

Feast your eyes on latest local literature

BOOK BRIEFS

A Week of Years by John Campbell

John Campbell's new book of poetry, *A Week of Years* takes readers on a poetry driven excursion into a young man's soul. Divided into seven days, each day serves as a life chapter. Mr. Campbell captures the pain of love lost and the struggle to find purpose and meaning beyond the end of innocence.

Ripples of Truth by Nelleva Newton

Step back in time to 1920 with two girls on a journey to find their long-lost siblings in Nelleva Newton's latest novel, *Ripples of Truth*.

In 1920, two girls discover a half sister and brother they didn't know they had. What happened? Why were they separated? And why wouldn't their fathers tell them anything about their mother?

In Albuquerque, young

Kathleen struggles amidst poverty, her silent father and her abusive and unpredictable brother, Henry. Thrilled to find she has another sister and brother, she vows to find them someday. In Chicago, Clarice grows up amidst wealth, idealizes her department store-magnate father and adores her sensitive brother, Clay. Clarice believes her mother abandoned her for Kathleen and Henry. Excitement mounts when Kathleen leaves home at 17 and places a classified ad in the *Chicago Tribune* to find Clarice and Clay.

Both women run into the effects of the Great Depression, Prohibition and organized crime. The quest to find the truth about their mother takes the reader from sleepy Albuquerque in the 1920s to Chicago's tight-knit Irish community, a Hooverville shanty town and an old priest's memory, to discover secrets long hidden. The exciting climax forces them to confront their silent fathers, their troubled brothers and changes the courses of all their lives.

Check-out rule changes benefit patrons

BIBLIOFILES

Dana Hendrix

If you check out materials from the Georgetown Public Library we have two bits of good news to share. First, we discontinued charging overdue fines. Your books still have to be returned or you will be charged for them, but if you bring one back late no late fine will be charged.

We know fines are a hardship for some families and we want everyone, especially children, to keep reading. (Sometimes our patrons who have turned in a book late say their conscience tells them to pay. In that case we let them know they are always welcome to make a small donation.)

The other bit of news — the library began a pilot program February 1 in which our online system automatically renews any items checked out one time, when they are just about to be due. All items are eligible for one renewal, which will happen automatically unless your items have been renewed previously, or another patron is waiting for them. You will receive a notice three days before items are overdue.

We hope those changes will benefit all the readers in Georgetown. Next time you're in the library, let us know what you think.

Our Friends of the Library organization does so much for us in terms of fundraising. On February 5, they will bring Kyle Longley, the author of *LBJ's 1968: Power, Politics and the Presidency in America's Year of Upheaval*, to the library to speak in the quarterly Hill Country Author Series. To purchase tickets, visit folgeorgetown.org or stop by the Second-Hand Prose bookstore located on the library's second floor.

Funds our Friends group raise through those ticket sales and income from their Second-Hand Prose store go toward library services, collections and programs. In particular, some of the income goes to pay the musicians who perform in the library's monthly Live



Leaf Walker worked at the Georgetown Public Library for 4 1/2 years. She passed away on January 28.

Music at the Library series. February's concert will feature touring classical guitarist Peter Fletcher. Fletcher will perform some beautiful pieces including works by Francisco Tarrega, Isaac Albeniz, William Walton, Antonio Vivaldi, J.S. Bach and Catalan composer Federico Mompou. Admission to Live Music at the Library is always free, so please say thanks to our Friends.

The library's World Cinema is a new ongoing series that features diverse films from around the world — documentaries, rom-coms, dramas and more. Films selected for this series may deal with mature themes, so discretion is advised. Popcorn and water are served and patrons should try to arrive about 15 minutes before the film starts. On February 13, we will show *Crazy Rich Asians*. If you'd like to mark your calendar for future films in the series, they are: March 13, *City of Joy*, April 10, *Faces Places* and May 8, *The Last Suit*.

Finally, on February 15 we offer adults an event we're calling Quit Playin' Games with my Heart. Join us Valentine's weekend to play fun, fast and easy

games with other adults, such as Timeline, Exploding Kittens or Zombie Dice. Have a fun game? Bring it with you.

On a sad note, we lost a member of our staff last week. Library Assistant Leaf Walker was a familiar face at the first floor Circulation Desk. Leaf lived in Georgetown and she passed away after a long illness during which her strength, style, humor, wisdom and grace inspired us all.

In addition to helping people at Circulation, Leaf served on the library's staff Art Committee, where her perspective was much valued. She took care of important behind-the-scenes tasks as well. Her experience in both the arts and in the corporate world gave her a unique and valuable set of skills, but her family reported that her job in the library was the only job she really loved in her career. The library was a happy place for her, and she made it happier for us.

