednesday, 10:15 a.m.

Howson Branch

Tuesday, 10:15 a.m.

Manchaca Road Branch

Thursday, 10:15 a.m.

Milwood Branch

Tuesday and Wednesday, 10:15 a.m.

North Village Branch

Tuesday, 10:15 a.m.

Pleasant Hill Branch

Tuesday, 10:15 a.m.

Spicewood Springs Branch (ends October 31)

Tuesday and Wednesday, 10:15 a.m.

PRESCHOOL STORYTIME

A program for children 3 to 5 years old. Children are welcome to attend independently while the accompanying adult waits in the library. The 30-minute program may include stories, films, and art activities.

Hampton Branch at Oak Hill

Tuesday and Wednesday, 11:00 a.m.

Howson Branch

Tuesday, 11:00 a.m.

Manchaca Road Branch

Thursday, 11:00 a.m.

Milwood Branch

Tuesday and Wednesday, 11:00 a.m.

North Village Branch

Tuesday, 11:00 a.m.

Pleasant Hill Branch

Tuesday, 11:00 a.m.

Spicewood Springs Branch (ends October 31)

Tuesday and Wednesday, 11:00 a.m.

STORYTIME

A 15- to 30- minute program for children of mixed ages with accompanying adult. May include stories, music, and other activities.

Faulk Central Library

Thursday, 10:30 a.m.

Little Walnut Creek Branch

Thursday, 10:30 a.m.

Ruiz Branch

Thursday, 11:00 a.m.

Twin Oaks Branch

Tuesday, 10:30 a.m.

Windsor Park Branch

Tuesday, 10:15 a.m.

Yarborough Branch

Wednesday, 10:30 a.m.

STORIES-ON-THE-GO!

This is a bilingual drop-in storytime program that is perfect for families on the go! Drop-in for a story and one-on-one time with a youth librarian.

Cepeda Branch

Tuesday, 10:00 a.m.-12 noon

Este programa bilingüe invita a familias con poco tiempo disponible a pasar unos momentos en la biblioteca. Habrán cuentos y actividades para niños preescolares. Su visita será agradable y muy divertida para toda la familia.

EVENING STORYTIMES

Books Before Bedtime Family Storytime

Southeast Austin Community Branch

Thursday, 7:00 p.m.

Daddy and Me Bedtime Storytime

Howson Branch

Third Tuesday of the month, 7:00 p.m.

September 20, October 18, November 15

BILINGUAL & SPANISH PROGRAMS

Para mayor información por favor llame a la línea de español al 482-8398.

SPANISH STORYTIME

Ruiz Branch

Thursday, 10:00 a.m.

BILINGUAL STORYTIME

St. John Branch

Wednesday, 10:15 a.m.

BILINGUAL STORYTIME @ HIGHLAND MALL

For children of all ages.

JC Penney 1st floor wing

Third Saturday of each month at 11:00 a.m.

September 17, October 15, November 19

Para mayor información por favor llame a la línea de español al 482-8398.

LUNCHTIME STORYTIME

Bring a sack lunch to enjoy. Juice boxes will be provided for the children. Groups of five or more must make arrangements in advance to attend programs. Please call (512) 974-7347 to make a reservation.

Faulk Central Library

Friday, 12:15 p.m.

STORIES-N-MORE

A special event featuring stories, games, songs, and arts and crafts for parents and children to share together.

Una hora especial de cuentos, juegos, canciones, y manualidades para que los padres compartan con sus hijos.

Cepeda Branch -Bilingual

Tuesday, September 13, 10:15 a.m.

Carver Branch -English

Wednesday, September 21, 10:15 a.m.

University Hills Branch -Bilingual

Thursday, September 22, 10:15 a.m.

Cepeda Branch -Bilingual

Tuesday, October 11, 10:15 a.m.

Carver Branch -English

Wednesday, October 19, 10:15 a.m.

University Hills Branch -Bilingual

Thursday, October 20, 10:15 a.m.

Cepeda Branch -Bilingual

Tuesday, November 1, 10:15 a.m.

