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The Friends of the Nicholson Memorial Library System Newsletter

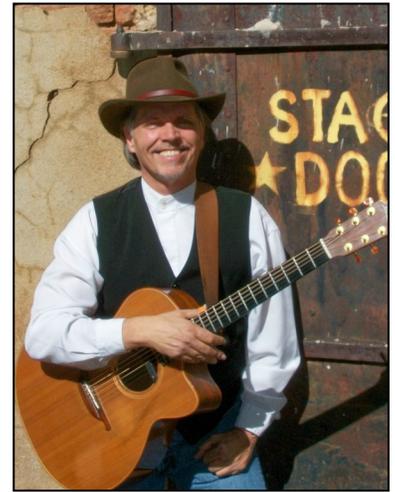
February 2020

Senior Social Hour @ the Library

Celtic Guitarist Jerry Barlow

2 p.m., on Thursday, Feb. 27, Central Library

Jerry Barlow is a guitarist who performs Celtic music from Ireland, Scotland, Wales, and Britain. He uses fingerstyle techniques that imitate instruments, like the harp, bagpipes, and fiddle, for which the music was originally written. He is also a storyteller and enjoys regaling audiences with the history, legend, and humor of the music he plays.



Due to planned construction, event locations are subject to change.

Please visit our website, Library.GarlandTX.gov, for the latest information. Sponsored by the Friends of the Library, *Senior Social Hour* is free and open to anyone 55 years of age and older. Donations of gently-used books and media for the Friends of the Library book sale are accepted at the program. No registration is required to attend the event, but seats do fill up quickly. Doors open 30 minutes prior to performance. Please be aware that photographs and video may be taken at Library programs for use in print and/or electronic media at the Library's discretion.

Friends of the Library News

The Friends of the Nicholson Memorial Library is a community organization that supports and promotes the Library. The group sponsors activities to raise funds for the purchase of library materials and equipment and finances programming to benefit all library users.

This spring the South Garland Branch Library is conducting special Sensory Storytimes. The Friends of the Library is helping to purchase the supplies needed for these storytimes. Thanks for supporting the Friends so we can support these wonderful programs at the library!

The Friends will also be implementing a change to the annual book sale in 2020. All books will be scanned prior to the book sale. So, starting with this year's sale in September, **NO BARCODE SCANNERS** will be allowed on Members Only night (Thursday).

Little Art Explorers

**10:30 a.m. on Friday, Feb. 28.
South Garland Branch Library**

Children ages 0 to 5 can participate in an art series specifically designed for their age group at the new monthly Little Art Explorers event. Little Art Explorers will support early child development by integrating activities that build motor skills, increase vocabulary, improve symbol recognition, and encourage emotional awareness. Attendees will focus on the process of making art rather than the end product. In February, children will learn about Piet Mondrian and make art inspired by his work.

[Cook the Book](#)

6:30 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 4
South Garland Branch Library



Adults who enjoy cooking can learn new recipes and share their talents with their fellow foodies. In order to register for the event, participants will choose a recipe from a pre-selected cookbook. They will then prepare the recipe at home and bring it to be enjoyed in a buffet-style meal at the library on the event date. The selected cookbook will be available at the South Garland Branch Library beginning Jan. 21. The cookbook for February will consist of African American recipes.

Cook the Book is open exclusively to adults ages 18 and older who register for the event.

[Adult Craft Workshop](#)

2:30 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 29
South Garland Branch Library

In honor of African American History Month, adults can make picture frames using the mud cloth design that originated in West Africa. Mud cloth designs consist of simple motifs that have specific meanings. Participants may choose from a selection of provided motifs.

Each crafting workshop features a unique craft project or art piece. All supplies are provided by the library. Registration is required to attend and is limited to 24 participants.

Registration will begin Saturday, Feb. 15. Call 972-205-3931 to register.

[ESL Conversation Classes](#)

Wednesdays, 2:30 p.m. through May 27
South Garland Branch Library

ESL conversation classes will meet weekly on Wednesdays 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. Light refreshments will be provided.

[Book Club](#)

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

Adults ages 18 and older are invited to join the Garland Library's book club. At the next meeting, attendees will discuss *Before We Were Yours* by Lisa Wingate and enjoy light refreshments. No registration is required to attend book club.



[Stranger Things Party](#)

6:30 p.m., Wednesday, Feb. 19
Central Library
Ages 13 to 17

Teens can travel back in time to the 1980s by attending the *Stranger Things* Party. Party attendees can enjoy 80s tunes while making *Stranger Things* crafts like slogan buttons, Demogorgon finders, and 80s cropped T-shirts. Teens will need to provide their own T-shirts. Snacks will be provided.