Joyce May, library assistant, said, "Things can get hectic and pretty colorful working the front desk at a public library. Interesting encounters, oddball mishaps and technical glitches seemed to multiply when

A Few Upcoming Events

- Through March 1 — Robert Rosamond: *Longhorns and Lobsters: Watercolors of Texas and Maine* exhibit (first floor)
- Through March 1 — Stuart Wallace: *Future Artifacts of Sprawl & Sting* exhibit (second floor)
- February 5, 2 p.m. — Hill Country Author Series presents Kyle Longley (ticketed fundraiser)
- February 9, 1-2 p.m. — Tween Spa Science (ages 9-12; limited admission)
- February 9, 3 p.m. — Teen Power Rangers IRL: Attack of Lord Zedd (ages 12-18)
- February 13, 6:30 p.m. — *Crazy Rich Asians* screening (GPL World Cinema)
- February 15, 7 p.m. — Quit Playin' Games with my Heart (ages 18+)
- February 17, 2 p.m. — Peter Fletcher, Classical Guitarist (Live Music at the Library)

Consult the Library Events Calendar at library.georgetown.org for more information about these and other library programs.

Leaf and I were working together — so much so that she and I decided that our being paired together created a 'cosmic vortex of wackiness.' It was a long-running joke between us. We laughed about it one last time when I visited her at the hospital. Despite being weary from her battle, her blue eyes still shone bright and beautiful and she maintained her sense of humor and endearing graciousness. I will miss her dearly until we catch up on the other side of that cosmic vortex."

Everyone on the library's staff is grieving our friend and colleague Leaf, who called us her "library family." She was a familiar face to many of our library patrons, so we know you will join us in celebrating the years we had with her here.

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

PEC offers community grants

Pedernales Electric Cooperative is accepting applications for its Community Grants program until April 1.

The program awards grants up to \$5,000 to eligible nonprofit organizations for qualified projects located within the PEC service area or in a community surrounded by the PEC service area.

Grant funds can be used for qualified projects that include capital improve-

ments, technology and equipment related to energy efficiency.

PEC awarded more than \$24,000 in grants last winter to support more than eight nonprofit organizations.

Community Grants applications will be accepted by email or mail until April 1. Full eligibility requirements and submission guidelines are available online at pec.coop/community-grants.

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Wafers make sophisticated little bites

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Beat egg whites until stiff peaks form; fold into batter. Pour batter into 3 greased and floured 9-inch round cake pans.

Bake at 350 degrees for 25 minutes or until a wooden pick inserted in center comes out clean. Cool in pans on wire racks for 10 minutes; remove from pans and cool completely on wire racks.

Spread 3/4 cup chilled Fresh Orange Curd between layers; spread remaining curd on top of cake. (The Orange Curd layer on top of cake will be very thick.) If desired,

loosely cover cake, and chill 8 hours. (Chilling the cake with the curd between the layers helps keep the layers in place and makes it much easier to spread the frosting.

Spread 3 cups Pecan-Cream Cheese Frosting on sides of cake, reserving remaining frosting for another use. Sprinkle 1/2 cup toasted coconut over top of cake. (That's right ... no cream cheese frosting on top of cake.) Arrange Glazed Pecan Halves around top edge of cake if desired. Store in refrigerator until ready to serve. — *Denise Wade.*

Fresh Orange Curd

- 1 cup sugar
- 1/4 cup cornstarch
- 2 cups fresh orange juice (about 4 lbs. navel oranges)
- 3 large eggs, lightly beaten
- 1/4 cup butter
- 1 T. grated orange rind

Combine sugar and cornstarch in 3-quart saucepan. Gradually whisk in fresh orange juice. Whisk in lightly beaten eggs. Bring to a boil (5 to 6 minutes) over medium heat, whisking constantly.

Cook, whisking constantly, 1 to 2 minutes or until mixture reaches a pudding-like thickness. Remove from heat.

Whisk in butter and orange rind. Cover, placing plastic wrap directly on curd, and chill 8 hours.

Pecan-Cream Cheese Frosting

- 8 oz. cream cheese, softened
- 1/2 cup butter, softened
- 1 T. vanilla extract
- 1 (16 oz.) package powdered sugar
- 1 cup chopped pecans, toasted

Beat first 3 ingredients at medium speed with electric mixer until creamy. Gradually add powdered sugar, beating at low speed until blended. Beat at high speed until smooth; stir in pecans.

I'm trying a few more new recipes this week that I'll share next time if they prove to be worthy. I hope these today suit you, and that you're enjoying these slower days before the giddiness of Spring!

EAST VIEW PATRIOT BAND MULCH & MORE FUNDRAISER

Help our program grow! The East View Patriot Band is offering mulch, compost, and Dillo dirt for your spring gardening needs! 100% of the proceeds directly benefit the Patriot Band!

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- Orders of 4 bags or less can be picked up at EAST VIEW HIGH SCHOOL on delivery day

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