

JANUARY EVENTS AT MISSION BEND BRANCH LIBRARY

Fort Bend County Libraries' **Mission Bend Branch Library**, 8421 Addicks Clodine Road in northeast Fort Bend County, presents a variety of free children's programs, Young Adult programs for teens, 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.fortbend.lib.tx.us), or call the Mission Bend Branch Library (832-471-5900) or the library system's Communications Office (281-633-4734).

LIBRARY CLOSINGS

January 1 – New Year's Day

January 15 – Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS (The library is unable to accommodate daycares and school groups at these activities.)

- **Pajama Night Story Time** – Wednesdays, **January 3, 17, and 31**, 6:30-7:15 pm. Families with children of **all ages** will enjoy stories, songs, and action rhymes. Take-home crafts will be available at the end of the program.
- **Sunrise Story Lab: Polar Bears** – Saturday, **January 6**, 10:15-11:00 am. Families with children of **all ages** will enjoy stories, activities, and take-home crafts.
- **Preschool Story Time** – Tuesdays, 10:15-11:00 am – presents stories, movies, and age-appropriate take-home craft activities for children **3 to 6 years** of age. The schedule is as follows:
 - **January 2** – Polar Animals
 - **January 9** – Bubbles & Bathtime
 - **January 16** – Tools & Construction
 - **January 23** – Opposites
 - **January 30** – Things That Go
- **Toddler Time** – Wednesdays, 10:15-11:00 am – offers structured caregiver/child activities, stories, songs, and age-appropriate take-home craft activities for older babies, from **1 to 3 years** of age. The themes are the same as those for Preschool Story Time each week. Program dates are **January 3, 10, 17, 24, and 31**.
- **Mother Goose Time** – Thursdays, 10:15-10:45 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 pre-walking infants from age **0 to 12 months**. This activity will take place on **January 4, 11, 18, and 25**.
- **After-School Break** – 2nd and 4th Thursdays, 4:15-5:15 pm. Crafts, activities, stories, and more for school-aged children in **grades K-5**. The schedule is as follows:
 - **January 11** – Flower-Power Crafting
 - **January 25** – Opposites Day!
- **Hour of Tech: Programming** – Monday, **January 8**, 6:00-7:00 pm. Each month, a different homework resource or computer application will be featured for students in

grades 4-8. Seating is limited and reservations are required. To register online at the library's website (www.fortbend.lib.tx.us), click on "Classes & 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.

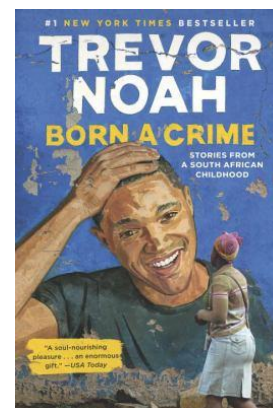
- **Creative Connection: Mindfulness New Year** – Saturday, **January 20**, 2:30-3:30 pm, for youth in **grades 4-8**. Students will make shrinky-dink keychains and enjoy a festive hot-chocolate bar.

YOUNG ADULT PROGRAMS (for teens entering grades 9-12)

- **Young Adult Advisory Council** – Thursday, **January 4**, 4:00 pm, Conference Room. During 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!
- **YA Craft: DIY Magnetic Bookmarks** – Tuesday, **January 23**, 3:30 pm. Teens will make customized magnetic bookmarks. Materials for this activity are made possible by the Friends of the Library. *Registration required.*

ADULT PROGRAMS

- **Mission Bend Book Club** – Wednesday, **January 10**, 7:00 pm, Conference Room. The book to be discussed is ***Born a Crime***, written by Trevor Noah. This book is available in print, audio on CD, and digitally as an ebook on OverDrive/Libby; call the library to check availability of additional print copies. This book club meets on the second Wednesday of every month. New members invited to attend!
- **Fort Bend County Animal Services: Pet Care & Adoption** – Saturday, **January 27**, 2:00 pm, Meeting Room. Barbara Vass, from Fort Bend County Animal Services, will talk about basic pet care; adoption, foster, and volunteer opportunities at the animal shelter; and ways the animal shelter is helping the community.
- **Intro to Cricut & Vinyl** – Monday, **January 29**, 6:00 pm, Computer Lab. In this introductory adult craft class, learn how to use the Cricut, an electronic cutting machine that can cut all sorts of designs from materials like paper, vinyl, cardstock, and more! To follow along with the demonstration, participants should bring their own vinyl that is appropriate for the user's intended purpose (Heat-Transfer Vinyl HTV for fabric, removeable vinyl for wall art, or permanent vinyl for cups/paper crafts). *Registration required.*



ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE (ESL)

- **ESL Conversation Circles** -- Wednesdays, **January 10 and 24**; 2:00-3:00 pm; Conference Room; **presented in English**. This program is for individuals of all nationalities who would like a place to practice their English language and conversation skills. The "**ESL 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. Registration is required. To register online at the library's website (www.fortbend.lib.tx.us), click on "Classes & 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.

- **Computers 101** – Monday, **January 22**, 6:00-7:00 pm. This class presents a basic, hands-on introduction to using computers.
- **3D Printing: Intermediate** – Saturday, **January 27**, 10:30 am-12:00 noon. In this intermediate-level class, learn how to customize a design that someone has already created.

BUSINESS HOURS

Mon – 12:00 noon – 9:00 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

FORT BEND COUNTY LIBRARY CARDS are free to all Texas residents. To apply for a library card, please visit any FBCL location during business hours. You **MUST** provide a valid photo ID that is not expired (government-issued photo ID, passports from any country, or any state driver license) and a document showing a current address if it is not shown on the photo ID.