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Upcoming Events

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- Mar. 2 Read Across America Day (Dr. Seuss Day)
- Mar. 15 & 18 Pine Wood Derby
- Mar. 16 Two Pigs & T.H.E.
 Wolf Program
- Mar. 17 St. Patrick's Day Story Time & Crafts
- Mar. 23 Easter Story Time & Crafts
- Mar. 24 Bilingual Story Time
- Apr. 6 Gardening Story Time
- Apr. 9 Garden Club Flower Show
- Apr. 14 Genealogy Basics
- Apr. 23 Family Search Genealogy
- Apr. 27 Gardening Story Time
- Apr. 30 Día de los Niños Bilingual Story Time
- May 4 Mother's Day Story Time
- May 11 Eat What You Want Day
- May 20 Health Fair
- May 20 Movie Day
- June 1 Summer Reading Club Begins

Thawing out after an unpredictable winter...

You may not always be sure of what the weather will bring, but you can be sure that the library will have programming and activities to keep your family busy! Spring 2016 starts out with Read Across America Day on Mar. 2 (10:30am), with a Story Time honoring Dr. Seuss. If you haven't already made plans for Spring Break, we've got you covered. Youth for Better Life is sponsoring the Pine Wood Derby, a program that will provide supplies and instructions for kids to build their own go-karts. The go-kart build will take place on Mar. 15 (1 - 4pm), and the go-kart race will take place on Mar. 18 (1 - 4pm). Space is limited to 50 children, so please call 936.239.0369 to register by Mar. 12.

On Mar. 16 (10:30am & 11:30am), the Storybook Theatre of Texas will present Two Pigs and T.H.E. Wolf, a twist on the story of The Three Little Pigs. There will be an Easter-themed Story Time on Mar. 23 (10:30am), and on Mar. 24 (4pm), there will be a Easter-themed bilingual Story Time.

The library will hold a gardening Story Time on Apr. 6 (10:30am), in which children will plant their own seeds. Make sure you wear comfortable clothes because it may get messy! Speaking of gardening, the Polk County Garden Club's Annual Flower Show will be on display on Apr. 9 from 10am to 2pm.

Also in April, there will be two **genealogy workshops** open to anyone interested in researching their family histories or improving their basic genealogy skills. A **Genealogy Workshop for Beginners** will be held on **Apr. 14 (2pm - 3pm)**, and will focus on resources currently available at the library, as well as other free

resources. On Apr. 23 (10am - 1:30pm), trained volunteers will be available to assist you in researching your family history using the FamilySearch.org website.

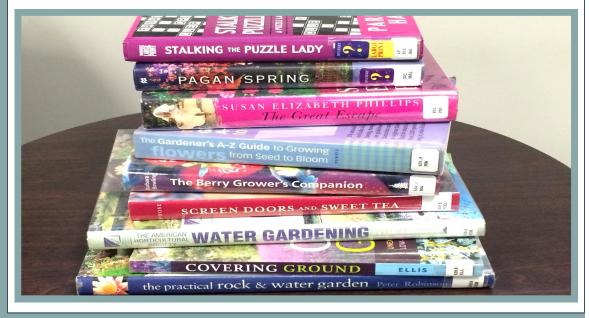
Children will get to transplant the seeds they planted at the library during Story Time on Apr. 27 (10:30am). Another bilingual Story Time will be held on Apr. 30 (11am), and will celebrate Día de los Niños (Day of the Children).

Join us to celebrate Mother's Day with stories and crafts during Story Time on May 4 (10:30am). The library's first-ever Eat What You Want Day will take place on May 11 (10:30am) during Story Time. Children are encouraged to bring their favorite snacks and foods to share while listening to a good story or two

Harbor Hospice will hold its annual **Health Fair** on **May 20 (2pm - 5pm)**. Many local vendors will be present, and everyone is invited to attend.

What better way to enjoy the end of the school year than games and a movie at the library! It all starts on May 25 at 10:30am.

Summer Reading kicks off on Jun. 1 (10:30am) with a program from Julian Franklin. Discover unique and fun ways to stay active, and most importantly, "Get in the Game: Read." The library will have special events and programs for teens this year, so they won't want to miss out. For more information please visit our website at www.livingstonlibrary.net.





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Hours

Sunday - Closed Mon - Fri : 10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. Saturday: 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

The library will be closed May 28 & May 30, 2016 for

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March 18, 2016 May 20, 2016

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Reader's Corner

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Author Spotlight: Isabel Allende

(Literary Fiction/Mythical Realism)

Isabel Allende is not a fan of biographies about her life, believing that the things that happened deep within her heart have no place in a biography. Born in Chile, she became a U.S. Citizen in 1993. Allende states that "my most important achievements are not my books, but the love I share with a few people -- especially my family -- and the ways in which I tried to help others."

Despite Allende's modesty, her resume is quite impressive. She is the author of 21 books (that have been translated into 35 languages) including *The house of spirits* (her debut novel), Maya's notebook, Daughter of fortune, The Japanese Lover and The sum of our days. Her works, which have sold around 65 million copies, have been adapted for the screen, stage, radio, and opera.

Allende often uses experiences from her own life to influence her novels, which celebrate the lives of women as well as

Latin American culture.

In 1996, Allende established the Isabel Allende Foundation in memory of her daughter, Paula, who died in 1992.

Allende believes. "it is a wonderful truth that the things we want

most in life — a sense of purpose, happiness and hope — are most easily attained by giving them to others." The foundation, whose mission is to empower women and young girls, supports non-profits in Chile and California.

For more information and a complete list of works, please visit www.isabelallende.com.