

January 2012

Lake Travis Community Library



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UPCOMING EVENTS

Library Closed
Jan. 1 & 16

Friends Book Club
Tues. Jan. 3, 10 AM
LT United Methodist

Memoir Writing Group
Tues. Jan. 3, 7 PM

Classics Book Club
Mon. Jan. 9, 1 PM
Panera Bread

OverDrive Digital Library Training
Tues. Jan. 17, 7 PM

Board Meeting
Wed. Jan. 18, 4 PM

Friends of the Library Meeting
Thurs. Jan. 19
9:30 AM

Author Keija Parssinen
Thurs. Jan. 19, 7 PM

Bottle of Wine Book Club
Wed. Jan. 25, 7 PM
Call for location.

Flying Whale Tech Help
Sat. Jan. 28, 12 - 2 PM

Glass of Wine Book Club
Mon. Jan. 30, 7 PM
Call for location.

College Planning Workshop
Tues. Jan. 31, 6 PM

Genealogy Group
Fridays 9 - 10 AM

NEW LIBRARY TO BREAK GROUND SOON!

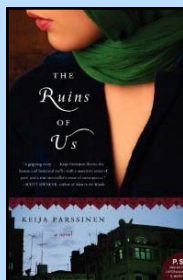


As of January 1st, the library has raised \$693,326 for the new Lake Travis Community Library building. We are working with our selected general contractor and plan to break ground very soon! It's not too late to help out. Naming

opportunities are still available and bricks can be purchased starting at a \$125 donation. Three different sizes of paving bricks are available and inscriptions can be personalized. Help build the library and become a part of history! Complete the brick **form online** or stop by the library.

AUTHOR KEIJA PARSSINEN

THURSDAY, JANUARY 19TH AT 7PM



Former Lakeway resident Keija Parssinen has published a debut novel that is getting rave reviews. Set in oil-rich Saudi Arabia, *The Ruins of Us* explores the loneliness of being an expatriate and the immeasurable dangers of intolerance. It is also a story about the universality of family and the injustices we endure for love.

Keija Parssinen was born in Saudi Arabia and lived there for twelve years as a third generation expatriate. When her family left the Kingdom, they moved to the Hill Country of Central Texas. She earned a degree in English literature from Princeton University and received her MFA from the Iowa Writers' Workshop, where she held a Truman Capote fellowship and a Teaching and Writing fellowship. For *The Ruins of Us*, her first novel, she received a Michener-Copernicus award. She lives with her husband in Columbia, Missouri.



CANTA STORY TIME IN SPANISH THURSDAY, JANUARY 5TH AT 10:30 AM



Join us for CANTA Storytime in Spanish on Thursday, January 5th at 10:30 AM for a special mixed-age, parent and child program that teaches Spanish through music and movement. The first five years of a child's life are a crucial time for both language acquisition and musical development, and CANTA offers children the opportunity to explore both! Music effortlessly awakens children's eagerness to use language, and helps with memory retention, syllable recognition, and pronunciation. Come sing, dance, and play instruments with your child while you learn fun ways to incorporate Spanish into your home. Join us!

SPECIAL EVENTS FOR CHILDREN

ABC's of Cooking: This cooking class for 5 to 10 year olds teaches simple recipes and lessons about healthy eating habits on Tuesday, January 17th at 3:45 PM.



Pajama Story Time: Come in your PJ's and snuggle in for stories, complete with milk and cookies on Tuesday, January 17th at 6:15 PM.

Little Yoga: This 30 minute class allows children ages 3 to 6 to experience exercise in a mellow environment. Yoga instructor Jessica Dixon helps little people practice breathing and age appropriate stretching the third Thursday of every month. Let's get moving on Thursday, January 19th at 10:30 AM!

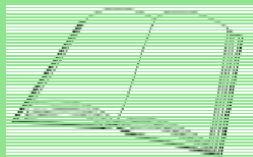


Bow Wow Reading: 6 to 12 year olds can improve their reading skills by reading to a dog! Sign up in advance for a 15 minute session on Saturday, January 21st between 10:30 AM and 1 PM.



Mother/Daughter Book Club: Mothers and daughters are invited to a discussion of *Lily's Crossing* by Patricia Reilly Giff on Sunday, January 22nd at 2 PM.

Story Times: Don't forget our regular story times on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays at 10:30 AM.



THE LIBRARY WILL BE
CLOSED JANUARY 1 & 16
FOR THE HOLIDAYS.

MEET OUR NEW STAFF MEMBER NICOLE USIONDEK

Nicole Usiondek moved to Dripping Springs in 2010, after living in Chicago for three years. She was born and raised in the Metro Detroit area. She has a love of history, travel, good food, reading, dogs and just being happy.

She recently obtained her Masters in Library and Information Science and is very excited about her employment at Lake Travis Community Library. Her duties are handling Interlibrary Loans, publicity, and computer maintenance. Next time you visit the library, please stop by and say hello to Nicole!



LAKE TRAVIS READS JEFF ABBOTT

Best-selling author Jeff Abbott will be the featured author for the 2012 LAKE TRAVIS READS, the program co-sponsored by Lake Travis Community Library, Bee Cave Public Library, and Spicewood Community Library. Read from the acclaimed author's body of work and then meet the author at a special evening event on Thursday, February 23rd at 7 PM at Bee Cave Public Library.



