

Teens Paper Cranes Project a Huge Success



Displaying the cranes they folded are, from left: Brittany Hithe, Gerenika Cayou, Conner Bloyd and Sarah Landry.

displayed in library branches throughout the Parish, symbolize our wish for peace in the world. This world-wide project began as a plan to collect paper cranes to be sent to Hiroshima for the 50th anniversary of the bombing. It is Japanese legend that folding 1000 cranes (senbazuru) so pleases the gods that the folder is granted a wish. The gods should be doubly happy with all our teens since the number well surpasses the 1000. Way to go teens!

The St. Tammany Parish Library's Thousand Paper Cranes Project initiated this summer as part of the Young Adult Summer Program was a huge success. Challenged to fold 1000 origami cranes to be sent to the Peace Memorial Park in Hiroshima, Japan, St. Tammany Parish teens have surpassed and perhaps doubled that amount. The cranes, which before being sent to Japan will be

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St. Tammany Parish Library's Spanish Language Collection

The St. Tammany Parish Library is developing a collection of works written in Spanish. Included are classics of Spanish literature, which would be welcome by Spanish speakers as well as students of that language; easy readers; educational items (books, videos and audios); and other materials useful to learn and practice basic and intermediate Spanish. Most of the collection is available for request to be placed on

hold. In addition, the State library's collection of Spanish literature is available to St. Tammany Parish patrons through inter-library loan. Pamphlets with information on the STPL collection will be available at all branches or please ask your local library staff for more information. In an effort to serve all our patrons, STPL is also working towards expanding our collection in other languages.

A Zippy Summer Reading Program Was Had By All

The 2001 Summer Reading Program is officially over and a good time was had by all. This summer children through age 12 “Zipped into the Future” with stories and books. 7002 children registered for the reading incentive program. Nearly half of those children met their reading goal and received a certificate of achievement and a working digital watch with the summer’s theme printed on the face as their prize. The youngsters were proud to start the school year with their new sporty watch and the preschool set was excited to have a “real” watch too. Each week branches offered story-times and story-craft programs. Madisonville Branch once again offered its very popular drama workshop that ended with a performance of “fractured fairytales”. Each branch also hosted a special performer each week. Highlights of the summer programs were a fun filled history of the French Horn with Howard Pink, magic by Jim Chester, stories from author Janie Gill and Native American storyteller Grayhawk, sign language lessons with Jinx Vidrine, and the antics of Fuzzlebob and Ronald MacDonald. Children also enjoyed the music of Johnette Downing and Papillion. Young ones parish wide were also visited by Stargazer, a storyteller from another galaxy. Children got to visit a portable planetarium from the Louisiana Nature Center at the Covington and Slidell Branches. Miss Frizzle and Mad Science visited to teach children about comets and the amazing properties of air. Also at the Slidell and Covington Branches, The Southern Youth Ballet, a troupe of young dancers, performed a beautiful dance choreographed specifically for the summer reading program. The summer’s fun was capped with special performances at the storytelling festival finale at all branches, featuring Angela “the Yarnspinner” Davis, Dianne de Las Casas and John Lehon. These final programs were supported in part by funds from the Louisiana State Arts Council and the Louisiana Division of the Arts as administered by the St. Tammany Arts Commission/Department of Cultural and Governmental Affairs, St. Tammany Parish. While staff is taking down decorations and writing up the reports for summer 2001, we are also starting to plan for 2002. Our theme next summer will be “Silly Chilly Summer at the Library” when we’ll celebrate all things cold and crazy.

The Staff Recommends



First Test by Tamora Pierce (J Pier). The **Protector of the Small** series by Tamora Pierce is an engaging set of stories with a very likable, principled, determined main character, Keladry of Mindalen. At 10 years old, she has decided to become a knight even if there are many people who don’t believe girls should do that sort of thing. As the first girl to apply for that training, she has to deal with numerous difficulties including her Training Master and fellow students. The series, as many other Pierce books, takes place in a world where magic works and where the gods and goddesses take an active role in human affairs. The story is rather straightforward with well thought out characters and situations. Two other books have been published so far in this series of four books: **Page** and **Squire**. The latter was on the New York Times Children’s Bestsellers list for two weeks.

