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Livingston Municipal Library

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Upcoming Events

- **May 27** Summer Reading begins
- **June 3** Fathers Reading Every Day (F.R.E.D.)
- **June 10** Science on Stage: Cool Chemistry
- **June 17** Fictional Heroes
- **June 24** Animal Heroes
- **July 1** Confederates/Veterans
- **July 8** Earth Science on Wheels
- **July 15** Heroes without Capes & Magic Workshop
- **July 22** Family Game Time
- **July 29** Chemistry Road Show (Livingston Montessori)
- **July 31** Summer Reading ends (last day to turn in logs)
- **Aug. 5** African Dance & Drum Ensemble
- **Aug. 7** Summer Reading Awards Celebration
- **Aug. 18** Heroes, Superheroes & Villains
- **Aug. 20** School Supply Giveaway

We can all be heroes...

Summer has arrived, and so has the summer reading program! The theme this year is "Every Hero Has a Story," and our library will be the center of many exciting and educational programs for all members of the family.

On **June 3**, the library will host a **F.R.E.D.** event at 10:30 a.m. F.R.E.D. (Fathers Reading Every Day) encourages fathers to take an active role in their children's education by reading to them on a daily basis. Fathers, grandfathers, and other male role models are invited to attend with their children.

The **Houston Museum of Natural Science** will present two programs this summer: Cool Chemistry and Earth Science on Wheels. **Cool Chemistry (June 10)** will feature interactive demonstrations on everyday chemistry, while **Earth Science on Wheels (July 8)** will allow children to participate in a mini fossil dig.

Library volunteer Donna Pride will present a Story Time with a "**Fictional Heroes**" theme on **June 17**. Children are encouraged to dress up as their favorite hero from literature, film, or television. Children will be able to interact with a few **Animal Heroes** at the library on **June 24** (our pets can be heroes, too!)

On **July 1**, the Sons of the Confederacy will present a program on the **Civil War**. During this program, children will have the opportunity to meet and speak with veterans from our own community.

Professional performer Julian Franklin will present two exciting programs on **July 15**. The "**Heroes without Capes**" will focus on the everyday heroes in our world, and is geared toward a younger audience. Later that morning, he will present a **magic workshop** for teens. At this workshop, supplies will be provided for the first 25 participants. Please call the library to register.

On **July 22**, the library will hold its 2nd **Family Game Time**; parents, caregivers and children are invited to enjoy board games and other activities.

Texas A&M's **Chemistry Road Show** will arrive in town on **July 29** to entertain and educate students using chemistry, but this program will definitely not feel like a normal class assignment! This event will be held at the Livingston Montessori School.

Even though the **summer reading program ends on July 31**, there will be several exciting events happening during August, including the **KoumanKe'le' African Dance & Drum Ensemble (Aug. 5)**, the **Summer Reading Awards Celebration (Aug. 7)**, **Movie Day (Aug. 12)**, Mick Corley's **Heroes, Superheroes & Villains program (Aug. 18)**, as well as a **school supply giveaway (Aug. 20)** for all school-age children.

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. For more information, please contact us at (936) 327-4252.



Hometown Heroes from the City of Livingston Police Dept. (L-R) Det. Leon Middleton, Sgt. Lewis Milner, Brandon Brewer, Kaleb Barker, Melissa Blackburn, Det. Marty Drake, Chief Dennis Clifton, and Lt. Matt Parrish.

"A book is a dream you hold in your hands." Neil Gaiman

Shelf Space

Livingston Municipal Library

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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
July 3 & July 4, 2015 for
Independence Day.

Friends of the Library Events

July 17, 2015 Book Adoption Day

The Friends of the Library is playing a big role in the summer reading program this year. In addition to the prizes the children will earn for reading, the Friends are sponsoring several of the programs that will be presented this summer. We are very thankful for the Friends' support, as well as the generous donations from the other sponsors in our community.

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www.livingstonlibrary.net



Reader's Corner

If you liked the Percy Jackson Series, try...

The ruins of Gorlan - John Flanagan (YA FIC FLA, eBook)

The sea of trolls - Nancy Farmer (JUV FIC FAR)

Escape from Mr. Lemoncello's Library - Chris Grabenstein (JUV FIC GRA, eBook)

Theodosia & the serpents of chaos - Robin L. LaFevers (JUV FIC LAF, eBook)

Brave (DVD JUV FIC BRA)

The emerald atlas - John Stephens (JUV FIC STE)

Great Websites for Kids (or Anyone)

Would you like to get more info on a person you consider a hero? The American Library Association has compiled a great list of websites to get you started.

Anne Frank Online
<http://annefrank.com/>

Biography A & E Page
www.biography.com

BBC Primary History
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/primaryhistory/>

Celebrate Hispanic Heritage
<http://teacher.scholastic.com/activities/hispanic/index.htm>

Distinguished Women of the Past & Present
www.distinguedwomen.com

Gallery of Achievers
www.achievement.org

This Day in History
www.history.com/this-day-in-history

Women of Nasa
<http://women.nasa.gov>

Women in World History
www.womeninworldhistory.com

Author Spotlight: Rick Riordan

(Children's Adventure/Fantasy)

(Interview reprinted from www.rickriordan.com)

Born and raised in San Antonio, Rick Riordan started writing as a young adult. He didn't begin to take writing seriously until after he graduated from college and was teaching in San Francisco, CA. Riordan and his wife Becky currently live in Boston with their sons, Haley and Patrick.

The idea for the *Percy Jackson* series began when Haley asked his father to tell him a bedtime story about the heroes in Greek mythology. "When I ran out of myths, Haley was disappointed and asked me if I could make up something new with the same characters."

Motivated by Haley's request, Riordan came up with the character of Percy Jackson and told Haley all about "Percy's quest to recover Zeus's lightning bolt in modern-day America," said Riordan. "It took about three nights to tell the whole story, and when I was done, Haley told me I should write it out as a book."

Riordan has decided to leave teaching (a career he enjoyed) to write full-time. He feels that writing for a younger audience is similar to writing for adults.

"I think kids want the same thing from a book that adults want -- a fast-paced story, characters worth caring about, humor, surprises, and mystery," Riordan said. "A good book always keeps you asking questions, and makes you keep turning pages so you can find out the answers."

Riordan's latest book, *Percy Jackson's Greek Heroes* will be published in August 2015.