University Hills Branch -Bilingual

Thursday, November 10, 10:15 a.m.

Carver Branch -English

Wednesday, November 16, 10:15 a.m.

SIGN LANGUAGE, STORIES, & SONGS

Presented by the Austin Public Library and the Texas School for the Deaf.

Pleasant Hill Branch

Second Monday of each month, 7:00 p.m.

September 12, October 10, November 14



The Ins and Outs of Attending Library Programs

- Discuss library behavior with your child or group before visiting the library.
- Arrive before the program begins.
- If you are with a child who continues crying or moving about, take the child outside until the child is calm again.
- Turn off all electronic equipment (cell phones, pagers, etc.) during the program.
- Groups (child care centers, registered family homes, schools, etc.) of five or more must make arrangements in advance to attend programs.
- Libraries may require program admission tickets to conform to Fire Marshal regulations and to ensure an effective program. Admission tickets are free and available to the public before each program. Attendance is limited to available tickets.

Call First!

We urge you to call your Library before heading out for a special program. Although we verify all information, cancellations do occasionally occur.

Holidays

All APL locations will be closed in observance of:

Labor Day, Saturday-Monday, September 3-5

Veterans Day, Friday, November 11

Thanksgiving, Wednesday (at 6 p.m.)-Friday, November 23-25

Our Goal

The Library strives to develop and nurture children's lifelong love of reading, literature, and the Library. Introducing children to reading at an early age promotes literacy and success in school. The Austin Public Library has designed programming to introduce youth of all ages and their parents or adult caregivers to the Library's resources, and to stimulate and maintain interest in literature.

Ideas, comments, or suggestions about youth services may be relayed to **Jeanette Larson**, Youth Services Division Manager, 974-7405 or jeanette.larson@ci.austin.tx.us.

For more information about youth programs call **Anita Joye Rizley**, Youth Program Coordinator, 974-7465 or anita.rizley@ci.austin.tx.us.



NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE HUMANITIES

Six Austin Public Library locations recently received "We the People" Bookshelf program awards from the National Endowment for the Humanities. The awards were announced in Washington DC just a few days before the 4th of July and provide each library with 19 books, including four in Spanish, related to the theme, "freedom." These classic books enable readers to examine this important concept from many perspectives. "This year's bookshelf tells the stories of freedom sought, freedom denied, freedom lived," said NEH Chairman Bruce Cole. The libraries included in this award are: Faulk Central

Library, Carver Branch, Hampton Branch at Oak Hill, Manchaca Road Branch, Oak Springs Branch, and Spicewood Springs Branch. In addition to adding the books to the collections, each location will host a program, event, or display to promote the books and the award.

Each library location will receive:

Sam the Minuteman by Nathaniel Benchley
The Girl Who Loved Wild Horses by Paul Goble
Paul Revere's Ride by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow
The Tale of Peter Rabbit by Beatrix Potter
El Cuento de Pedrito Conega by Beatrix Potter
The House of Dies Drear by Virginia Hamilton

Ben and Me by Robert Lawson
To Be a Slave by Julius Lester
The Complete Chronicles of Narnia by C.S. Lewis
El León, La Bruja & Ropero by C.S. Lewis
Fahrenheit 451 by Ray Bradbury (in English and Spanish)
Across Five Aprils by Irene Hunt
The Witch of Blackbird Pond by Elizabeth George Speare
Miracle at Philadelphia by Catherine Drinker Bowen
My Antonia by Willa Cather
Mi Antonia by Willa Cather
Animal Farm by George Orwell
1984 by George Orwell
One Day in the Life of Ivan Denisovich by Alexander Solzhenitsyn

Volunteers are very important people!

That is why we need you for a wide range of duties at the Austin Public Library. For additional information call the volunteer coordinator at (512) 974-7443 or complete an application online at www.cityofaustin.org/library/libvol.htm

Volunteer!



www.cityofaustin.org/library

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Wired for Youth Programs

Fall 2005

WFY HIGHLIGHTS

Teen Read Week 2005

October 16-22 Get Real! @ the Library

APL Teen Events E-mail Distribution List

Receive monthly e-mails from WFY librarians about teen events happening at Austin Public Libraries. Send an e-mail to wfy@ci.austin.tx.us to subscribe to the list.

