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Livingston Municipal Library

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@ Our Library

SHAMROCK
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 ST. PATRICK'S DAY
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 RAINBOW
 POT OF GOLD
LUCKY
 top o' the morning
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 FOUR LEAF CLOVER

A serious case of spring fever...

The start of spring means beautiful weather and more fun programs at Livingston Municipal Library. Several St. Patrick's Day-themed activities are planned for the month of March, including **March 14's Toddler Time (11:00am)**. A **Family Game Day** is planned for **March 15 at 10:30am**. There will be **games and puzzles** appropriate for all ages, as well as **robots** for children to build. Children aged 7 and older are eligible to participate in the robot activity, and 7- to 9-year olds may want to bring a parent or older sibling to assist them. Because there are a limited number of robots to work with, please call the library at (936) 327-4252 to reserve a spot.

Tech Tuesdays @ Livingston Municipal Library will continue during the spring and summer. Upcoming sessions include **Windows 10 Basics** (March), **iPad/iPhone Basics** (April), **Android Basics** (May), and **E-Books & E-Reader Basics** (June). Thanks to the Texas State Library's **Libraries & Literacy grant**, our library was able to purchase a new, state-of-the-art laptop to provide digital literacy and job training skills to adults in our area. The first of these training sessions will focus on **"Writing Effective Resumes"** and will be the Tech Tuesday topic for the month of **July**. Tech Tuesdays take place on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month from 3:30pm to 4:30pm. Please call to register.

On **March 16**, professional storyteller **Bernadette Nason** will present a **"Luck of the Irish"** program at **10:30am**, with comical stories and activities to celebrate St. Patrick's Day. End the week on a high note with a **St. Patrick's Day party** on **March 17 (10:30am)**. Craft activities will be available and light refreshments will be served.

The **Friends of the Library** will have two **book sales** this spring on **Mar. 17** and **May 19**, both from 10:00am to 2:00pm. The Friends have curated a lot of good quality books, movies, audiobooks and music, so you're sure to find something to take home and enjoy.

Additional after-school activities are scheduled to take place in April and May. A party will be held on **April 6 (4:00pm-5:30pm)** to celebrate **spring**. Children will have the opportunity to create special gifts for **Mother's Day** after school on **May 11 (4:00pm-5:30pm)**. All ages are invited to attend.

And don't forget, the **Summer Reading Program** begins on **June 1**, so we hope you'll join us to **"Build a Better World!"** For a complete list of all the events (and times) at Livingston Municipal Library, please visit the **News & Events** section of our website, www.livingstonlibrary.net/news-events/lib-cal.

Upcoming Events

Mar. 14 St. Patrick's Day Toddler Time

Mar. 14 Movie Day

Mar. 15 Family Game Day/Robot Building

Mar. 16 Bernadette Nason's "Luck of the Irish"

Mar. 17 Book Sale

Mar. 17 St. Patrick's Day Party

Apr. 6 Spring Celebration

May 11 Mother's Day Craft Party

May 19 Book Sale

June 1 "Build a Better World" Summer Reading Program begins



Find us anywhere!

www.livingstonlibrary.net

In the spring, at the end of the day, you should smell like dirt. ~ Margaret Atwood

Shelf Space

Livingston Municipal Library

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Livingston, TX 77351
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library@livingstonlibrary.net

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 29, 2017 for Memorial
Day.

Friends of the Library

Book Sales

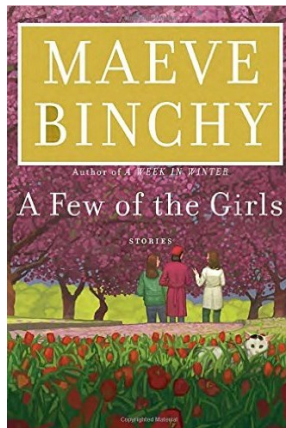
March 17 & May 19

Our membership drive is in full swing and we have gotten good response, but we are still far from our goals. Although it is only March, planning for the Summer Reading Program is going on right now, so if you have not renewed or started your membership, please get that membership letter back to us. If you've lost your letter, pick one up at the front desk, or post a message on Facebook and we will get one to you. Your contribution is vital to our ability to have quality programming for the community.

We are looking for volunteers who have a little time and a lot of love for the library. There are many ways to help, ranging from helping with programs, working the book sales, learning to help at the front desk, and sorting book donations.

And don't forget every Thursday from 10am - 2pm we have eager and dedicated volunteers available in the Genealogy room to help with family history research.

Visit our Facebook page (*Friends of the Library, Livingston*) for more information.



Reader's Corner

If you liked *A few of the girls : stories*, try...

- You know when the men are gone* - Siobhan Fallon (CD FIC FAL)
- We're flying* - Peter Stamm (e-book)
- A modern world* - Michael Chabon (e-book)
- The Dorothy Parker audio collection* - Dorothy Parker (CD 818.5 PAR)
- Emerald City* - Jennifer Egan (e-book)
- One more thing* - B.J. Novak (CD FIC NOV)

How Does Your Garden Grow?

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| 635 ALL The gardener's guide to weather & climate | 631.5 MOS Stand up and garden | Straw bale gardens complete (e-book) |
| 635 BAR All new square foot gardening | MAG 051 TEX Texas gardener | 635 SMI The complete idiot's guide to year-round gardening |
| 635 COH The book of gardening projects for kids | TEXAS 635 GRA Texas fruit and vegetable gardening | Groundbreaking food gardens (e-book) |
| 635 PLE Starter vegetable gardens | Carrots love tomatoes (e-book) | 635.9 HOD Making the most of shade |
| | The gardener & the grill (e-book) | |

Author Spotlight: Maeve Binchy

Contemporary Fiction

(Adapted from maevebinchy.com)

Born on May 28, 1939 in Dalky, County Dublin, Ireland, Maeve Binchy became a writer by accident. While traveling the world as a young woman, she would write lengthy letters to her parents detailing her adventures. Her parents, impressed by her gift for writing, typed the letters and submitted them to a local newspaper in Ireland.

The oldest of four children, Binchy grew up to be a happy and confident woman as a result of her parents. "I had a mother and a father at home who thought I was wonderful," she said. "They thought all their geese were swans. It was a gift greater than beauty or riches, the feeling that you were as fine as anyone else." Binchy married children's author Gordon Snell in 1977.

Binchy, who passed away in 2012 after a short illness, published her first novel, *Light a penny candle*, in 1982 after it was rejected five times. The majority of Binchy's novels and story collections are set in Ireland, and highlight local culture, contemporary issues

affecting women, as well as the stark contrasts between rural and urban life, often with a surprise twist at the end. "There are no makeovers in my books," Binchy once said. "The ugly duckling does

not become a beautiful swan. She becomes a confident duck able to take charge of her own life and problems." Two of her novels, *Circle of friends* (1995) and *Tara Road* (2005) were adapted for films.

Binchy's final novel, *A week in winter*, was published posthumously in 2013, along with two short story collections, *Chestnut Street* and *A few of the girls*, published in 2014 and 2015, respectively. For more information about one of Ireland's most beloved and celebrated authors, please visit www.maevebinchy.com.

