

Virtual options available even when the library's closed

The doors of the Georgetown Public Library will be closed on Monday, January 16, in observance of Martin Luther King Jr.

Day. For those looking to honor his legacy, several different organizations will be hosting activities throughout the week. A listing of events can be found listed under the "City News" column on georgetown.org.

Even when the library is closed, patrons can still manage their account and access a variety of resources from home by visiting catalog.georgetown.org. To login to your account, go to the upper right corner of the page where you will enter your card number as your username. Your password is your phone number; all ten digits with no spaces or dashes.

The first thing that crawls across your page is a carousel of books. These are items that have been recently added to the library's collection.

Take a scroll down the page and you will find the heading "Electronic Resources." This is a listing which features our databases, most of which can be accessed from home. These resources include things like National Geographic Kids, HeritageQuest for genealogy research, Newspaper Archives for historic Texas newspapers and Mango, which is used for learning languages.

There is also Udemy, Universal Class and Learning Express. All three of these resources offer a variety of courses that can be taken at home. The selection varies from GED test prep to coding workshops and cake decorating instruction.

Libby and SimplyE can also be found under "Electronic Resources." Both apps allow cardholders to borrow electronic books and audiobooks. Through Libby you can also access another online learning platform, ArtistWorks, which offers beginner class-

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es for musical instruments including guitar, banjo, flute and piano.

Journey back to the top of the page and click "My Account" to access controls on your own account. Here you can see what you have currently checked out and can renew items. You can also check your circulation history, update your phone number and change your notification options.

My personal favorite tab is labeled "Reserves/ Requests." On the surface, it seems to only show what items you have on reserve. However, just below the reserved items you will see three questions. If you click on the bold "Have some favorite authors?" you will be shown a list of select authors that are part of our Reserve Express functionality. Select your favorites and you will automatically be added to the reserve list for any of that author's new books that the library purchases.

Clicking "Going out of town?" leads you to a calendar where you can select vacation dates; this places a hold on your account until the end date so you do not miss any of your reserved items coming in while you are gone.

Finally, for resident and non-resident card holders, you can select "Is the library missing something?" This will take you to a request form that you can use to ask the library to provide a copy of an item for you personally to check out first. If we're able to get a copy for you, we will rush process it and notify you when it is ready. If you want to suggest that the library purchase something, but you do not intend to check it out yourself, please note that in your request.

These are just a few of the ways the library remains accessible to you, even at home.

See you soon at the library or online.

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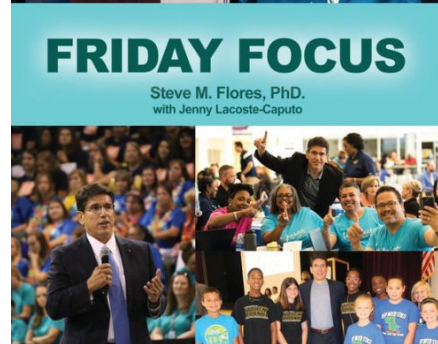
'Friday Focus' by Steve M. Flores

Round Rock author Steve M. Flores has released a new book with Jenny Lacoste Caputo from Dorrance Publishing Co., Inc.

Friday Focus follows weekly messages shared with staff over 104 Fridays. Through the messages, the reader comes to understand their likes, dislikes, fears, questions and understandings, providing shared reflections. The enlightening and positive messages give the reader the understanding that regardless of one's circumstances, the world is indeed a remarkable and magnificent place.

Mr. Flores has a 38 year career as a paraprofessional, teacher's aide, coach, history teacher, assistant principal, principal, area superintendent, assistant superintendent, deputy superintendent, chief of staff and superintendent, which he uses to draw from.

Mr. Flores received a Ph.D. from the University of Texas at Austin in 2001.



Friday Focus is available as a 258-page paperback or as an eBook. It is available online at www.bookstore.dorrancepublishing.com/friday-focus.

Georgetown to host household hazardous waste collection

Georgetown residents can dispose of household hazardous waste during a Wednesday, January 18, collection event.

The collection takes place from 3-5 p.m. at the old show barn site in San Gabriel Park, 425 East Morrow Street.

Services are available for up to 400 Texas Disposal Systems customers throughout the city.

Customers must contact TDS customer care at 512-930-3640 or customer@georgetown.org to place their name on the event list in order to participate in the collection. Emails must include the customer's name, address and utility account number.

Items accepted during the drop off include:

- Batteries (household, hearing aids, cell phone, etc.)
- Automobile batteries
- Pool and spa chemicals
- Used oil/oil filters (up to five gallons per vehicle)
- Transmission fluid
- Light bulbs (including regular, compact, and four-foot fluorescent)
- Grease
- Thermometers
- Over the counter, residential lawn and garden chemicals
- Aerosols
- Household cleaners and disinfectants

- marked caution, warning, or poison
- Art and hobby chemicals
- Paint (up to 10 gallons per vehicle)
- Over the counter one-pound disposable propane bottles
- Gasoline (up to five gallons per vehicle)

Items must be dropped off in their original containers. Residents must remain in their vehicles during the no-contact collection. Staff will unload items from the back seat or trunk of the vehicle.