Do you have an APL PIN?

Your Personal Identification Number, along with an email address, will allow you to reserve library books online. If the book, CD, video, or DVD you are looking for is checked out, you can login to your account and place the item on reserve. You will get an email confirmation stating when you can come to your local branch to pick it up. It's so easy! Ask about creating a PIN at any Austin Public Library circulation desk.

Booklists!

The Wired for Youth Librarians have compiled several themed booklists on the WFY website. Check them out!

www.wiredforyouth.com/books

Hot Topics

Check out the website for changing book lists, Web links, and activities related to cool, current themes. You'll be surprised!

The mission of the Austin Public Library is to provide information and services that promote lifelong learning, literacy, and love of reading to enrich the quality of life in our community.

The City of Austin is committed to compliance with the Americans With Disabilities Act. Reasonable modifications and equal access to communications will be provided upon request.

Telephone Numbers

Locations & Hours: 974-7301

Information & Reference: 974-7400

Spanish Information Line: 482-8398

Children's Programs: 974-7400

Austin History Center: 974-7480

Youth Services Events Hotline: 974-7302

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Michael & Susan Dell
Wired for Youth Centers
@ the Austin Public Library

The Michael & Susan Dell Wired for Youth Centers offer youth from ages 8 to 18 the opportunity to expand their knowledge of computers and the World Wide Web through classes and individual instruction. All centers have at least seven computers with word processing, graphic design, web design, and animation software, as well as Internet access. Contact the WFY librarian or check out www.wiredforyouth.com for more information about activities at each center.

WFY @ Faulk Central Library

Brazos Price

brazos.price@ci.austin.tx.us

800 Guadalupe 974-7410

- Teen Alley: Information for Teens
- Computer help in the evenings

WFY @ Oak Springs Branch

Closed for renovations

WFY @ Carver Branch

1161 Angelina 974-1014

- Computer classes, Special events, Movie nights
- OPEN SUNDAYS

WFY @ Cepeda Branch

Blair Parsons

blair.parsons@ci.austin.tx.us

5500 Manchaca Rd. 974-7559

- Read-Ins Monday at 5:00 p.m.
- Movie Wednesdays
- Homework Help

WFY @ Manchaca Road Branch

Patti Cook

patti.cook@ci.austin.tx.us

5500 Manchaca Rd. 447-6652

- Movies @ Manchaca-Snacks provided
- Daily homework help and free printing for homework
- Read-Ins-Read a book, relax, and enjoy some snacks
- Book Gossip-Discuss your current reads...good or bad!
- Visit www.wiredforyouth.com/amr for classes, programs, and the newsletter.

WFY @ Ruiz Branch

Rachel Wilson

rachel.wilson2@ci.austin.tx.us

1600 Grove Blvd. 974-7518

- Homework help and free printing for homework
- Computer classes or craft projects weekly
- Movies @ Ruiz

WFY @ Southeast Austin Community Branch

Beth Solomon

beth.solomon@ci.austin.tx.us

5803 Nuckols Crossing Rd. 974-7518

- Geek U technology classes Tuesdays at 4:00 p.m.
- Daily homework help
- Free printing for homework
- Open Mic Thursdays at 4:00 p.m. starting in September. Come on out and be heard! Special performance poetry event to be announced.

WFY @ University Hills Branch

4721 Loyola Ln. 926-4684

- Special programs
- Arts and crafts
- Visit www.wiredforyouth.com/auh for a complete listing of classes and programs.

WFY @ Windsor Park Branch

Joanna Nigrelli

joanna.nigrelli@ci.austin.tx.us

5833 Westminster Dr. 923-0333

- Computer classes Wednesdays at 4:30 p.m., including a monthly homework research skills class
- Art workshops and movies on Fridays starting at 4:00 p.m.
- Read-Ins and Book Gossip-Read and gossip about favorite and not so favorite books every Monday at 4:30 p.m.
- YAYA Book Club for ages 10+ (see information on this page)
- Visit www.wiredforyouth.com/awp for a complete listing of classes, programs, and our newsletter

More Programs for Youth

YAYA (Young Adult! Young Adult!)

