Friends Adult Arts & Crafts Chair Susan Starnes reports that five or six people on average are attending the Adult Arts and Crafts classes funded by the Friends of the Salado Public Library. Next month, the group will make block tower candleholders, and in July they will design paint stirrers into flags.

In February, participants made clothespin wreaths, and the March group made gumball machine candy dishes and learned to fold washcloths into bunnies. In April, the class met offsite for an extended two-hour class with Laylee Muslowski, who taught watercolor painting of carrots. In May, participants made bee skeps, straw baskets designed to keep beehives and collect honey.

Pictures showing the finished products are usually posted on the library’s Facebook page, Starnes’ Facebook page and Salado People/ Facebook.

Due to COVID, Starnes notes, she has been holding smaller classes that are able to socially distance in the history section of the Salado Public Library. This summer the group hopes to be able to move back into the community meeting room, but classes will still be kept smaller for a while. Before COVID, 10-12 people were able to participate.

To make a reservation for adult arts and crafts, please call the library at (254) 947-9191 or come by and sign up. Adult arts and crafts classes are free to participants. They are held at 2 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month at the library.

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**Au revoir et Bienvenue**

*by Mary French*

Board members of the Friends of the Salado Public Library want to thank Lana McDonald for serving as secretary and Holly Fultz for serving as program chair for the first few months of 2021. Lana and her husband have moved, and Holly and her husband are taking up full-time RVing, so regretfully we say, “Au revoir!”

We would like to welcome Elise Lange who has agreed to serve as Friends Board secretary for the remainder of 2021. Thank you, Elise, and we say, “Bienvenue!”
2021 is only five months old but it has already brought a lot of change to the community. Salado Public Library is not immune.

First some good news: after intermittent closure with curbside service due to COVID-19, we have re-opened the library to patrons. The library is now open Mondays through Fridays, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., and on Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The community meeting room is still closed; we need it to quarantine books and for other procedures.

Secondly, we underwent a small remodel in March. We installed a new, reconfigured front desk and rearranged our entry. We also created a new office for our front desk staff and our adult librarian. The children and teen areas received a makeover as well with new shelving and two desks placed on the floor so that our librarian and her assistant can more easily monitor the activity and interact with anyone who needs help.

The third change comes with a goodbye. Adult Librarian Rachel Gerik resigned in March. She was with us almost nine years, starting out as the children’s librarian. She moved to the position of adult librarian a few years ago and made great contributions to the library. We will all miss her.

Children’s and Young Adult Librarian Julie Hoy will take Rachel’s place as the adult librarian. This change will expand Julie’s work here as she develops the children’s, young adult, and now adult collection. Julie’s assistant, April Edmiston, has moved to full-time status and will be planning and managing activities for children and teens.

Submitted by Jeanie Lively
Librarian's Corner: Children & Teen Activities

We have enjoyed our outdoor story times, with good attendance despite wind and some chilly temperatures. Outdoor story time will be held every Thursday at 11:00 a.m., weather permitting, and we invite parents to bring a blanket to sit on and snacks for their little ones.

We are planning more children’s and teen activities for the upcoming months, and we will be moving indoors as the temperatures heat up for summer and as our meeting room is freed from its current duty for book quarantining. (Returned books are still being quarantined but for fewer days now per state and national guidelines.)

Here are some other library offerings for teens and children:

- **Teen Book Boxes** -- We are distributing Teen Book Boxes, much like the Literati.com and Cratejoy.com subscription boxes (which cost money). Teens navigate to a website that we link on our Facebook page and fill out a short survey about their reading interests. We then find a book that we think will match their interests, pack it up in a cool box along with some other goodies. When they are finished, they bring the box and book back to the library; the goodies are theirs to keep. Goodies include teen-interest items such as ramen noodles, stickers, candy, and items that have gone viral online. They can sign up once/month.

- **Nerd-a-Roo Crew Book Boxes** -- These boxes are the same as the teen book boxes but are geared towards grades 3-7. Age-appropriate goodies are included.

By Julie Hoy
WELCOME!

Tom Henninger has been elected to serve as vice-president of the Friends of the Salado Public Library Board.

Truly a Texan, Tom can trace his Texas roots as far back as his great grandparents. The son of a Church of Christ minister, he was born in San Antonio but moved around the state quite a bit during his childhood as his father was called to churches in Abilene, Odessa, Fort Worth, and Austin. There his father was the pastor at the University Avenue Church of Christ.

Though Tom lived in Boston for a few years after earning his undergraduate degree at Abilene Christian University and his law degree at the University of Texas in Austin, most of his life has been in Texas. He worked for the UT Law School for many years in various positions, including director of career services, writing for the law school magazine, speechwriter, director of development/fundraising, and director of the alumni association.

Tom continues in the family ‘business’ of moving around. After retiring from the UT Law School, he moved to Georgetown, spent time in San Antonio caring for elderly parents, came to Marble Falls when they moved there, and then back to Georgetown. He moved to Salado two years ago.

Tom is the father of two grown daughters and grandfather to an 11-year-old girl. His elder daughter is working on her doctorate in linguistics (deaf education) at the University of Chicago. The younger daughter lives near Dayton, Ohio, with his granddaughter, and has a degree in agribusiness. Tom also has a senior Border Collie named Kate, who is his inseparable companion.

His fond library memories include being able to “ride along” on the library bus with his grandmother in San Antonio when the family visited there. An avid reader, Tom enjoys historical and presidential biographies and historical fiction.