Bill Larsen-Ruffin, Mandeville Branch

Good in Bed by Jennifer Weiner (Fic Wein and Cassette Fic Wein). Cannie Shapiro is a reporter who comes from a dysfunctional family and is in constant battle with her weight. **Good in Bed** is not only the title of this book, but it is also the title of the magazine article Cannie’s ex-boyfriend writes about her and which she is sure everyone she knows will read, and they do. This is only the beginning of her trials. She struggles with being single again, writing a screenplay and dealing with her mother’s new lifestyle. You will find yourself cheering Cannie on from the first to the last page.

Becky Scroggins, Slidell Branch

BOOK SALE

The Annual Fall Book Sale of the Friends of the Lacombe Library will be held September 14 from 2PM to 6PM and September 15 from 8AM to 1PM. The sale will be held at the Library Annex building on St. Mary street. For more information please call 882-5031

KIDS STUFF

STORYTIME BEGINS THE WEEK OF SEPT. 17th

ASTONISHING AFTERNOONS !

Stories, poetry, and participatory activities are used to help school-aged children connect with books and information. Each program lasts about an hour and includes a craft. For ages 6 and up.

SLIDELL BRANCH

Sept 20 at 4:30 Pizza Party!
Oct 4 at 4:30 For The Birds
Oct 18 at 4:30 Giants and Tall Tales

Call Miss Mim at 646-6470 ext. 17
for more information

CAUSEWAY BRANCH

Sept 25 at 4:30 Pizza Party!
Oct 9 at 4:30 For The Birds
Oct 23 at 4:30 Giants and Tall Tales

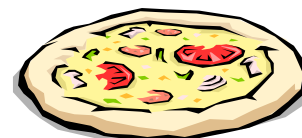
Call Miss Nancy at 626-4293
or Josie Athey at 626-9779
for more information



COVINGTON BRANCH

Sept 27 at 4:30 Pizza Party!
Oct 11 at 4:30 For The Birds
Oct 25 at 4:30 Giants and Tall Tales

Call Miss Tanya at 893-6280 x.22
for more information



Kids at Slidell show off their finger caterpillars at Astonishing Afternoon

Our Wonderful Summer Volunteers:

Causeway Branch

- Chris Dupree
- Renee K. Vinson
- Sarah Schneider
- Laura Beach

Slidell Branch

- Valissa Rosemond
- Chris Spear
- Christina Ruiz
- Deborah Knowles
- Judy Rushton

Special Thanks to our Sponsors

The St. Tammany Parish Library would like to thank these businesses for their support of our Summer Reading Program:

- Global Wildlife Center
- Scholastic Book Fair
- Ty, Inc.





At Your Service!

By Lesley Dolinger, Reference Coordinator

Reference Services on the Web (Part IV)

This installment of the series on free reference sources on the web features almanacs.

Almanac of Politics and Government (<http://www.polisci.com/almanac/almanac.htm>)

This web site includes descriptions of U.S. federal government agencies, biographical profiles of U.S. government officials, and government profiles of 192 nations.

CIA World Factbook (<http://www.cia.gov/cia/publications/factbook/index.html>)

Prepared by the CIA, this site offers in-depth coverage of countries, with maps.

Information Please Almanac (<http://www.infoplease.com/>)

This online version of the popular almanac offers a topical arrangement on a variety of subjects, including history, biography, sports, and entertainment.

The Old Farmer's Almanac (<http://www.almanac.com/>)

Just like the well-known book, this site forecasts weather, and provides gardening tips, recipes, and information on astronomical events such as tide and sunrise tables.

P.R.I.D.E. ELECTS DIRECTOR BUTLER AS THEIR NEW PRESIDENT

Library Director Jan Butler was recently elected President of the Parents Resource Institute for Drug Education's (PRIDE) Board for a one year term. PRIDE focuses primarily on the youth in our area schools but also provides information for parents who are concerned about the use of alcohol and drugs among the young today. PRIDE has been a supporter of STPL for many years and has provided the library with a very effective video collection on topics related to the hazards of drug and alcohol use and its prevention among young people.

