

September 2009

# DISCOVER

the San Marcos Public Library



## Taking Control of Your Personal Finances

Monday, September 28  
at 7:00 p.m.

Learn the basics of your personal credit report and how it affects your life. You will find out how to build good credit, how to prevent identity theft, and how to repair bad credit. This series of workshops are sponsored by San Marcos Public Library, the San Marcos Housing Authority, and the Friends of the Library. Participants receive a free copy of Quicken Starter Edition 2008.

## Music at the Library!

### Faith DeBow

Wednesday, September 2  
at 7:00 p.m.



Faith DeBow will perform a free solo piano concert titled "Old Wine in New Bottles: Composers Stealing from Each Other." Her selections will include Mozart, improvisations on Vivaldi's "Four Seasons," Chopin, Rachmaninoff, ragtime, and arrangements of Rodgers and Hammerstein.

## Common Experience 2009-2010

### The Whole Mind: Crossing the Boundaries of Disciplines

### Bruce Smith Speaks

on Daniel Pink  
Tuesday, October 13 at 7:00 PM.

Everyone is born creative. Many people lose confidence in their creativity as they age. The good news is that their creative potential is still there, dormant but waiting to be exercised. Daniel Pink, in his book, *A Whole New Mind*, says cultivating right brain skills is imperative for both individuals and the nation's economy. It is, he says, essential to integrate left and right brain thinking. Bruce Smith teaches creativity in the School of Journalism and Mass Communication at Texas State. His entertaining multimedia presentation will offer an overview of thinking about creativity, including Daniel Pink's bestselling book on the subject. Copies of the book are available at the library.

## Friends of the Library

### Annual Membership Meeting & Officer Election

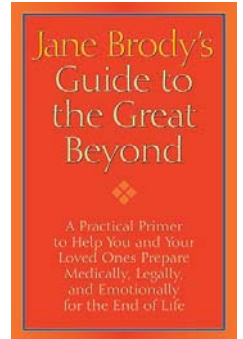
Thursday, September 24  
at 7:00 p.m.

The Friends of the Library will hold their annual membership meeting where new officers will be elected for the coming year. All Friends of the Library members and anyone interested in helping to support the library are encouraged to attend.

## Jane Brody

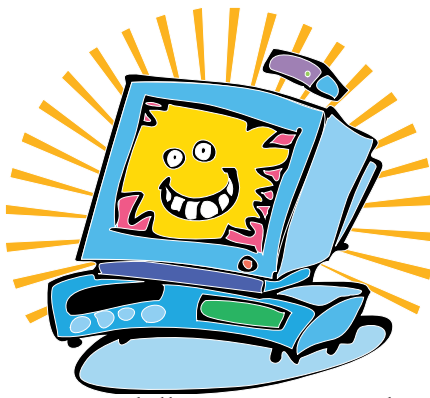
Tuesday, September 22  
at 7:00 p.m.

Mayor Susan Narvaiz will welcome author Jane Brody, nationally-known New York Times health columnist. Brody will speak on her newest book, *Jane*



*Brody's Guide to the Great Beyond: A Practical Primer to Help You and Your Loved Ones Prepare Medically, Legally, and Emotionally for the End of Life.* Brody writes, "We live in a society of death deniers, typified by the failure of most of us to prepare for the inevitable, whenever and however our time will come to leave the world of the living. The result can be undue anguish for ourselves in the course of our dying and those we leave behind." Copies of the book are available at the library. Brody strongly believes that those who plan for their final days will reap benefits for themselves and those they love. She will discuss advance directives, living wills, hospice and family support, end of life palliative care, and memorial services. Her visit is funded by a grant from VistaCare Hospice Foundation and supported by the Texas State University School of Social Work. Brody will sign copies of *Guide to the Great Beyond* after her talk. Books will be available at the library that evening for purchase.

**Volunteer To Teach  
Computer Classes!**  
Wednesdays  
10:00 a.m. & 5:30 p.m.



The library offers free classes in basic computing skills, Internet, Email, Microsoft Word and Excel. Teachers are desperately needed to instruct these highly popular classes. Call Susan Smith at 393-8200 to volunteer or ask for a volunteer application at the check-out desk.