Book Club

This book club is for teens ages 12-17. Each title is widely held in the Austin Public Library system. Check with your branch for available copies. Participants are not required to read the book prior to the discussion. Visit our website for more information, as well as reviews of each title selected: www.wiredforyouth.com/bookclub/yaya

Howson Branch

2500 Exposition Blvd., 472-3584, 7:00-8:00 p.m.

September 15-*The Thief Lord* by Cornelia Funke (Y FIC Fun)

October 20-*Sabriel* by Garth Nix (Y FIC Nix)

November 17-*Hawksong* by Amelia Atwater-Rhodes (Y FIC Atw)

Windsor Park Branch

5833 Westminster Dr., 928-0333, 7:00-8:00 p.m.

September 21-*The Thief Lord* by Cornelia Funke (Y FIC Fun)

October 19-*Sabriel* by Garth Nix (Y FIC Nix)

November 16-*The Skin I'm In* by Sharon Flake (Y FIC Fla)

FREEDOM-TO-READ-IN

Meet the titles in the *We the People Bookshelf* and take advantage of your freedom to read! Snacks, crafts, and soft seating provided. Bring your own reading materials or pick from the Library's collections. For ages 5-17.

Spicewood Springs Branch

Friday, October 21, 4:00 - 5:30 p.m.

WIZARD'S CHESS FESTIVAL

Milwood Branch

12500 Amherst Dr., 339-2355

November 5-1:00-4:00 p.m.

For ages 10 and over. Pre-registration required.

Call Branch to register.

Library Locations

1. **Faulk Central Library**
800 Guadalupe, 78701 974-7400
2. **Austin History Center**
810 Guadalupe, 78701 974-7480
3. **Carver Branch**
1161 Angelina, 78702 974-1010
4. **Cepeda Branch**
651 N. Pleasant Valley Rd., 78702 974-7372
5. **Hampton Branch at Oak Hill**
5125 Convict Hill Rd., 78749 892-6680
6. **Howson Branch**
2500 Exposition, 78703 472-3584
7. **Little Walnut Creek Branch**
835 W. Rundberg Ln., 78758 836-8975
8. **Manchaca Road Branch**
5500 Manchaca Rd., 78745 447-6651
9. **Milwood Branch**
12500 Amherst Dr., 78727 339-2355
10. **North Village Branch**
2139 W. Anderson Ln., 78757 458-2239
11. **Oak Springs Branch** (closed for renovation)
3101 Oak Springs Dr., 78702 926-4453
12. **Old Quarry Branch** (closed for renovation)
7051 Village Center Dr., 78731 345-4435
13. **Pleasant Hill Branch**
211 E. William Cannon Dr., 78745 441-7993
14. **Daniel E. Ruiz Branch**
1600 Grove Blvd., 78741 974-7500
15. **St. John Branch**
7500 Blessing Ave., 78752 974-7570
16. **Southeast Austin Community Branch**
5803 Nuckols Crossing Rd., 78744 462-1452
17. **Spicewood Springs Branch**
8637 Spicewood Springs Rd., 78759 258-9070
18. **Terrazas Branch** (closed for renovation)
1105 E. Cesar Chavez St., 78702 472-7312
19. **Twin Oaks Branch**
2301 S. Congress, #7, 78704 442-4664
20. **University Hills Branch**
4721 Loyola Ln., 78723 929-0551
21. **Windsor Park Branch**
5833 Westminster Dr., 78723 928-0333
22. **Yarborough Branch**
2200 Hancock Dr., 78756 454-7208



Cyberlifeguard Liz with kids at St. John Branch.

NEW WFY Assistance

St. John Branch

7500 Blessing Ave., 974-7570

Cyberlifeguard Liz Barksdale is available to assist youth in using the computer and to provide special programs, classes, and events. Contact the branch for more information.