Butler says that her main goal and objective as President of PRIDE is to increase public awareness of the organization and its mission in the community. She encourages the public and all STPL staff to participate in the Great Red Bean Race which will be held on Saturday, October 27, 2001, 8:00 a.m. at the Mandeville Lakefront. This is a fun event with proceeds being used to support PRIDE's great work. There is a need for volunteers to help with the Race and you may call Jan Butler at 871-1219 for further information or to sign up to help.

On August 15, 2001, Butler was also elected as Secretary of the Leadership Slidell Alumni Board.

LOUISIANA KIDS VOTE FOR FAVORITE BOOKS

For the third year, Louisiana 3rd, 4th and 5th graders will be choosing their favorite books. The Louisiana Young Readers' Choice Award is sponsored by the State Library of Louisiana Center for the Book, and underwritten by Hibernia National Bank. Each year the list of 15 books, published 3 years earlier, is selected by a committee of Public Juvenile Librarians and School Librarians from throughout the state. In 1999 the winner was **Verdi** by Janell Cannon. In 2000 the winner was **Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone** by J. K. Rowling and the honor book was **Feliciana Meets d'Loup Garou** by Tynia Thomassie. STPL has acquired at least one copy for every branch of each book chosen and Hibernia Bank has also made a large donation of books. In order to vote, children must read or listen to at least three books from the list. All 3rd, 4th and 5th graders are encouraged to participate and teachers have the option of reading to their classes and voting in the classroom. You can vote at any St. Tammany Parish Library branch, or use the State Library Web site (<http://www.state.lib.la.us/Dept/LibDev/youthservices/tallyform.htm>), or fax your vote to (225) 342-3547. Votes must be entered by January 31, 2002. These are the titles:

Abraham's Battle: A Novel of Gettysburg by Sara Harrell Banks

Amelia and Eleanor Go for a Ride by Pam Munoz Ryan

Bud, Not Buddy by Christopher Paul Curtis

Flicker Flash: Poems by Joan Bransfield Graham

Hatseller and the Monkeys by Baba Wague Diakite

Landry News by Andrew Clements

Little Cliff and the Porch People by Clifton L. Taulbert

Lost Flower Children by Janet Taylor Lisle

Molly Bannaky by Alice McGill

My Man, Blue: Poems by Nikki Grimes

Ramona's World by Beverly Cleary

Top of the World: Climbing Mount Everest by Steve Jenkins

Trolls by Polly Horvath

Two Bullies by Junko Morimoto

Westlandia by Paul Fleischman

Young Adults "Reading Beyond the Outer Limits"

The St. Tammany Parish Library's second annual Teen Summer Reading Program was a huge success. Over 600 teens registered to play "Library Bingo". To win a prize teens had to read books, read aloud to younger kids, and visit the library. Prizes included maze pens, gel pens, hackysacks, yoyos, keychains and CD holders. Many teens also participated in one or more of the 13 special programs offered over the summer at the Slidell, Causeway and Covington Branches. Teens got to learn magic tricks and slight of hand with Jim Chester and get a taste of acting with a drama workshop given by Lillie Butler (Branch Manager of Madisonville Branch). Last summer's popular scrapbook-making workshop with Vicky Moffitt was brought back again. The summer was capped with a teen lock-in at the Covington and

Slidell branches. From 7 PM to midnight teens had exclusive use of the libraries where they competed as teams in "Survivor" type challenges. Testing your wits to survive on the Moon and taking part in a library scavenger hunt can make any teen hungry. Thankfully there was plenty of pizza donated from Papa John's and root beer from Abita Brewing Company. By far, though, the most successful teen program was the paper crane project. Teens were challenged to fold 1000 paper cranes by August 6 in an effort to symbolize world peace. In fact, close to 2000 cranes were folded (as of press time all of the cranes had not been counted). Teens submitted cranes of all sizes, colors and patterns of paper. The cranes will first be rotated on display at the library branches and then sent to the Peace Park in Hiroshima, Japan. St. Tammany teens and their grownups should all be proud.

Young Adult Book Reviews

Teens in grades 7-12 are invited to submit book reviews for publication in the Bookrunner. Forms and details for submitting are available at your St. Tammany Parish Library branch. Share your opinions and see your name in print!