If you would like to attend the computer classes, call 393-8200 for more information and to add your name to the waiting list.

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## Library Provides Access to Legal Information

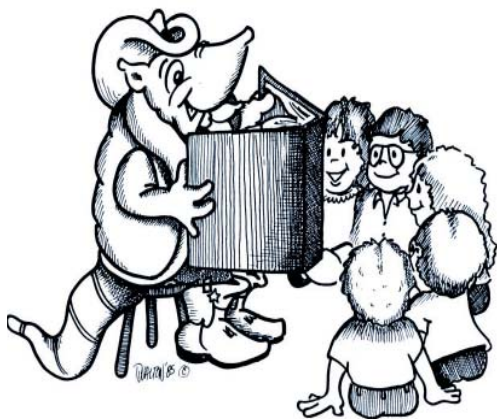
The library offers many pro se legal resources in a variety of formats. Patrons may find information in traditional books, books with CDs with fillable forms, and a computer database of forms that may be filled in and printed, downloaded, or emailed to another computer. Our legal information includes resources for landlords and tenants; home-buyers and sellers; people living together, getting married, or getting divorced; employers, employees, and former employees; people with dogs and people who live next door to barking dogs; and people preparing wills or probating

an estate. The library is a great place to stop and do some legal research before making an appointment with an attorney—you will be better prepared when discussing your legal challenges with counsel or you may find that the library's resources give you the confidence to represent yourself.



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## Volunteers are Needed to Read to Children at Childcare Centers



Volunteers are needed to help with this popular service offered by the San Marcos Public Library. A Texas Book Festival grant purchased the original collection of books and the library supports the ongoing efforts to bring a wide variety of quality children's literature to preschool children in the San Marcos area. If you can volunteer your time each week to read to young children, call the library and ask for Susan Smith.

## Friends Of The Library Used Booksale VFW Hall October 9, 10, & 11



Friends of the Library will hold their giant fall booksale at the VFW Hall on Hunter Rd. this year. Sale hours are Friday & Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Sunday, 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. Donations of gently used books, records, and software are accepted at the library year-round during regular library hours. Call 393-8200 to volunteer to help with the sale.

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## Helping Hands

The library is seeking a dedicated volunteer to pick up trash in the parking lot and around the library building. If you can commit an hour or so on a weekly basis, please fill out a volunteer interest form and Susan Smith will contact you for training.

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## Great Books

**Discussion Group**  
Monday, September 21  
at 7:00 p.m.

*An Inquiry Concerning  
Human Understanding*  
by David Hume

Interested in reading and discussing great literature? The Great Books discussion group meets each month to read and discuss selected literary works. Call 392-6470 for details. New members are always welcome!

## Adult Learning Center

The San Marcos Public Library and Community Action, Inc. offer free classes for GED, basic skills, and English Language Learners (ELL). The Learning Center office hours are Monday through Thursday from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Tuesday and Thursday from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. For more information call 393-8215.

**Free Hatha Yoga**  
Fridays - 5:00 to 6:00 p.m.  
September 11 & 25



Certified Sivananda Yoga instructor Tina Baumgartner offers free yoga classes at the library each month. Wear loose clothing and bring a towel or blanket to sit on. Everyone is welcome!

## Paperback Book Donations Needed



The library is in need of gently used paperback books for its circulating collection. Two carousels house a wide variety of mass market paperback books. Patrons may choose up to 10 books and return them when finished. There is no due date for these books or fines to pay on these popular reading materials. The carousels are stocked solely by donations. One carousel holds mysteries, science fiction, horror, adventure and general fiction. The second one contains romance novels. Donated books may be brought to the library during regular business hours.

### Memorial & Honor Book Programs Help Build Collection

During the last twelve months, nearly 100 people have donated funds to have a special book placed in the library "in memory of" someone they loved. An engraved card is sent to the family of the person who has been honored and a special bookplate is placed in each book indicating the name of the donor and the person who has been memorialized. Contributions to the Friends of the Library for memorial books totaled over \$3,000 this year. The Friends allocate over \$6,000 per year to the library to fulfill these requests and to add other needed materials to the collection. In recent years, more and more people have also been using our honor book program as a creative way to say "Happy Birthday" or "Merry Christmas" to their friends and loved ones.

