

SEPTEMBER PROGRAMS 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 CLOSURE:

September 2 – Labor Day

September 27 – Fort Bend County Fair Day

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

- **Pajama Night Story Time** – Wednesdays, **September 4 and 18**, 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. The themes will be the same as those for Preschool Story Time each week.
- **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 for September is as follows:
 - **September 3** – Family
 - **September 10** – Shake Your Sillies Out
 - **September 17** – It's Fall, Y'all!
 - **September 24** – Farm Animals
- **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.
- **Mother Goose Time** – Thursdays, 10:15-11:00 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 **newborn to 12 months** of age.
- **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 for September is as follows:
 - **September 12 – Pirate Day**. Students will set sail on a pirate adventure, testing their skills at the pirate ring toss and creating treasure maps.
 - **September 26 – Building Club**. Students can let their imaginations run wild while using building blocks, LEGOs, and other materials to make fantastical creations.

- **Creative Connection: Greg Heffley’s School Dayz – Art Class** – Saturday, **September 21**, 11:30 am-12:30 pm, for youth in **grades 4-8**. Students can make their own comic-strip scene to add to their diaries.
- **“Teacher in the Library” Homework Help** will resume **September 3**. This free service will be available Mondays through Thursdays, from 3:00 to 6:00 pm, throughout the school year. Appointments are not required. Students may arrive anytime during the tutoring sessions on any day the service is offered, as their schedules permit or as homework needs arise. They can choose to attend as often or as little as needed.

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

- **YA: 1,000 Origami Cranes Challenge** – September 1-30. In Japanese folklore, if someone folds 1,000 cranes, they are granted a wish. In Japanese mythology, cranes are believed to live 1,000 years. These cranes are symbols for peace, good fortune, and longevity. In recognition of the International Day of Peace on September 21, teens are invited to help the library reach its goal of folding and displaying 1,000 origami cranes. Throughout the month, recycled scrap paper and instructions will be provided for pickup. Participants can drop off their completed cranes, which will be hung around the library.
- **YA: Origami Crane Workshop** – Saturday, **September 21**, 2:00 pm, Meeting Room. Learn how to fold origami cranes in honor of the International Day of Peace on September 21. Recycled scrap paper will be provided. Completed cranes can be taken home or donated to the library for the 1,000 Origami Crane Challenge. *Registration required.*
- **Young Adult Advisory Council** – Saturday, **September 28**, 2:00 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! This group meets on the 4th Thursday of every month. *Registration required.*

ADULT PROGRAMS

- **Movie in the Afternoon** – Saturday, **September 7**, 2:00 pm, Meeting Room. This fantasy-comedy movie, directed by Tim Burton, was released in 1988. Michael Keaton plays a malicious spirit that is hired to help scare away an unbearable new family that is ruining the lovely country home peacefully inhabited by a ghostly couple. Unfortunately, the devilish spirit has more in mind than just helping! This movie is rated PG.
- **Writer’s Block** – Monday, **September 9**, 6:00-7:00 pm, Conference Room. In this monthly group for aspiring writers, get tips on writing basics, themes, techniques, and ways to unlock writer’s block. This group meets on the 2nd Monday of every month.
- **Mission Bend Book Club** – Wednesday, **September 11**, 7:00 pm, Conference Room. The book to be discussed is ***The Radium Girls: The Dark Story of America’s Shining Women***, written by Kate Moore. This book is available in print, large print, audio on CD, and digitally as an ebook and e-audiobook on OverDrive/Libby and Hoopla; 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!

ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE (ESL)

- **ESL Conversation Circles** -- Wednesdays, **September 11 and 25**; 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.

- **Typing for Beginners** – Saturday, **September 14**, 10:30 am. Learn how to use a self-paced typing tutorial on a computer keyboard. Get tips on increasing typing speed and accuracy.
- **Computers 101** – Monday, **September 16**, 6:00 pm. This class presents a basic, hands-on introduction to using computers.

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.