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The Friends of the Nicholson Memorial Library System Newsletter

January 2022

Computer Classes Resume

Participation in Library computer classes is free and open to adult Garland residents. Registration is required and begins two weeks before each class.

Mouse & Keyboarding for Beginners
2 p.m. Monday, Jan. 31 at the Central Library

Clases de Computadora

Participación en clases de computación a través de la biblioteca es gratis y están abiertas a todos los residentes adultos de Garland. Inscripción es requerida y empieza dos semanas antes de clase.

Ratón y Teclado para Principiantes
3:30 p.m. Jueves, Enero 13
en la Biblioteca Central

Administración de Archivos y Escritorios
3:30 p.m. Jueves, Enero 27
en la Biblioteca Central

Enjoy a Free Cup of Tea and a Cozy Mystery

What's better than getting cozy with a cup of tea and a good mystery? How about free tea and mugs when you check out a mystery book?

To get your free tea and mug visit the South Garland Branch Library in January and check out a tea-themed cozy mystery. Staff will provide recommendations if needed. Once you have read the book, check in with the library, either in person or online at https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1IMFID_jZnbwYDx4C9dnUW_DmHJpj-9MjfYtSvwQZuOE to let staff know you have finished the book. You can also leave a review of your mystery if you would like.

At the end of January, the library will hold a raffle and select two winners from those who checked in during the month. The winners will receive another free mug, more tea, and a gift card to Pink Coffee, a local coffee shop.



News from the Friends

The Friends were pleased to be able to have the annual book sale last September. Thanks to all who volunteered and shopped. Special thanks go to board members Linda Stopani, and Joan Degen and Brandon from Texas Book Consignments for their roles in the success of the sale.

We hope you will continue to support the library throughout the year. Did you know your Amazon purchases can help? AmazonSmile donates to Friends of the Nicholson Memorial Library, Inc. when you shop at smile.amazon.com/ch/75-2302391. At no cost to you, AmazonSmile will donate 0.5% of your purchases to the Friends.

As a reminder, pre-read magazine donations are accepted at each library location and then made available for a nominal suggested donation at a table at the Central Library. The library also accepts donations of gently-used books and DVDs on behalf of the Friends.

Please be aware that Friends dues will increase beginning June 1. This is the first increase in dues in 20 years.

Adult Craft Workshop

**4 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 22
South Garland Branch Library**

Make a trinket bowl out of clay at the next Adult Craft Workshop.

Each crafting workshop features a unique craft project or art piece. All supplies are provided. Registration is required to attend and is limited to 24 participants. Registration will begin Saturday, Jan. 8. Call 972-205-3931 to register.



Every Body Yoga

**Fridays, Jan. 14 to April 29 2 p.m.
Central Library**

Adults can learn the basics of yoga from a professional yoga instructor who will introduce participants to basic yoga poses. Please provide your own blanket, towel, or yoga mat. You are encouraged to listen to your body and exercise within the limits of your ability and fitness levels. If you are unsure if this program is right for you, consult your physician prior to participating.



Middle Grade Makers

**Saturday, Jan. 29 2:30 p.m.
Walnut Creek Branch Library
Grades 4 - 8**

Children can explore STEAM concepts while completing fun, hands-on learning activities at the monthly Middle Grade Maker events.

Participants at the January event will construct a racecourse using recycled materials, then race marbles to the finish line. Registration is required and begins Saturday, Jan. 15. Call 972-205-2585 to register.



Book Club

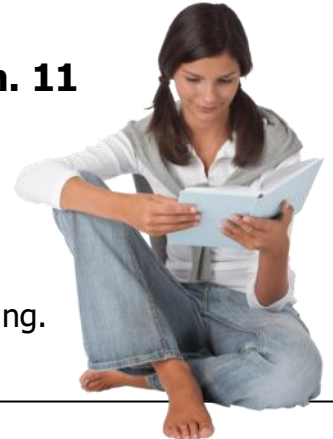
**6:30 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 20
South Garland Branch Library**

Adults ages 18 and older are invited to join book club. This month we'll be discussing *The Good Sister* by Sally Hepworth. No registration is required to attend.

Romancing the Book Club

**6 p.m., Tuesday, Jan. 11
Central Library**

Adults can join a new romance book club. At the first meeting, staff and attendees will determine the reading list for the spring.



ESL Conversation Classes **Jan. 10 through April 26**

**Mondays at 6 p.m. at the
Central Library**

**Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. at the
South Garland Branch Library**

ESL conversation classes will meet weekly and will be geared toward improving general English skills in a casual setting. Attendees may practice their conversation skills in a friendly environment, build their vocabulary, learn about American culture, and meet a diverse group of people.

Wii Aren't Board

**Tuesdays, Jan. 11 to April 26, 6:30 p.m.
South Garland Branch Library
Children of All Ages**

Drop in to play an old favorite or learn a new game and socialize!



