



## Converse County Library Bridges

The mission of the Converse County Library System is to uphold the public's freedom of access to information by providing educational, informational, cultural, and entertainment services and materials in a variety of technologies and formats.

### Converse County Library Foundation **BOOK SALE**



Join us  
October 9th -  
October 14th  
during regular  
library hours at  
the Masonic  
Temple

Fiction - Non-Fiction  
Paperbacks - Encyclopedias  
Children's Books - Videos  
Books On Cassette  
Silent Auction Items

Homemade soup and bread will be available  
Monday - Friday for a \$3.50 donation.

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### From the Rock in the Glen

Having survived an energetic Summer Reading program, we can now turn our attention to...

Rita will be starting Story Time here in Glenrock on Wednesday, September 13th, from 10-10:40 a.m. It is open to children up to 5 years of age, we encourage their parents to join the fun and activities.

Rita will also be starting her outreach programming to the local daycare facilities and Head-Start in September.

The juvenile and teen book discussion organizational meetings will be held starting Tuesday, September 12th. More information can be obtained by calling or stopping by the Library.

Our first RiF distribution of this school year is tentatively scheduled for sometime in October.

Starting Tuesday, September 5th, we will have two new staff members at the library. We would

like to welcome Ellen Zimbelman and Kyndal Gudahl to our little family. With their help, we anticipate continuing our tradition of helpful service to the community of Glenrock.

With the addition of Ellen and Kyndal to our staff, we are pleased to announce that starting September 11th, we will be open on Mondays from 10:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m..

Stop by and give a warm welcome to a to our new staff.

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## One Book, One Community Begins October 17th

The first ever Converse County Reads: One Book, One Community initiative is set for October 17-21. One Book, One Community is a city-wide reading and discussion program that encourages all our residents to read the same book at the same time to create a citywide book club. For the first One Book, Books selected are *An Unfinished Life* by Mark Spragg for adult readers and *Eragon* by Christopher Paolini for teen and young adult readers.

Spragg's *An Unfinished Life* tells the story of Jean Gilkyson who has a history of choosing the wrong men. After yet another bad relationship, Jean heads to Ishawooa,

Wyoming with her ten-year-old daughter Griff where Jean's family is dead and her deceased husband's father Emar wishes Jean was too.

In Paolini's *Eragon* a poor farm boy finds a polished blue stone in the forest and thinks it is a lucky discovery; perhaps it will buy his family meat for the winter. But when the stone brings a dragon hatchling, Eragon soon realizes he has stumbled upon a legacy nearly as old as the Empire itself.

All community members are also invited to join their neighbors and friends for book discussions and special events presented during the week of October 17-21, 2006. One

Book One Community begins October 17, 7:00 p.m. with a showing of the movie version of *An Unfinished Life* starring Robert Redford. The discussion of the book follows Wednesday evening at 7:00 p.m. with a discussion of *Eragon* on Thursday evening at 6:00 p.m. Saturday morning features a Renaissance Fair at the library from 10:00a.m.-1:00 p.m.

The discussion guides for the books and background information about One Book, One Community can be picked up at the library or WhistleStop Mercantile. Go online @ [www.conversecountylibrary.org](http://www.conversecountylibrary.org) to find out more information.

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## Just Because We Like to Read III: Top Book Group Favorites

### It's book discussion time!

Whether you stop a friend on the street, gather in a living room or at the local library, pick up a copy of Oprah's latest pick, or join an online discussion, people love to share a good book.

The Just Because We Like To Read read-and-discuss group meets on the third Wednesday of each month at the library.

The Converse County Library hosts the annual read-and discuss book series. Participants have an opportunity to read and discuss some of the best available fiction novels. The series is comprised of seven books for 2006-2007. The pro-

grams are free and open to all. Prior to the discussion, books are available for checkout at the library. The group, usually 10-12 in number, then return monthly to discuss the book. For more information, please contact the library at 300 Walnut Street or call (307) 358-3644.

Just Because We Like To Read III:  
Top Book Group Favorites

- *The Memory Keeper's Daughter* by Kim Edwards—September 20, 2006
- **CONVERSE COUNTY READS** *An Unfinished Life* by Mark Spragg—October

18, 2006

- *The Curious Incident of the Dog at Nighttime* by Mark Haddon—November 15, 2006
- *The Shadow of the Wind* by Carlos Ruiz Zafon—January 17, 2007
- *The Lost Mother* by Mary McGarry Morris—February 21, 2007
- *The Kite Runner* by Khaled Hosseini—March 21, 2007
- *The Year of Wonders: A Novel of the Plague* by Geraldine Brooks—April 18,



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### Special points of interest:

- Sept. 20th Story Time Begins
- Oct. 5th Toddler Time Begins
- Book Discussion Begins Sept. 20th
- One Book One Community Begins Oct. 17
- Book Sale @ Masonic Temple Oct. 9-14
- Teen Reads Week Oct. 15-21

## One Hot Ending to Summer Reading

Summer Reading brought in some new faces and we had some tremendous crowds this year! In the Children's Department alone we had an amazing 192 children registered and 103 completed the program. The children read an astounding 508 total hours! The teen summer reading, "Creature Feature" had great participation this year. We had 37 young adults signed up for the program and 27 of those completed the program.



The adult summer reading program also had a total of 27 registration and 15 adults completed the program.



was a scorcher with Chad Lore and all his extraordinary talents and slapstick comedy which the children and adults all enjoyed. We finished the afternoon with Dana Marshall painting faces and arms and some sweet watermelon outside to cool off. Thanks again to all the people and businesses that donated their time and efforts to make this a great Summer Reading Program!