Items not accepted include:

- Unmarked containers or unknown chemicals
- Construction, commercial, or landscape waste
- Professional, concentrated chemicals that require a professional license to mix
- Medications or pharmaceuticals
- Oxygen tanks
- Electronics
- Tires
- Explosives (including ammunition and fireworks)
- Radioactive materials
- Biological materials

Additional information about Georgetown's solid waste and recycling services is available online at recycle.georgetown.org.

— Brigid Cooley

What's going on in the library?

January 5- February 15: Brianna Timourian: Eclectic Synergy (first floor Café Gallery)

January 5- February 15: Capitol Art Society: The Spice of Life (second floor Bridge and Hall Gallery)

January 15, 2 p.m.: Live Music at the Library, with Roman Rudnytsky, pianist

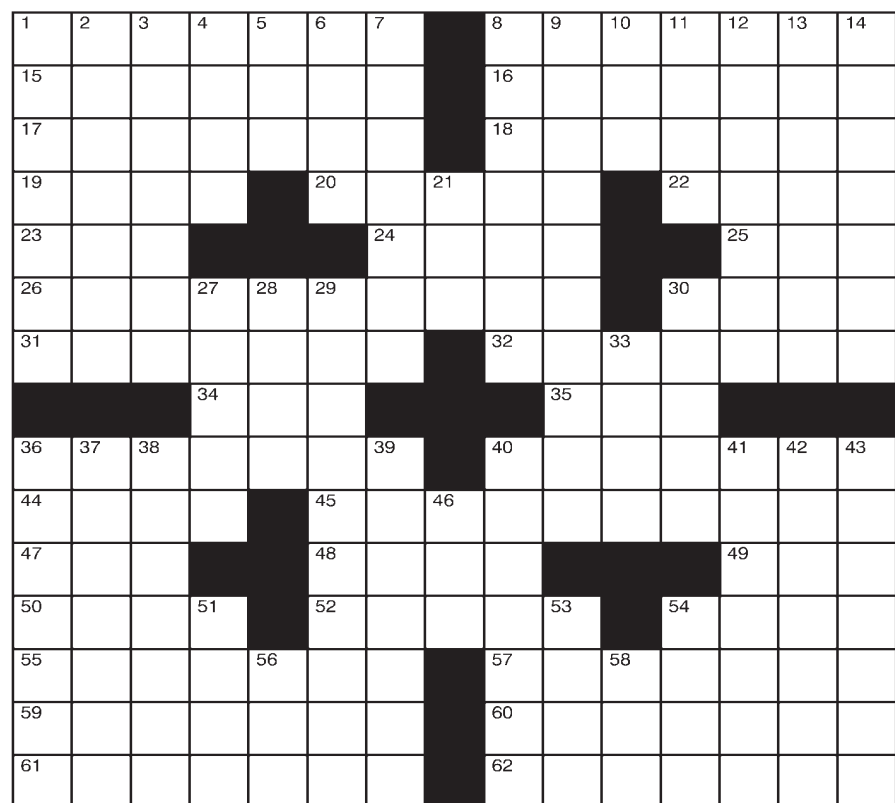
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January 20, 10 a.m.: Camille's Memory Café featuring Ken Kruse "Frankly Singing"

January 20, 10:30 a.m.: STEM Storytime

For more information about these and other library events, call call 512-930-3551 or visit library.georgetown.org/events-calendar.

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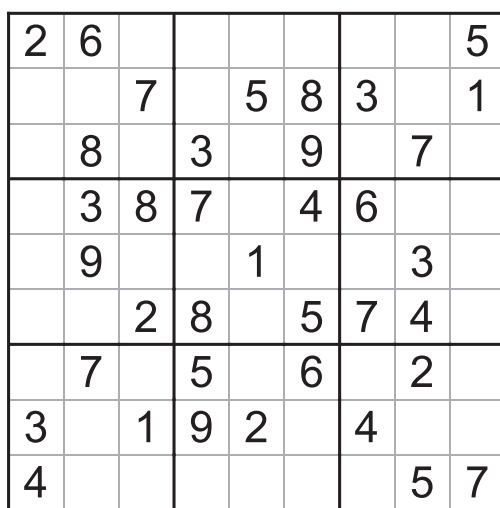
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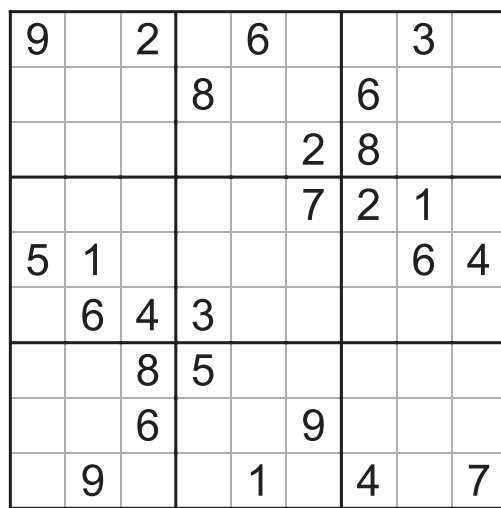
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