Abbott is the international-bestselling, award-winning author of thirteen mystery and suspense novels. His most recent thriller, *Adrenaline*, was picked by *The Today Show* as the "Best Beach Read" when it called him the next Robert Ludlum. His thrillers including *Panic* and *Fear* are tightly-wound and lightning-paced, and can be read as stand-alone titles. Read one, many, or all of his books to participate!

FLYING WHALE TECH HELP SATURDAY, JANUARY 28TH, 12 - 2PM

Is there something about your laptop, tablet, cell phone or digital camera that has you stumped? Get assistance from LTHS senior John Werner at Flying Whale Tech Help. John is offering his expertise completely free to local residents. Just come to the library with your device - no appointment necessary.



LIBRARY PATRON SAVES \$18,876 IN 2011

Teacher Karla Laurence is, once again, the winner of the "Who Saved the Most by Using the Library" Contest. She saved \$18,876 in 2011! Be sure to check the bottom of your checkout receipt to see how much money you save by using the library! Please consider that figure when planning your gift to the *Invest in Lifelong Learning* capital campaign.

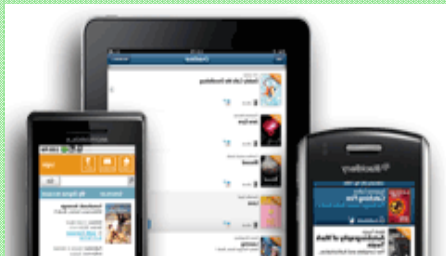
VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT



Volunteer Leslye Kinslow is a native Texan, born in Waco and a Baylor alumna. She studied American Literature in college and then went on to business school to become civil service qualified. Leslye was a management analyst for the Social Security Administration and spent eighteen years at the regional office in Atlanta. She moved to Lakeway in July 1991 and was pleased to find a library in Lake Travis Community Library. Since then, she has done many tasks for the library. Leslye is the "Jill of library trades." Beginning in October 1991, Leslye has volunteered every Thursday afternoon at the library's circulation desk. Lakeway was mostly comprised of retired residents when she and her husband bought a lot in the Hills.

Leslye likes to read a variety of books. She really enjoyed *Portrait of a Spy* by Daniel Silva. Some of her favorite authors are Richard North Patterson, Daniel Silva, and Noel Hynd and she also likes the *Outlander* series by Diana Gabaldon. Leslye says that one of the pleasures in volunteering at the library is the interaction with patrons. "It makes volunteering a fun experience!"

OVERDRIVE DIGITAL LIBRARY TRAINING SESSION TUESDAY, JANUARY 17, 7 PM



OverDrive is a digital library service that provides free audiobooks and eBooks to patrons anytime, anywhere. Find out how to get started using Overdrive at this monthly introductory session on Tuesday, January 17th at 7 PM. To use this service, go to www.laketralislibrary.org and click on the OverDrive button at the top of the page. Simply browse the collection, check an item out, and enjoy! Don't forget to check out the smart phone app, too! Titles will automatically expire at the end of the lending period so there are no late fees. Also, OverDrive digital library collection is now compatible with the Kindle eReader. Finally, thanks to the Friends of the Library, we have joined the OverDrive Advantage program and now offer more titles exclusively to our patrons. Try it out!

TEENS, APPLY FOR THE FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY SERVICE SCHOLARSHIP!

Each year the Friends of the Library award a \$2,000 scholarship to a graduating teen volunteer planning to continue his or her education. Applicants must have volunteered for a minimum of two semesters (summer counts as one semester) with at least 50 community service hours at the library. Application packets will be available starting January 17th. For more information, please contact the library staff.



COLLEGE INROADS PLANNING WORKSHOP TUESDAY, JANUARY 31ST, 6 PM

Learn what it takes to find the right college fit for your student, at the lowest cost! Get the inside scoop on how to beat today's college costs, what colleges are looking for, and three simple rules for college admissions. RSVP to College InRoads at (512) 200-3626.

ADULT PROGRAMS AT LTCL

COMPUTER HELP! Do you need help applying for a job, opening an email account, using OverDrive, or searching the Internet? Schedule an appointment for free computer help on Thursday mornings at 9 AM.

Join our **Genealogy Group** on Friday mornings before the library opens from 9 to 10 AM. Use genealogy databases on the computers, share information with other enthusiasts, and get help from experts.



The Friends Book Club will meet on Tuesday, January 3rd to discuss *The Particular Sadness of Lemon Cake* by Aimee Bender. The club meets at 10 AM at Lake Travis United Methodist Church (1502 RR 620 North).

Are you interested in writing your memoir or preserving some of your memories for your children and grandchildren? Join the **Memoir Writing Group** on Tuesday, January 3rd at 7 PM.

The Classics Book Club will meet on Monday, January 9th at 1 PM at Panera Bread Company in the Hill Country Galleria. The group will discuss *A Doll's House* by Henrik Ibsen.

The Bottle of Wine Book Club will meet on Wednesday, January 25th at 7 PM to discuss *What Alice Forgot* by Liane Moriarty. Please contact the library for location details.

The Glass of Wine Book Club will meet on Monday, January 30th at 7 PM to discuss *Still Alice* by Lisa Genova. Please contact the library for location details.

For information about the **Knitting Club**, please contact Jean at londonladyjer@att.net or the library.

