

# Check it out!

Newsletter of the Fayette Public Library



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## A Call for Phone Books

Are your phone books just sitting on a shelf, collecting dust? If so, consider donating them to the library. We are currently updating the reference shelves, and we need late-edition telephone directories for some of the major Texas cities.

While directory assistance is available online, we would still like to keep print editions on the shelf for public use. We are looking for directories published in 2004 or later for the following cities: Austin, Houston, Dallas, San Antonio, College Station, and Victoria. We need the business Yellow Pages as well as the residential White Pages. Your donation will be appreciated.

## Weekend Storytime Sessions

Join us on for one of two storytime sessions (or both!) on the first weekend in March. The library will present a storytime on Saturday, March 3, at 11 a.m. and another on Sunday, March 4, at 2 p.m.

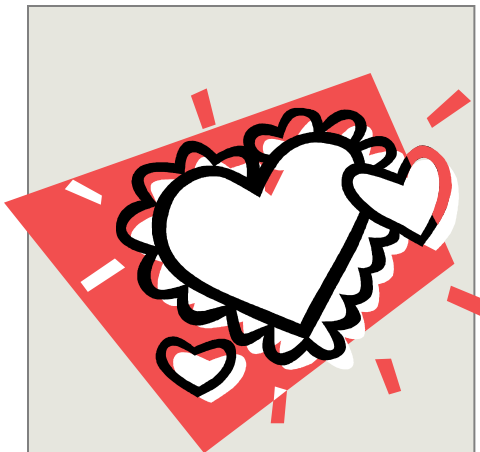
These sessions are being held to allow parents/caregivers who are unable to attend regular weekly storytimes, an opportunity to have fun in the library with their children.

Geared to preschoolers and toddlers, the programs are twenty minutes long. They feature storytelling in the children's room, followed by book selection and/or playtime in the library park.

With enough interest, the library will offer a monthly Storytime Weekend in addition to our regular weekly sessions on Thursday mornings at 10 a.m.

## Federal Excise Tax Refund

This year, the federal government will give taxpayers a Federal Excise Tax Refund to those who request it. This is a one-time payment designed to refund previously collected long distance telephone taxes. Filers can request a standard refund between \$30 and \$60—or they can figure the actual tax from old phone bills and complete Form 8913, available at the library. To learn more, visit the IRS online at [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov).



**Happy  
Valentine's  
Day!**

## TexShare Resources: A Sampling

- Bibliography of Native North Americans
- Business Source Complete
- Computer Source
- Consumer Health Complete
- Encyclopedia of Animals
- ERIC
- Heritage Quest Online
- InfoTrac Newspapers
- Legal Collection
- Literature Resource Center
- MasterFile Premier
- MedicLatina
- Military and Government Collection
- Natural and Alternative Treatments
- Newspaper Source
- Psychology & Behavioral Science Coll.
- Regional Business News
- Religion & Philosophy Collection
- Science & Technology Collection
- Texas Reference Center
- Texas Sanborn Digital Maps
- TOPIC Search
- Twayne's Authors / Scribner Writers
- Vocational & Career Collection
- World History Collection

## TexShare Database Resources

Thanks to a partnership between Fayette Public Library and the Texas State Library and Archives Commission, La Grange residents have access to an amazing wealth of information resources for research, education, enjoyment, and business purposes—free of charge.

The TexShare databases contain accurate, current, and comprehensive information, unlike much of what is found just searching on the Internet. These electronic resources are easily accessible from the library, the home, or office.

The TexShare databases include resources such as online books, full-text magazine and newspaper articles, genealogy materials, medical reference books, and literary references.

By negotiating licenses for these resources at the state level, individual libraries avoid millions of dollars in charges they would pay to subscribe to the resources individually. For example, a library the size of Fayette Public Library would have paid \$42,940 to subscribe to the resources individually. Instead your library only paid \$115 for access to these resources. There is no cost for library users to search these databases.

To take advantage of these free online resources, visit the TexShare Databases website at [www.tsl.state.tx.us/texshare/pl/](http://www.tsl.state.tx.us/texshare/pl/). For your login and password, visit the library or call 979-968-3765.

## TexShare Card Program

The TexShare Card Program is a reciprocal borrowing plan that allows library users to obtain a TexShare Card. Think of it as a statewide library card. It gives you direct access to books and other materials not available at your home library.