He also enjoys travel, especially to West Texas, the Davis Mountains, and New Mexico.

Like many of us, Tom was impressed with the Salado Public Library when he moved here. We are so glad to have him on our board. Thank you for serving Tom, and welcome!

Interview and article by Pat Hart
I am a retired teacher who always believed that you should read the book first! Then, you can watch a movie or series that was created from the book. When I was teaching fifth grade gifted classes in Houston, my students were in love with the Harry Potter books. When the movies started being released, they all wanted to go. I told them they were putting the cart before the horse (an idiom lesson). I strongly encouraged them to read the books first, because the books were filled with more detailed character descriptions and more action-filled plots.

When I retired and we moved to Salado, I was amazed at the size of the library here and the number of visitors of all ages and stages. After unboxing and moving into our home, I decided to volunteer at the library. I went on Wednesdays to shelve books. After several months, I noticed that there were certain authors that I shelved almost every week.

My husband found a television show that we were enjoying called “Longmire.” We faithfully watched the show, and we were both sad when the series ended. Towards the end, I noticed that the show was based on books written by Craig Johnson. I knew that name! I had shelved many of his books while volunteering at the library, and I decided to check out his books about Wyoming Sheriff Walt Longmire. I printed out a list of the books in order, and I began reading them. If our library didn’t have the book, our helpful library staff could always find the book for me through interlibrary loan resources. This is when I discovered “it’s never too late” to try something you never believed you would like. I found the Longmire books fascinating with differences from the TV series in plots and emphasis of characters.

My second example is the “Jesse Stone” series that we watched on TV, and I discovered a book series by Robert B. Parker, another author I had shelved. I am currently reading Parker’s Jesse Stone books and enjoying the twists that are different from the TV movies.

So I encourage you to look at the credits as you watch series and movies you enjoy, and you might discover a book series you will like too. My advice is to enjoy reading books whether before or after you’ve seen a movie or TV show based on them. Plus, share the books you have enjoyed with those you know and love, or those you meet at the library or on the streets of Salado. The Salado Public Library is a wonderful place to explore new authors and books!

Article By March French
Did you know that you can make charitable gifts, memorials, honorariums, and bequests to the Friends of the Salado Public Library?

The Friends group is an organization created to support and be an advocate for the Salado Public Library. Organized in September 2005, the Friends soon became a Texas non-profit corporation, receiving its 501c3 status under the IRS code in February 2006. Because the Friends group is a 501c3 organization, donations you make to the Friends qualify as charitable tax deductions when filing your federal income tax (depending on your specific tax situation).

Gifts in memory or in honor of a loved one are a meaningful way of remembering someone at their passing or for birthday, anniversary or other special occasions during their lifetime.

Legacy gifts also are welcome. A charitable bequest in your will is easy to make and to change if you should need to do so. The Friends also accept cash gifts of retirement assets such as IRAs and insurance policies. To make a gift through your estate, please consult your attorney or financial adviser.

To make a charitable gift, memorial or honorarium, you may send your check to the Friends of the Salado Public Library, in care of the Salado Public Library, PO Box 1178, Salado, TX 76571-1178. To find out more about the Friends, please visit www.saladolibrary.org

Friends Fund Books for New Library Book Club Starting in June

The Friends of the Salado Public Library Board voted in May to fund $100 a month for books read by the new monthly book club starting in June at the Salado Public Library. If you are interested in joining, please contact library assistant Jane Hackley, who will lead the club. She works at the front desk, where you can sign up to participate. The club’s first book title has yet to be determined, however, the first club meeting will be at 3 p.m. on Thursday, June 17, at the Salado Public Library.

Book club kits for other book clubs also are available at the library. If your book club is looking for a new selection to read and discuss, you might want to check with the library for available kits.
Share Your Book Recommendations

If you don’t find your favorite author’s books at the Salado Public Library, please take time to share your book and author recommendations by submitting a request through the suggestion box near the checkout desk. Librarians are adding to the collection year-round. Other patrons may enjoy reading your favorite books too!

If your desired selection is not on hand, the library staff is happy to help you find a similar author or book or to make an interlibrary loan request. Look on Facebook too, where the Salado Public Library staff will soon be posting their favorite books. You also might check in Book Ends, the Friends used bookstore behind the library.

Don’t forget: The Salado Public Library is a wonderful resource for information, lifetime learning and entertainment. If you don’t find what you want, just ask a librarian or share your recommendations.

Reading Challenge

The Reading Challenge that started in February at the Salado Public Library is continuing throughout the year. It is open to all ages. Prizes will be given in three categories – children, teens and adults. It’s easy to enter. Each month simply stop by the library and pick up a Read 21 for ’21 bookmark. Then read for 21 minutes for at least 21 days in the month. Color in a square for each day that you read. At the end of the month, drop the bookmark off at the library checkout desk.

The first winners of the challenge were Emmy Alvarez, who won a $21.00 Amazon gift card; Kirsten Vesely, who won a teen gift bag, featuring a Squishmallow, stickers and candy; and Tiana LaCroix, who won the children’s prize, with a smaller Squishmallow, stickers and candy.

Prizes, funded by the Friends of the Salado Public Library, will be given each month. Who says reading doesn’t pay? If you’re an avid reader already, all you have to do is record the days you’ve read for 21 minutes. If you’ve always needed a little incentive to get started, here it is! Join the Read 21 for ’21 Reading Challenge anytime. The more the merrier.

Children’s Reading Challenge Winner: Tiana LaCroix photo on right.
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