

# AUGUST PROGRAMS AT MISSION BEND BRANCH LIBRARY

Fort Bend County Libraries' **Mission Bend Branch Library**, 8421 Addicks Clodine Road in Southwest Houston, presents a variety of free children's programs, Young Adult programs for teens, adult computer classes, and special events for people of all ages each month. All programs are free and open to the public. For more information, see the Fort Bend County Libraries website ([www.fortbendlib.tx.us](http://www.fortbendlib.tx.us)), or call the Mission Bend Branch Library (832-471-5900) or the library system's Communications Office (281-633-4734). The **August** schedule is as follows:

## **SUMMER HOURS** – effective June 3-August 23

Mon – 12:00 noon – 6:00 pm  
Tue, Thu – 10:00 am – 6:00 pm  
Wed – 10:00 am – 9:00 pm  
Fri – 12:00 noon – 5:00 pm  
Sat – 10:00 am – 5:00 pm  
Sun – CLOSED

## **LIBRARY CLOSINGS**

**Aug 30** – Staff Development Day  
**Sept 2** – Labor Day

## **SPECIAL EVENTS**

**“Intro to LinkedIn”** – Tuesday, **Aug 6**, 10:30-11:30 am, Computer Lab. LinkedIn is the world's largest social-media network for professionals and is a great vehicle for connecting with potential customers. Find out how to make the best use of LinkedIn to network and engage with contacts and businesses. Learn how to create a profile, and become familiar with online etiquette in the LinkedIn virtual community. *Registration is required.*

**“Summer Movies @ the Library”** – Friday, **Aug 9**, 2:00-4:00 pm, Meeting Room. In this 1999 sci-fi adventure-comedy film, the alumni cast of a long-cancelled space-opera television series are reduced to dressing up as their former characters for fan conventions and electronic-store openings. Their lives change, however, when a group of aliens – believing the old television series to be real – ask for their help in defending their home from a reptilian warlord. This movie is rated PG. Children under the age of 12 must be accompanied by a parent or caregiver.

**“Food for Thought Cookbook Club”** – Thursday, **Aug 15**; 3:00 pm, Conference Room. This month, the theme is “Sandwiches Month.” Cooking enthusiasts of all ages and experience levels – from beginners to advanced -- are invited to join. Those attending are welcome to bring their own cookbooks and recipes, or they

may browse the library's collection of cookbooks. Share tips, get ideas, and enjoy the camaraderie of other individuals who have an interest in cooking and good cuisine! Meets on the third Thursday of every month; different cooking genres are explored each month.

**"Cross-Stitching 101"** – Tuesday, **Aug 20**, 2:00-4:00 pm, Conference Room. This hands-on demonstration will cover the basics of counted cross-stitch embroidery. Learn different stitches and hear about the different materials that can be used. Embroidery is one of the arts of embellishing fabric or linens with a needle and thread. Designs and stitches can be simple or very intricate, and they can be used to decorate bed linens, kitchen towels, caps, and other articles of clothing. This program is suitable for those aged 18 and above. *Registration is required.*

### **SUMMER READING CHALLENGE "A Universe of Stories" - May 27-Aug 31**

Fort Bend County Libraries presents special reading challenges during the summer to encourage reading among readers of all ages. There is no charge to join the Summer Reading Challenges (SRC), and they are open to everyone, regardless of the county of residence. Participants may register at any Fort Bend County library, or they may register online by going to the FBCL website ([www.fortbend.lib.tx.us](http://www.fortbend.lib.tx.us)) and clicking on the "SRC Sign-Up" image. When the online registration form has been completed, readers will then have their own online page on which to record their books or reading time. Readers may also register and log books/reading time by downloading the free Beanstack Tracker app to their mobile device from the Apple App or Google Play stores.

Prizes must be collected from the "primary library of use" that the reader indicated on the registration form. **The last day to pick up awards is August 31.**

The Summer Reading Challenges are sponsored by Fort Bend County Libraries, the Friends organizations that support the county library system, and the Collaborative Summer Library Program, a consortium of states working together to provide high-quality children's summer-reading program materials for public libraries.

- **Summer Reading Challenge for Children**  
Children from infancy through elementary school-age are encouraged to read as many books as they can and they will earn rewards based on the total number of books they read or have read to them. For the first five books read, the child will receive a bookmark. The rewards continue with a certificate for 10 books, a color-changing ruler for 15 books, and a reading trophy for the first 20 books read. For every 20 books read, the participant's name will also be written on a picture of a space shuttle to be displayed in that branch library.
- **Middle School Summer Challenge**  
Area youth in grades 6-8 can participate in the SRC by logging online the time they spend reading. Kids are encouraged to read as many books as they can,

and they will earn rewards based on the total amount of time they spend reading. Upon completion of 20 hours (1200 minutes) of reading, readers will receive a trophy or a mystery prize.

