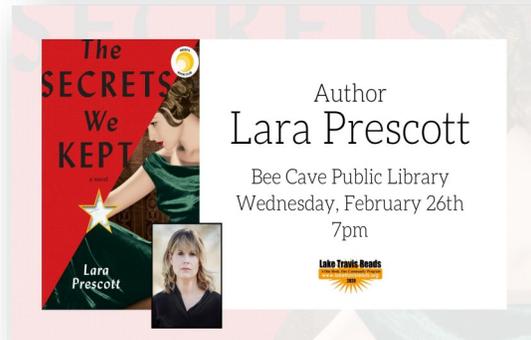


UPCOMING PROGRAMS

See [February CALENDAR](#) for details on all upcoming programs.



LAKE TRAVIS READS 2020

An Evening with the Author LARA PRESCOTT

February 26, 2020
7:00 PM

Bee Cave Public Library

Don't miss this exciting evening with Lara Prescott on Wednesday, February 26th, as she talks about her bestselling novel, *The Secrets We Kept*, a thrilling tale of secretaries turned spies inspired by the true story of the CIA plot to infiltrate the hearts and minds of Soviet Russia, not with propaganda, but with the greatest love story of the 20th century, *Doctor Zhivago*. For more information, visit laketravisreads.org.



What's for Dessert?

Wednesday, February 5 1 - 2 p.m.

Adults, get a head start on your Valentine making with paper artisan, Angela Slutz. After learning basic crafting techniques, participants will have a chance to create their own personalized card from a paper kit and stamps. Leave with your own professional-looking Valentine! Light refreshments will be served.

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Save the Date for Seuss on the Loose!

Celebrate Dr. Seuss' Birthday at "[Seuss on the Loose](#)" from 2-4 p.m. on **Saturday, March 7th**. We'll have crafts, games and fun activities inside from 2-3 p.m. Then at 3:00 p.m., Mayor Bill Goodwin will lead us in reciting The Reader's Oath, followed immediately by a rollicking concert with the incredible Joe McDermott!

Weather permitting, we'll enjoy the Reader's Oath & Concert outside, so bring a blanket to sit on the grass. If the weather is wonky, we'll do everything inside. Join us for a silly, Seuss-y afternoon of fun for the entire family!



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WHAT'S FOR DESSERT?

Our popular program "What's for Dessert?" meets the first* Wednesday of each month from 1-2 p.m. for a different topic each month. No reservations required. Light refreshments are provided. Donations are welcome. See you there!

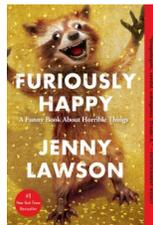
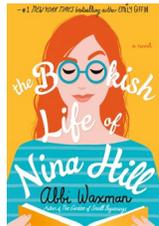
Feb. 5 [Valentine Card Making with Angela Slutz of ATXPaperhouse](#)

Mar. 4 [Texas Wildflower All Stars with the Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center](#)

Bee Cave Book Club

Thursday, February 13 7 - 8 p.m.

The Bee Cave Book Club is an informal and diverse group who come together every 2nd Thursday to discuss the group-selected fiction or nonfiction titles. During the hour, members share laughter, ideas, and their love of books. New members are always welcome, even if you haven't read this month's selection. The February selection is **The Bookish Life of Nina Hill** by Abbi Waxman. In March we will discuss **Furiously Happy** by Jenny Lawson. Copies are available at the library in a variety of formats.



Friends of the Library

Wednesday, February 12 4:00 p.m.

The Friends of the Library meets the 2nd Wednesday of each month to discuss ways to support the library's mission through fundraising, volunteering, and advocacy. An added bonus of joining the Friends—a paid membership gets you an extended borrowing period of 3 weeks at the library! For more information or to join, visit friendsofbeecavelibrary.org. Support the Friends while shopping online at smile.amazon.com and selecting "Friends of Bee Cave Public Library" as your favorite charity!



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PROGRAMS FOR TEENS

Teen Advisory Board

Saturday, February 1 2 p.m.

Get volunteer hours by joining our Teen Advisory Board! Snacks, activities, brainstorming, and a chance to boss the library around - how many volunteer jobs offer that?

Grades 7-12 welcome.



Thank you to Lake Travis Fire Rescue for teaching our TAB basic CPR and bleeding control last month.