**Friends of the Library Executive Board**  
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### LIBRARY HOURS

Monday through Thursday  
10:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.  
Friday 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.  
Saturday 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.  
Sunday 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.  
**The Library will be closed**  
**Monday, September 7**  
**for Labor Day.**

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✂ **Help the library grow! Join Friends of the Library!** ✂

Your donation to the Friends of the Library is tax-deductible and will help improve the resources and services available at the San Marcos Public Library. Mail your donation to Friends of the Library, 625 E. Hopkins, San Marcos, TX 78666.

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Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount enclosed:     \$5     \$10     \$25     \$50     \$100     Other: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

This donation is made:     in memory of    or     in honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

Please send an acknowledgement of my gift to: \_\_\_\_\_

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# KIDS DISCOVER

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## Puppet Shows!

**Peter Rabbit**

Tuesday, September 15 at 10:00, 11:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.

Friday, September 18 at 10:00 & 11:00 a.m.

The library puppeteers present favorite stories that are just right for children ages 2 and up.



There are no storytimes during puppet show week.

## Thanks to the Summer Reading Program Sponsors and Volunteers!

The San Marcos Public Library's summer reading program, **Deep in the Heart of Texas Libraries**, was very popular with area children and their families. Total attendance at children's programs in June and July was 8,550 and 3,050 reading logs were completed by children, adults, and teens. That's 12,200 hours of reading! Children received a coupon from one of the many generous local businesses who donated reading incentive prizes. These sponsors included Whataburger, Carl's Jr., McDonalds, Pizza Hut, and Dairy Queen.

Winners of the grand prizes were announced at the finale on July 31. Some prizes were donated by Schlitterbahn, San Antonio Children's Museum, Witte Museum, McKenna Children's Museum, Texas State Aquarium, Austin Scale Modeler's Society, and Sunny's Pizza. Local businesses, Village Sensei, Sundance Records, Crystal River Inn, and Blue Goat Gourmet, generously donated the grand prizes for adult and teen readers.

San Marcos Kiwanis and Friends of the Library fund the summer reading program each year and the Texas Commission on the Arts, Grande Communications®, Pedernales Electric Co-op, Wal-Mart, local businesses, and individual donors also contribute to the fun.

Once again, local volunteers offered their time and talents to the library. Laura Haygood conducted Awesome Drama, Beverly Mangham hosted Recycled Art, Johnny Villarreal brought his Edge of Imagination Station, and Tina Baumgartner taught the basics of yoga. Our 45 volunteers worked a total of 812 hours and assisted with all manner of assignments and were a tremendous asset to the library and very much appreciated. Thanks to all of the wonderful donors and sponsors of the San Marcos Public Library's summer programs where readers are always winners!

## Storytime

Toddler Storytime  
Tuesdays & Fridays  
at 10:15 a.m.

Preschool Storytime  
Tuesdays & Fridays  
at 11:00 a.m.



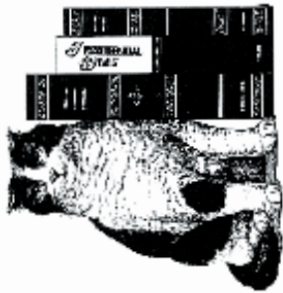
Children are invited to the library for great stories, songs and fun. Toddler Storytime is for children ages 6 months to 3 years and Preschool Storytime is for children ages 3 to 6 years.

## Fired Up About Reading

Wednesday, September 9  
10:30 a.m.



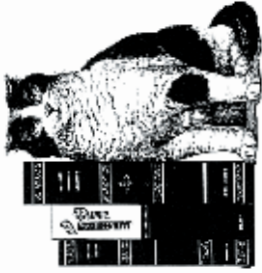
Join the San Marcos firefighters for hot stories & cool trucks!






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