To qualify for a TexShare Card, you must be a user in good standing at the library. This program is a privilege for those who can use library services in a responsible manner. You must present valid identification along with your TexShare Card in order to borrow materials from participating libraries.

You must also agree to return materials to the library from which they were borrowed—not to your home library. You are responsible for any charges for late, damaged, or lost materials.

Stop by the circulation desk to apply for your own TexShare Card. For a list of TexShare libraries and their lending policies, visit the TexShare website at [www.texshare.edu/programs/card/](http://www.texshare.edu/programs/card/).

## New on the Bookshelf

**Plum Lovin'**, by Janet Evanovich (F EVAI). A mysterious man in Stephanie Plum's life helps her track down a matchmaker who skipped bail.

**Cross**, by James Patterson (F PAT). Alex Cross, retired from the FBI, has a chance to track a rapist who may have murdered his wife.

**The Hunters**, by W.E.B. Griffin (F GRI). An Army officer seeks the killers of a shady American diplomat murdered in Uruguay.

**Exile**, by Richard North Patterson (F PAT). A San Francisco lawyer defends a Palestinian woman accused of assassinating the Israeli prime minister.

**Shadow Dance**, by Julie Garwood (F GAR). A businesswoman encounters danger and romance while investigating an ancient Scottish feud involving her family.

**Too Soon to Say Goodbye**, by Art Buchwald (92 BUC). A humorous valediction from the syndicated columnist, who died in January 2007, also looks seriously at end-of-life issues.

**From Baghdad with Love**, by Jay Kopelman (940.54 THO). The story of a Marine's efforts to have Lava, a dog found in Fallujah, sent to the United States. Also focuses on Iraqi political corruption, military bureaucracy, and the sufferings of ordinary Iraqis.

**Prime Green: Remembering the Sixties**, by Robert Stone (92 STO). A tribute to the 1960s told through personal vignettes recounting Stone's global experiences, from his final year in the military to his work as a correspondent in Vietnam, where he witnessed the invasion of Laos.

**The Secret**, by Rhonda Byrne (158.1 BYR). The law of attraction as the key to getting what you want.

**The Proper Care and Feeding of Marriage**, by Laura Schlessinger (306.81 SCH). Advice for couples on understanding each other.

## COMING SOON

*Sisters*, by Danielle Steel ■ *Step on a Crack*, by James Patterson ■ *Apocalypse 2001*, by Lawrence E. Joseph ■ *Natural Born Charmer*, by Susan Elizabeth Phillips ■ *Hide*, by Lisa Gardner ■ *In the Country of Men*, by Hisham Matar ■ *The Alexandria Link*, by Steve Berry ■

## Classics on DVD: Triple Features

- *Lassie Come Home / Son of Lassie / Courage of Lassie*

The devoted collie escapes kennel captivity and braves storms and peril to return home in the all-time classic *Lassie Come Home*. Wartime heroics are at the forefront in *Son of Lassie* and *Courage of Lassie*. Features Elizabeth Taylor, Roddy McDowall, and Peter Lawford. (DVD TRI)

- *Harum Scarum / Speedway / The Trouble with Girls*

A hunka-hunka burnin' excitement comes your way in three Elvis Presley movie romps. Features Mary Ann Mobley, Nancy Sinatra, Vincent Price, and Sheree North. (DVD TRI)

- *Free Willy / Free Willy 2: the Adventure Home / Free Willy 3: the Rescue*

Fun, excitement, and the whale that captured the world's imagination add up to big family entertainment. Don't miss three whales of a tale! (DVD TRI)



## Calendar of Events

February 6	Library/Museum/Archives Board Meeting 5:15 p.m. — Conference Room
February 7	Storytime 10 a.m. — Children’s room
February 14	Storytime 10 a.m. — Children’s room
February 21	Storytime 10 a.m. — Children’s room
February 22	2 <sup>nd</sup> Anniversary Re-opening of our renovated facility
February 28	Storytime 10 a.m. — Children’s room
March 3	Storytime 11 a.m. — Children’s room
March 4	Storytime 2 p.m. — Children’s room

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HOURS  
 Tuesday - Thursday, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.  
 Friday, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
 Saturday, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.  
 Sunday, 1-5 p.m.  
 Closed on Mondays

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