Have you tried our digital resources yet? We have e-books, audiobooks, and downloadable magazines on [OverDrive](#). Just download the Libby by OverDrive app to your phone or other device, and get started today!



*Need help? Call us!
512.767.6620*



Our Storytimes

- **TUNE IN to the ages and stages of young children**
(lots of movement, participation, and imagination built in)
- **INSTILL a love of books**
(lively readings of all types of books)
- **EXPLORE language and early literacy in fun, playful ways**
(interactive stories, action songs, and rhymes)
- **PROVIDE caregivers with ideas for simple, fun activities to support early literacy at home**
(use common materials in new ways)



Pop-Up Stories & Play Hour

Thursdays & Fridays, 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.
For all ages

This family-friendly setup encourages child and caregiver connections with learn-through-play interactions and opportunities for language and early literacy development. During the hour, the Storytime leader will gather the group for stories and songs. Caregivers follow their child's lead to explore areas for imaginative play and materials such as blocks, tunnels, and push toys.

Baby Bumblebees Storytime

2nd & 4th Tuesdays, Feb. 11 & 25
10:30 & 11:15 a.m.
Lapsit (0-12 months)

Babies, bring your grown-ups to enjoy stories, rhymes & songs as they learn engaging ways to prepare children for reading.



Special Valentine's Storytime

February 13 & 14, 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.
For all ages



Join us for a Valentine-themed storytime on Thursday, February 13 or Friday, February 14.

Playtime, crafts, stories and songs for all ages!

PROGRAMS FOR TWEENS

Bee-Tweens Chocolate Wars

Saturday, February 8 2:00 p.m.
For grades 4-6

Think you know chocolate? Think you have chocolate skills? Come find out at the Bee-Tweens Chocolate Wars! Chocolate will be eaten!

Bee-Tweens meets the second Saturday of the month at 2 p.m. Bring a friend and join us for snacks, games, and activities at the library!

Open for tweens in grades 4-6.

Questions? Contact Terry Lewis: TLewis@beecavetexas.gov or 512.579.2931.



For photos and up-to-the-minute information on library programs, follow us!

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A Note from Ms. Meliss, Youth Services Specialist

Early Literacy: It's Not Just About the Books!

You've probably heard that reading to your child is the single most important way to prepare your child to learn to read. The list of benefits of these shared experiences is long, but in a nutshell children who are frequently read to develop understanding of how language works; gain vocabulary; learn about the world; discover the joy of reading; and are motivated to learn to read themselves. Read-aloud times are also rich in creating a caregiver-child bond.



As important as reading to your child is, it is not the only path to enhancing your child's early literacy experiences. Here are a few fun and simple things you can do beyond books to build your child's early literacy skills.

Talking

Children first learn language skills by listening to adults talk. Knowing the meanings of words will eventually help children understand what they read. Provide lots of opportunities for your child to talk, not just listen. Respond to what your child says and extend the conversation. For example, if your child asks for an apple, you might say, "You'd like an apple? That's a healthy snack. Is an apple your favorite fruit?"

Singing

"Sing, sing out loud!" Singing slows down language, making it easier for children to hear the different sounds in words. Understanding that words are made of individual sounds will help children make sound-letter connections when they begin to interact with print. Sing every chance you get. You might even make up silly songs to support routines such as bath time or toothbrushing.

Playing

Play is the important work of childhood. Through play, children practice communication skills and also learn to think symbolically. For example, during play, a child might say that a ball represents the moon. Symbolic thinking links to reading in that letters represent sounds and pictures represent real things. Provide plenty of unstructured playtime for your child to engage in imaginative play, using objects such as rocks and sticks or stuffed animals to make up and act out scenarios and stories.

Our best tip perhaps is to make all these experiences fun and positive ones. This way you will support your child's pre-reading skills in small ways that add up to make a difference and your child will be ready to read!

For more information, visit [Every Child Ready to Read® @ your library®](#), a program of the Public Library Association and the Association for Library Service to Children.

Social Media

Our #ReadAloneBeeCave winners stopped by to pick up their prizes. Two families went home with a basket full of cozy books and crafts. We hope to host more fun giveaways this year, so keep an eye on our Instagram and Facebook pages.

February is "Love Your Library" month and the library will be celebrating all month long. Stop by to fill out a due date card and tell us why you love the library. In return, you'll get a very cute BCPL-themed button. We'll also have a display full of books for book lovers as well as social media throwbacks to a former "Love Your Library" project. We can't wait to see the responses!



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