

New Programs & Collection at Bee Cave Library

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Library Program at Grace House

Bee Cave Public Library staffer Angela Palmer joined with members of the MOMS Club of Lakeway to visit Grace House, where adults and children shared Easter stories and a craft with the residents. The library is now offering twice-monthly programs to the assisted living center, as part of a senior outreach program in cooperation with the Friends of Lake Travis Community Library, who present similar programs at the Summit and Vista Oaks centers. Interested volunteers are encouraged to contact either library.



Three-year old Troy Reid offers a bunny to Grace House residents Sophie Zolnerovich and Marjorie Dobson.



Torrik Wheeler shows his bunny to Robert Bourland, as mom Tammy looks on.

Bee Cave Library Is Going to the Dogs!

Children at storytime were treated to a special visit from therapy dog, Riley, and her handler, Debi Krakar of the Austin Dog Alliance. Riley endured lavish attention from the children while Krakar read stories aloud and answered questions about therapy dogs.



Debi Krakar of the Austin Dog Alliance shared dog stories with children at storytime at Bee Cave Public Library as therapy dog, Riley, listened as well.



Emma Volkmann, age 3, meets therapy dog Riley and her handler, Debi Krakar, during storytime.



On Saturday, the first of three sessions of Bow-Wow Buddies offered young readers the chance to relax and read with a therapy dog from the Austin Dog Alliance. Seen here, Debi Krakar and Riley provide an uncritical audience to Matt Monthei as he practices his reading skills. According to library staffer Janki Makecha, who organized the program, "Studies have shown that reading to an animal calms children, lowers their blood pressure, and simply allows them to enjoy an experience they may have previously seen as stressful." Bow-Wow Buddies is a program of the Austin Dog Alliance and is based on the Intermountain Therapy Reading Education Assistance Dogs (R.E.A.D.) program. All of the Bow-Wow Buddies dogs and their owners have undergone extensive screening, are certified through the Delta Society, and have liability insurance. Additional sessions will be held at Bee Cave Public Library on April 14 and April 28. Call the library at 767-6620 to reserve a spot.

The Library was also the scene of an Easter Pet Parade. Craft supplies were on hand to make Easter bonnets or silly hats. Paul Braddock shows off one he made for his dog, Sunshine. Maxine Meyers, a resident of The Homestead, brought her miniature horse, Trigger, to the parade as well.



Paul Braddock shows off hat for Sunshine.



Miniature horse Trigger poses with owner Maxine Meyers (standing) and Katrina Wristers.

Playaway Digital Audiobooks Now Available

Library Director Barbara Hathaway announced the addition of **Playaways** to Bee Cave's audiobook collection. This innovative digital format can contain an unabridged audio version of a book in a self-contained unit smaller than a deck of cards. Using clearly marked buttons, listeners can control the speed of the narrator's voice, in addition to the volume, and the unit picks back up at the exact spot after being paused or turned off. Playaways use standard headphones, and can be played through a car stereo system as well. Two dozen titles are available at the Bee Cave Library in this exciting new format including such popular titles as **Eldest**, by Christopher Paolini, **Inkheart**, by Cornelia Funke, **The Broker**, by John Grisham, and **Dead Famous: A Mallory Novel**, by Carol O'Connell.

Library events and hours of operation are available online at <http://pl.beecavetexas.com>, or by calling the library at 767-6620. Preschool storytimes are offered every Thursday and Friday at 10:30 am, and the first Saturday of every month at 10:30 am.

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