Love Among the Walnuts by Jean Ferris (YA Ferr). How would you feel if you grew up in a spacious country house with your parents and servants and had never paid a visit to the city in your life? Curious? Unsure? This is how Alexander Huntington-Ackerman feels when his conniving uncles place his parents, the butler's wife and his pet chickens in a state of coma by feeding them poisoned cake. Sandy, as he is called, hires a nurse named Sunny to care for his family but his no-good uncles sue and the judge rules against Sandy and orders that his family be placed in a licensed facility. They end up in a convalescent home where they meet some kooky characters left there by family members who didn't want them. With the help of a sleeping doctor and a lone staff member performing every task, Sandy learns the value of love, friendship and hope as he tries to save his family.

Ashley Mayo, Slidell

WORKSHOP ON MAGIC HELD

Magician Jim Chester taught a Magic Workshop for teens (ages 12 to 17) at the Slidell Branch on Tuesday, July 31st and Wednesday, August 1st from 6 to 8 PM. He demonstrated lots of magic tricks and sleight of hand using cards and coins. The teens were taught with lots of humor and told that "doing magic is all in the delivery." His web site is www.jimchester.com

TEENS NEEDED TO NAME NEW WEB SPACE

The St. Tammany Parish Library is currently revamping its web page and plans are underway to create a website just for teens. We need your help in naming this website. Teens age 12-17 are invited to submit nominations for a jazzy name. The name should be short and express character. Check at your local branch to submit a name and to receive a prize. Or, email Miss Tanya at tanya@mail.sttammany.lib.la.us. Give your name, age, phone number and your nomination. The name will be announced in October during Teen Read Week.

BRANCHES ROUNDUP

From Madisonville: Bang! June 5th we were off and running: great performers, excited children and grandparents, wonderful parents and dedicated library staff and volunteers. Through the rain, into the heat, and “standing room only” crowd; we ran hard for eight weeks, tackled 23 hurdles/programs including a puppet show (our own creation), two one-act plays, and our annual talent show with refreshments under the tent. Whew! We made it to the finish line, cut right through the tape! “How time flies, when you’re having fun!”

From Mandeville: Faye Prendergast has recently transferred to the Mandeville Branch to become our

Reference Librarian. No newcomer to STPL, Faye has worked in various positions in the system for the past 6 and a half years. Faye is in her last semester of graduate school at LSU. She plans to graduate this December with a master’s degree in Library and Information Science.

From Slidell: The Slidell Newcomer’s Garden Club donated \$350 for the replacement of three benches which were placed in the herb garden maintained by the Club. The original benches had been stolen by persons unknown. We hope these will remain in place for a very long time as they are being used and enjoyed by the public even in the hot weather.

NEW BRANCH HOURS FOR COVINGTON, MANDEVILLE AND SLIDELL

The St. Tammany Parish Board of Control, at their meeting on Tuesday, August 21st, 2001, approved a resolution to continue the regular hours of operation for the Covington, Mandeville and Slidell branches to:

Mondays thru Thursdays 9:00 AM to 8:00 PM

Saturdays 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM.

This in effect cancels Sunday hours for all STPL branches

September-October Calendar



Sept. 3 - HOLIDAY. Labor Day
 Sept. 12- 6:30 PM Growing Herbs at Home. Slidell Branch.
 Sept. 18- 7:00 PM Library Board of Control Meeting. Causeway Branch.
 Sept. 26- 6:30 PM. Basic Genealogy. Slidell Branch.
 Sept. 29- 9:30 AM. 10th Annual Walker Percy Symposium. Benet Hall, St. Joseph Abbey & Seminary College.
 Oct. 1-Nov. 5 6:30 PM—8:30 PM. The Native American World of the Southeastern United States—reading and discussion group. Slidell Branch.

Oct. 3- 6:30 PM. Early Stone Tools from the Piney Woods. Archeologist Joe Gilberti. Slidell Branch.
 Oct. 4- 6:30 PM. Oak Island Archaeology: The Tchefuncte and Marksville Cultures in the Lake Pontchartrain Basin by Richard Shenkel. Covington Branch.
 Oct. 10- 6:30 PM. Growing Camellias on the Northshore. Slidell Branch.

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 visit our web page: www.sttammany.lib.la.us