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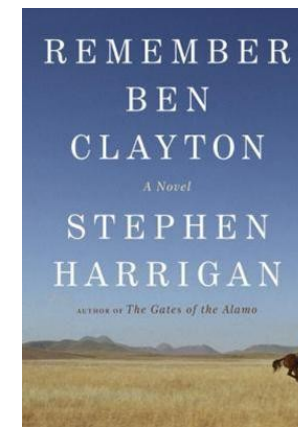
NEWSLETTER

The Friends of the Spring Branch-Memorial Library



September
 2014

Gulf Coast Reads!



Join Houston area readers by participating in Gulf Coast Reads! The goal is to encourage readers to discuss a particular book with their neighbors, co-workers, friends and families during October. This year's selection is *Remember Ben Clayton* by Stephen Harrigan.

About the book: *Francis "Gil" Gilheaney is a sculptor of boundless ambition. But bad fortune and his own prideful spirit have driven him from New York into artistic exile in Texas just after World War I. His adult daughter, Maureen, serves as his assistant, although she has artistic ambitions of her own and is beginning to understand how her own career--perhaps even her life--has become hostage to her driven father's "wild pursuit of glory." When Lamar Clayton, an aging, heartbroken rancher, offers Gil a commission to create a memorial statue of his son Ben, who was killed in the war, Gil seizes the opportunity to create what he believes will be his greatest achievement.*
www.gulfcoastreads.org/

Plan to come to the Library on October 13 and 14 for two events in conjunction with the book!
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REGULAR LIBRARY HOURS

SUN CLOSED MON 1pm - 9pm TUES 10am - 9pm WED 10am - 6pm
 THUR 10am - 6pm FRI 1pm - 6pm SAT 10am - 5pm

The Library will be closed Thursday, Friday and Saturday, November 27, 28, and 29 in observance of Thanksgiving holidays. It will reopen with regular hours on Monday, December 1

Spring Branch-Memorial Library Website
www.hcpl.net/location/spring-branch-memorial-branch-library

Between newsletters, keep up with the Friends at www.friendsofsbml.com

So talk to your neighbors! Talk to your friends! Read together!

Gulf Coast Reads: On the Same Page is an annual regional reading initiative focused on promoting the simultaneous reading or listening to a selected title by those living along the upper Texas Gulf Coast.

Each year, a representative committee of librarians selects a title that has a broad appeal to adults in our communities, is recognized in authoritative and professional journals, is available in multiple formats from print to downloadable content, and preferably, is available in multiple languages. The title should also lend itself to related programming about the themes or subjects within.

The reading initiative's goal is to encourage our communities to read the same title during the month of October in order to encourage readers to come together in discussions about it with neighbors, co-workers, friends and their families, as well as in classrooms and in libraries throughout the region. www.gulfcoastreads.org/about

Never trust anyone who has not brought a book with them [sic.]—Lemony Snicket, Horseradish



Kid's Korner Tickets are free for these programs and the Friends of the SB-M Library contribute funds to provide occasional snacks and crafts.

Babytime! is every Wednesday at 10:00AM for infants 0-15 months. Babytime! is a story time highlighting songs, bouncy rhymes, lullabies and playtime.


Toddler Story Time! is each Wednesday at 11:00AM and Thursdays at 10:00AM. These story times feature singing and rhyming for children ages 16 months to three years.

Preschool Story Time! for three to six year olds is scheduled each Thursday at 11:00AM. The story may be followed by a craft project.


Fizz! Boom! Read!

Our Summer Reading Program for Kids was a huge success! Twenty (20) Babies, 210 Children and 32 Teens took part.

What a wonderful way to develop a love of reading and a love of learning!



Join us!
...or
ask a
friend
to be a
Friend...

 The Friends of the Spring Branch-Memorial Library

Membership Application or Renewal

We do not share any of your information with anyone outside our organization.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

\$10 General \$25 Family \$50 Associate \$100 Patron

Please change my address. Please send my newsletter by email only.

Please increase my membership to \$_____. I would like to volunteer with the "Friends."

I would like to make an additional contribution of \$_____.

Please make checks payable to: Friends of the Spring Branch-Memorial Library
Mailing address: 930 Corbindale Road, Houston, TX 77024

Contributions are tax deductible.

Special events and activities for children coming up—



Tuesday, September 30 at 4PM: "Let's Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month: Fiesta Latina" All children are invited to enjoy crafts, music, food and a SURPRISE!

Tuesday, October 28 at 4PM: All school-age children are invited to an afternoon of Halloween games. Bring a friend for fun!

Remember the Computer Classes for adults, continuing on Thursdays at 3:30PM through September!

...AND special events for adults coming up—

Monday, October 13 at 7PM: In conjunction with **Gulf Coast Reads** (See page 1), Jesse H. Jones Park & nature Center will present "Pioneer Cooking." Monte Parks will give a presentation of foods that he has prepared over an open fire. He will bring utensils and talk about smoking meat and open fire cooking.



Then, on **Tuesday, October 14 at 6:30PM**, the Page Turners Book Club at the Library will discuss the **Gulf Coast Reads** book for this year: *Remember Ben Clayton* by Stephen Harrigan (See page 1).

It was a busy summer!

The Library's **children's programs** entertained 1,300 children (obviously many attended more than one program)! Favorite programs included the Petting Zoo—163 children and 112 adults, The Magic of Reading and the Greyhounds Visit the Library. These programs are largely supported by the Friends, and the Library and the community are very appreciative!

The **Summer Reading Program** was a huge success with older readers too! Sixty-eight adults registered and **Karen Yates**, a patron of our own Library, was the county-wide winner of the Kindle Fire! Hooray for Karen—and for all who enjoyed a summer of reading!

Support the Friends at local grocery stores

Both Randalls and Kroger have loyalty programs that contribute a percentage of your eligible purchases to The Friends of the Spring Branch-Memorial Library.



If you are new to the **Randalls** program, ask the cashier to link your loyalty card with **2194**. *This link will not expire.*

in this program, you must have a Kroger Plus Card and register it online at www.krogercommunityrewards.com. Then, click on My Account and sign in. From there, click on Edit Kroger Community Awards and input your card number. Confirm or update your registered information and enter **84579** or select Friends of the Spring Branch-Memorial Library from the list. It's easy! And it helps the Friends help the Library. *This link expires annually. It's time to renew!*

Kroger's program is called Kroger Community Rewards Program. To take part