Spring Storytimes

(Jan. 10 through April 30)

Central Library

972-205-2516

Toddler Storytime, Mondays at 10 a.m.
Baby Storytime, Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m.
Preschool Storytime, Tuesdays at 11 a.m.
Tiempo de Cuentos, Wednesdays at 6:15 p.m.

North Garland Branch Library

972-205-2804

Play and Learn, Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m.
Family Storytime, Thursdays at 6 p.m.
Baby Storytime, Fridays at 10 a.m.
Toddler Storytime, Fridays at 11 a.m.

South Garland Branch Library

972-205-3934

Zoom into Kindergarten, Wednesdays at 10:15 a.m.
Family Storytime, Thursdays at 6 p.m.
Baby Storytime, Fridays at 10:15 a.m.
Literacy in Motion, Fridays at 11:15 a.m.

Walnut Creek Branch Library

972-205-2585

*Family Storytime, Tuesdays at 6:15 p.m.
**Beginning Feb. 1, the first storytime of the month will be bilingual.*

Storytime Age Ranges:

Babies: Infants to 18 mos.
Toddlers & Literacy in Motion: 18 to 36 mos.
Preschoolers & Zoom into Kindergarten: 3 to 5 yrs.
Families: all ages
Play and Learn: 0 to 5 yrs.

Teen After Hours

Saturday, Jan. 15 6:30 p.m.

**South Garland
Branch Library
Ages 13 - 17**

Join us for a fun activity
and snacks *after the library
closes.*

Registration required.
Call 972-205-3934 to
register beginning Jan. 4.



STEAM Labs

Saturday, Jan. 15 at 11 a.m.

North Garland Branch Library

Children Ages 6-12

Registration required

Each lab consists of a STEAM-based project that integrates science and engineering concepts. Participants at the January event will learn the science behind modern skyscrapers then put their knowledge to the test by building tower structures with marshmallows and toothpicks.

To register, please call the North Garland Branch Library at 972-205-2804 beginning Tuesday, Jan. 4.

Saturday, Jan. 29 at 1 p.m.

Central Library

Children Ages 6-12

Children ages 6 through 12 and their families can participate in monthly STEAM Labs this spring.

Each STEAM Lab will consist of stations featuring activities on a centralized theme. Instructions will be available in English, Spanish, and Vietnamese. January's theme is Winter Wonderland. No registration is required.

Chinese & Lunar New Year Year of the Tiger Party

Tuesday, Feb. 1 at 4 p.m. Central Library

Children can celebrate Chinese New Year by creating tiger masks, play Pin-the-Tail-on-the-Tiger, and make no-sew tiger pillows. Registration is required and begins Jan. 18.

Paper Dragons

Saturday, Feb. 5 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

North Garland Branch Library

Children can drop in to create paper dragons that will hang in the library all month.

Teen Advisory Board

6:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan.13
Central Library

Teens ages 13 to 17 can make a difference by joining the Teen Advisory Board. Teens will discuss how the library can serve their age group with events, materials, and services. Participants will receive volunteer hours.

Teens applying for membership need parental consent and must attend two consecutive meetings and a total of eight meetings per year to officially serve.



Shhh! A Library Podcast

Join librarians Jenna and Morgan as they discuss books, life, and happenings at the Garland Public Libraries. Tune in for book recommendations, library news, and a lot of laughs.

Shhh! A Library Podcast is produced by the Garland Public Libraries.
www.garlandlibrarytx.buzzsprout.com



Friends of the Nicholson Memorial Library is a community organization supporting and promoting the Library. The Friends sponsors activities to raise funds for the purchase of library materials and equipment, and underwrites programming to benefit all library users. Join the Friends today.

Friends of the Library

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Connect with the Library!

Central Library

625 Austin St.

Children's	972-205-2517
Reference	972-205-2502
Circulation	972-205-2524

North Garland Branch

3845 N. Garland Ave.

Children's	972-205-2804
Reference	972-205-2803
Circulation	972-205-2802

South Garland Branch

4845 Broadway Blvd.

Children's	972-205-3934
Reference	972-205-3931
Circulation	972-205-3920

Walnut Creek Branch

3319 Edgewood Drive

Children's	972-205-2585
Reference	972-205-2587
Circulation	972-205-2586

Online:

www.Library.GarlandTX.gov

Twitter: [@GarlandLibrary](https://twitter.com/GarlandLibrary)

Facebook: [Facebook.com/ GarlandLibraryTX](https://www.facebook.com/GarlandLibraryTX)

Email: Lib-support@GarlandTX.gov



**Holiday Closure:
 Garland Libraries will be closed
 Monday, Jan. 17 for Martin Luther King Jr. Day.*