There were over 350 people that attended programs throughout the summer. The children enjoyed some interesting people from around the country and met some unusual animals too. We welcomed the usual from cats and dogs, to the more rare service dogs and the occasional yak. Our final program

## STORY TIME REGINS AGAIN AT CONVERSE COUNTY

Time for School! Yes, summer is over and its time to start another year of learning and growing for our children, and that means its time for Story Time to begin.

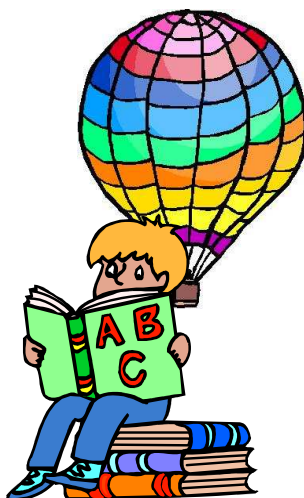
We have another great year planned with great stories to share, songs, finger plays, crafts and parties. We are welcoming all parents with children from the ages of 3-5 years old to join in the fun. We offer 3 Story Times weekly and will begin with our regular schedule

Wednesday, September 20<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. and 1:30 p.m., and Friday the 22<sup>nd</sup> at 10:00a.m. We will run the program through December 15<sup>th</sup> when we will take a small break for the holidays.

October we will be having the Toddler Time Programs every Thursday starting the 5<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. and running through the 26<sup>th</sup>. We are inviting parents with toddler's ages 18 months through 3 years of age to join in the fun. We will share books,

work on sensory development, numbers, colors, shapes and work on social interaction. This program will help prepare the younger children for regular Story Time when they are old enough to participate.

We have some great programs planned this fall for children of all ages and look forward to seeing you here at the library!



Teen Read Week is getting active from October 15- 21. The theme of "Get Active" this year for teen read week gives the library a kinetic approach to literacy. Area teens will be reading for the fun of it as we celebrate the ninth annual Teen Read WeekTM. They will join thousands of other libraries, schools and bookstores across the country who are encouraging teens to celebrate this year's theme, "Get Active @ your library®." Teen Read WeekTM is the national adolescent literacy initiative of the Young Adult

Library Services Association (YALSA), the fastest growing division of the American Library Association. This year's theme encourages teens to use the resources in their library to lead active lives.

Not only does this theme promote health and motivation, but also community awareness.

With so much going on in the month of October, we encourage any teen who wants to get involved

with the One Book One Community program or the Book Sale to contact Ian or Cinnamon at the circulation desk.

Teen Read Week and the One Book One Community program both culminate in a Renaissance festival October 21<sup>st</sup>, where appreciation awards will also be given out to the volunteers.

## BANNED BOOK WEEK 2006

Bookstores and libraries around the country will celebrate the freedom to read with exhibits, readings and special events during Banned Books Week, September 23-30, 2006. First observed in 1982, Banned Books Week reminds Americans not to take this precious democratic freedom for granted.

There were 405 known attempts to remove books

in 2005. Challenges are defined as formal, written complaints filed with a library or school requesting that materials be removed because of content or appropriateness. About 70 percent of challenges take place in schools and school libraries. According to Judith F. Krug, director of the Office for Intellectual Freedom, the number of challenges reflects only inci-

dents reported, and for each reported, four or five remain unreported.

During the week of September 23-30 Converse County Library will be displaying a collection of frequently challenged books.



## eLibrary

### Web-friendly Database Supports Student Research and Learning

eLibrary, a web-delivered reference and research tool, available at school, home or the library – can be used by students for homework, research assignments, and individual learning needs.

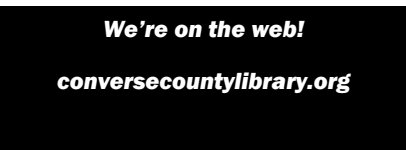
Using keyword and natural language queries, students can search the database to locate reliable information and images from not only magazines and newspapers, but also from books, maps, images, and transcripts. The publications and images correlate closely with local curriculum, providing assistance in Business & Communica-

tions, Current Events, Geography, Government, Language Arts, Mathematics, Science, Social Studies, and Technology.

eLibrary includes many unique titles: *National Geographic* and *The Hutchinson Dictionary*, and hundreds of full-text national, regional, and international newspapers, current and historic maps, health information, more than 190 reference books in full text, more than 500,000 photos and images, and much more. Most of these valuable resources are NOT available on the "free" web, much less in a single

educational resource.

eLibrary is a valuable service. It saves students time and frustration because it can provide much of the information needed for a research assignment in a single database: newspaper and magazine articles, reference books, pictures, maps, and radio and TV transcripts". "Because access is available offsite as well as at the library, eLibrary is a valuable resource, open for use by lots of people with different information needs".



## Converse County Library Building Project

Meeting rooms, larger collections, more computers, additional space were all recommendations made for Converse County Library patrons and facilities by Library Planning Associates, Inc.. Responding to these needs, the Library Board of Trustees is moving forward with planning for expanded facilities for Converse County libraries. Bob Shinmori, Board Chair, says we're pursuing the "Cadillac" model but recognize we may have to settle for the "Ford".

Board, Foundation, and staff mem-

bers are joining together on four working committees. The architect/consultant committee is researching and preparing to recruit an architectural firm to evaluate present library sites. The fundraising committee is looking at grants and other funding options to explore financing possibilities. Staff members are compiling a list of "what ifs" and "wishes" to be considered in the new buildings. An information/marketing committee will be getting the word out to our communities and keep the public informed as the project

progresses. To assure that new or expanded buildings meet present and future needs for library users in Converse County, members of the public will also be invited to participate as we move forward. Want more information? The needs assessment document, compiled by Library Planning Associates, Inc. of Madison, WI is available at the library. It will soon be available on our web site at [conversecountylibrary.org](http://conversecountylibrary.org).

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