- **Summer Reading Challenge for Teens & Adults**

Adults of all ages, including young adults in high school, may participate in the YA & Adult SRC by logging online the time they spend reading books and by participating in optional weekly “challenges” that can be completed individually at home online. All YA and adult readers who complete the goal of reading for 1,000 minutes will earn a desk cube with phone accessories, while supplies last. An ultimate grand prize will be awarded to one lucky reader in the library system. Participants in the YA/Adult Summer Reading Challenge who complete the program by logging 1,000 minutes of reading time will be entered into a drawing for a 16 GB Fire HD 7 tablet with a red case, which will be awarded to one winner in the library system on August 5.

**BOOK CLUB** – Wednesday, **Aug 14**, 7:00 pm, Conference Room. The book to be discussed is ***Everything I Never Told You***, a novel written by Celeste Ng. New members invited to attend! This book club meets on the second Wednesday of every month.

**ESL CONVERSATION CIRCLES** – Wednesdays, **Aug 7, 14, 21, and 28**; 1:30-2:30 pm; Conference Room; **presented in English.**

Fort Bend County Libraries offers a program for individuals of all nationalities who would like a place to practice their English language and conversation skills. The “**Conversation Circles**” provide an opportunity for non-English-speaking people to gather in a relaxed setting, and discuss topics of their own choosing while practicing their English skills.

**ADULT COMPUTER CLASSES**

All computer classes will take place in the Computer Lab. Reservations are required. To register online at the library’s website ([www.fortbend.lib.tx.us](http://www.fortbend.lib.tx.us)), click on “Events,” select “Mission Bend Branch Library,” and find the program. Participants may also register by calling the library at 832-471-5900, or by visiting the library.

- **Tech Hour FAQ** – Thursdays, **Aug 8** (10:30-11:30 am) and **Aug 22** (2:00-3:00 pm). One-on-one assistance is available to help with basic questions about technology, eReaders, or computer skills.
- **MS Excel 2016 Survival Basics** – Wednesday, **Aug 14**, 6:00-7:00 pm. Learn the basics of using this spreadsheet software program, which features calculation tools that are helpful for financial and statistical needs.
- **MS Excel 2016: Budgeting** – Thursday, **Aug 15**, 10:30-11:30 am. Learn how MS Excel’s basic formulas and conditional formatting can be used to create a budget spreadsheet.

- **MS Publisher 2016: Flyers & Posters** – Wednesday, **Aug 21**, 10:30-11:30 am. Learn the basics of using this desktop-publishing software program to create flyers and posters by using templates, clip art, and other features.

### **3D Printing Classes** (*Reservations required*)

- **Introduction to 3D Printing** – Wednesday, **Aug 28**, 7:00-8:00 pm, Computer Lab. Library staff will introduce the 3D printer and explain how library patrons can print their own designs. Those attending the session will also learn about free websites that can be used to find 3D files or to create their own 3D designs. Prior to the class, attendees are encouraged to create an account with TinkerCAD at <https://www.tinkercad.com>.

### **YOUNG ADULT PROGRAMS** (for teens in grades 9-12)

- **Young Adult Book Club** – Thursday, **Aug 1**, 4:00-5:00 pm, Conference Room. Teen readers in grades 9-12 will have the opportunity to meet with others who share the same love for great books, and have a lively discussion on the reasons a book or its characters were liked or disliked. The book to be discussed in August is ***Turtles All the Way Down***, a YA novel written by John Green.
- **“YA Tie-Dye Program”** – Wednesday, **Aug 7**, 5:30–7:00 pm, Meeting Room. This YA craft activity is for teens entering grades 9-12. Learn how to use dye to create different patterns on cloth. Dye and cloth squares will be provided, but those attending are welcome to bring their own cloth materials as well. Since this activity involves dye that can stain easily, participants are encouraged to “dress down.” *Registration is required.*
- **Young Adult Advisory Council** – Thursday, **Aug 8**, 4:00-5:00 pm, Conference Room. At this monthly meeting, teens in grades 9-12 are invited to express ideas, organize upcoming activities, and suggest new programs and books that would be of interest to young adults at the library. Earn volunteer/service hours and meet new friends while helping to shape the future of library services for teens!

### **CHILDREN’S PROGRAMS**

**Mother Goose Time** – Thursdays at 10:15 am – provides caregiver/infant multisensory circle-time activities -- including simple sign language, folksongs and lullabies, and finger plays -- that are especially designed to stimulate babies’ social, emotional, and physical development through rhythm and music. Mother Goose Time is intended for infants from age 1 month to 12 months. **This activity will NOT take place on Aug 1 or 8.**

**Toddler Time** – Wednesdays at 10:15 am – offers structured caregiver/child activities, stories and songs for older babies, from 1 to 3 years of age. **This activity will NOT take place on Aug 7.**

**Story Time** – Tuesdays at 10:15 am – presents stories, movies, and age-appropriate craft activities for children 3 to 6 years of age. **This activity will NOT take place on Aug 6.**

**Pajama Night Story Time** and **After-School Breaks** will not take place in August; the schedule for these activities will resume in September.