

New Delaney library honors kind friend, lifelong book lover

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us working at the store," Derringer said.

"Mr. Hamilton was like a grandpa to me," Gloria, a long-time employee at Souper Salad said with a smile.

"No matter what, he always had something positive to say. And his smile was always full of warmth."

So many people thought my Dad was really special.

Being a small, quiet, retired librarian, dad felt at times that he didn't have much to contribute.

"But Dad," I'd say to him, "you are perfect at just being you."

"Well, that's not much," he'd say with a grin and twinkle in his eye while pretending to move like a male model.

One thing my father al-

ways insisted on was dressing up to go outside, even just to go to HEB.

"C'mon, Dad, we are just running in to pick up milk," I'd complain.

"You never know, my future wife may be in there."

"When you weight 107 pounds soaking wet and you are 5-foot-4, you've gotta learn to layer and dress 'it' up," he'd reply good naturedly with a wry smile.

Thirty minutes later, we'd finally walk outside to get in the car.

But I had to admit, he knew how to dress "it" up. Matching cardigan, vest and suspenders, along with shoes clean and shiny enough to eat off of did make quite a difference.

Once, while Dad and I were in HEB, Dad had walked to a different aisle



Frank Hamilton could often be found enjoying a book on his lunch break at the University of Texas at Austin where he worked as a librarian for 36 years. This photo of him appeared in *The Daily Texan*.

when a well-dressed older woman came up to me and said, "You know I eat lunch

with your dad at least twice a week." I was shocked.

I thought Dad told me everything.

The woman continued, "Of course your dad doesn't know it. Every time I eat at Souper Salad, your dad is there."

"My husband passed several months ago and your dad's presence brings me so much peace."

Before I could think of a reply, she touched my shoulder and said what a blessing he must be as a father.

Yes, I agreed, taken by surprise.

Before I could ask her name, she was gone.

"That story doesn't surprise me at all," Mr. Derringer said.

"Mr. Hamilton created his own aura. You couldn't not love him."

These days, Super Salad patrons are missing their

special yet humble star:

Mr. Hamilton's eyes dimmed this past year and walking became laborious. Our Lord called him home April 13.

The Delaney Georgetown, where he spent his final years, will honor Mr. Hamilton and his love of books by naming the community's new library for him at 10 a.m. today.

Mr. Hamilton was an avid reader and earned his Master's in Library Science at the University of Illinois in 1959.

He served as a librarian at the University of Texas at Austin for 36 years, and then worked as a volunteer at the Georgetown Public Library for 12 years.

The Delaney is at 359 Village Commons Boulevard.

Exhibits feature sculptors, watercolorists, photographers

The Georgetown Public Library is bursting with art in every corner this month.

In addition to the Texas Society of Sculptors 12th annual Summer Show and Jan Frazier's wonderful pastel exhibit *The Beauty All Around Us*, we have three additional exhibits you should be sure to see.

The Waterloo Watercolor Group's exhibit *Spring Watercolors* is in the first floor Café Gallery through July 28.

The show includes original paintings that highlight the Texas landscape.

Also already ongoing is the Teen Summer Art Show, which lasts through July 31 in the library's Teen Space on the first floor, with about 20 works of art by teens.

And on July 21, the Georgetown Photographers' Exhibit opens in the second-floor Bridge and West Hallway galleries.

This exhibit features work by 10 photographers with extensive experience as photographers and as photography judges for various competitions.

Participating photographers are Mike Biggs, Jim

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Copps, Dean Ginther, Ted Keller, Bill Ledbetter, John Leek, Holly Moore, Wes Odell, Peggy Reeder and Glenn Rudd.

An artist reception to meet the photographers and see the exhibit will be Sunday, July 28.

The exhibit lasts through August 23.

In addition to all that is happening art-wise this month and this year, the library's art exhibit calendar for 2020 is complete.

Artists submitted many more exhibit proposals than we could fit into the calendar, so the library's art committee had a real challenge.

Some very good proposals unfortunately had to be turned down in this round. But the community can look forward to new exhibits in 2020 by

- Helena Conti-Hatch,
- Craig Meurer,
- GISD art students,
- Linda Murray,
- Wladimir Barantschikov,



The Georgetown Photographers exhibit will feature work by 10 photographers who have served as judges in photography competitions. The exhibit is July 21-23 at the Georgetown Public Library.

- Lucas Adams,
- members of the City of Georgetown staff,
- Mark Stalnaker,
- the Texas Society of Sculptors,
- Sonia Colonna Mathis,
- Rachel Hurst,
- Jennifer Gillen,
- Sue Bishop Spahn,

- Lisa L. Miller,
 - the Georgetown Art Center's Art Hop,
 - Robert Douglass,
 - Leslie Kell,
 - Sally Gradle,
 - Jessica Sobhani and
 - Nika DiazSobhani.
- I'm grateful to everyone who took the time to submit

a proposal. It is remarkable and inspiring that we have so many artists in and around Georgetown working hard at their craft.

In addition to art, we have music. Live Music at the Library returns on July 21 with Julie Slim & Ren-

dezVous.

Julie Slim is distinguished for bringing her multicultural and multilingual background to her music, reviving international standards from the early 20th century with her individual style, characterized by warm, precise vocals that mesmerize listeners, transporting them to a different time and place with the stories expressed in her songs.

Growing up in Beirut, Lebanon, music has always been an essential part of Julie's life.

Early on, Julie was exposed to Arabic, European and American pop, folk, classical and jazz music.

Her award-winning covers and originals lift the spirits, touch the hearts and enlighten her audiences about different parts of the world.

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Dana Hendrix is the Fine Arts Librarian at the Georgetown Public Library.

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Events

- July 10, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Indoor Planetarium — ages 18+
- July 12, 3 p.m. Sci-Fi Trivia — ages 13-17
- July 16, 6 p.m. Austin Reptile Shows — ages 0-12, tickets available one hour in advance
- July 17, 1 p.m. Shrinky Dinks — ages 9-12, tickets available one hour in advance
- July 18, 2 p.m. Movie: *Home* — ages 0-12, tickets available one hour in advance
- July 19, 3 p.m. Galaxy Quest Interactive Movie — ages 13-17
- July 20, 2 p.m. Mr. Johnny and Sharon — ages 0-12, tickets available one hour in advance
- July 21, 2 p.m. Julie Slim & RendezVous — Live Music at the Library
- July 23, 10:30 a.m. Finale: Rob Duquette — ages 0-12, tickets available one hour in advance
- July 24, 1 p.m. Alien Mystery Party Finale — ages 9-12, tickets available one hour in advance
- July 26 — time to be announced Finale Glow in the Dark Karaoke and Lip Sync Battle — ages 13-17

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