[Sensory-Friendly Storytime](#)

2 p.m., Sat., Feb. 22,
South Garland Branch Library
Ages 12 and Younger

Families with children ages 12 and younger with special needs are invited to attend sensory-friendly storytimes each month at the South Garland Branch Library.

Storytime gives children the freedom to move, sing, and play within a structured program. The sensory-friendly storytimes are interactive and feature a visual schedule, carpet squares, fidget toys, and noise-reduction headphones. The events focus on built-in playtime with movement activities, such as bubbles, sensory bins, and balance beams, as well as craft time to promote exploration and socialization. Caregivers are asked to stay with their children and engage in the activities. Siblings may also attend.

Art Explorers

2:30 p.m., Sat., Feb. 1
Walnut Creek Branch Library

Art Explorers attendees learn about different types of art, then use their new skills to create their own masterpieces. Attendees at the February event will learn about Alma Woodsey Thomas and her expressionist paintings. Attendees will then use tempera paint to create a color field painting using the work of Ms. Thomas as inspiration.

Registration is required to attend each Art Explorers program and is limited to 24 participants. Registration may be completed by phone at 972-205-2585 or in person at the Walnut Creek Branch Library beginning Jan. 18. Children must be ages 6 to 12 to attend. All supplies are provided.

Tween Scene

6:30 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 6,
South Garland Branch Library

6:30 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 13,
North Garland Branch Library

Tween Scene is a program designed for youth ages 10 through 13.

Participants at the February events will learn how to make new paper out of recycled newsprint and office paper. Tweens can emboss their newly-made paper with buttons, letters, seeds, and other decorative items before taking it home to dry.

Registration is required to attend the February Tween Scene events and is limited to 15 participants each. Registration begins two weeks prior to each event at the location where the event will be held.



Books and Beyond

2:30 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 8,
Central Library
Ages 6 through 12

Books and Beyond consists of book discussions and activities related to monthly themes. Each theme incorporates concepts from STEAM learning: science, technology, engineering, art, and math.

Participants at the February event will enjoy activities inspired by the *Land of Stories* book series including constructing a portal book cover, creating a peg doll inspired by one of the characters, writing an original story based on a provided prompt, designing a map of an imaginary land, and making a “wanted” poster of a character.

Spring Storytimes

Through May 2

Central Library

625 Austin St., 972-205-2517

Toddler Storytime — Mondays at 10 a.m.
 Preschool Storytime — Mondays at 11 a.m.
 Wee Read — Thursdays at 10:30 a.m.

North Garland Branch Library

3845 North Garland Ave., 972-205-2804

Wee Read — Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m.
 Toddler Storytime — Fridays at 10 a.m.
 Preschool Storytime — Fridays at 11 a.m.

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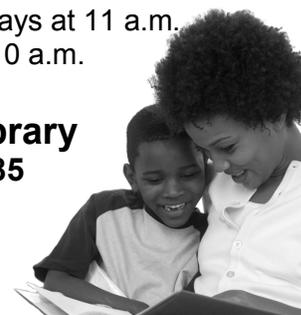
4845 Broadway Blvd., 972-205-3934

Toddler Storytime — Wednesdays at 10 a.m.
 Preschool Storytime — Wednesdays at 11 a.m.
 Super Saturday — Saturdays at 10 a.m.

Walnut Creek Branch Library

3319 Edgewood, 972-205-2585

Family Storytime —
 Tuesdays at 7 p.m.



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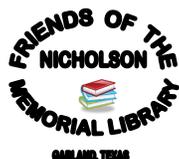
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Central Library 625 Austin Street	Mon.-Thurs., 10-9 Fri. & Sat., 10-6 Sun., 2-6	Children's Reference Circulation	972-205-2517 972-205-2502 972-205-2524
Walnut Creek Branch 3319 Edgewood Drive	Tues. & Thurs., 1-9 Wed., Fri., Sat., 10-6	Children's Reference Circulation	972-205-2585 972-205-2587 972-205-2586
North Garland Branch 3845 North Garland Ave.	Tues. & Thurs., 1-9 Wed., Fri., Sat., 10-6	Children's Reference Circulation	972-205-2804 972-205-2803 972-205-2802
South Garland Branch 4845 Broadway Blvd.	Tues. & Thurs., 1-9 Wed., Fri., Sat., 10-6	Children's Reference Circulation	972-205-3934 972-205-3931 972-205-3920

24 hour access to your account by phone, at 972-205-2514,
or online, at Library.GarlandTX.gov.

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