

The Bandera PROPHECY

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Book some time at the Bandera Library

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Special to the Library

A reminder that the Bandera Public Library will be closed Thanksgiving weekend through Dec. 1. The library staff will enjoy time with their families, and they hope you have a chance to do the same. The library will reopen on Monday, Dec. 2 at 9 a.m.

We have been very, very good this year and expect a visit from Santa on Tuesday, Dec. 3 during Storytime, beginning at 10:30 a.m. It will kick-off the month-long celebration with special displays and holiday themed books. Get into the spirit and stop by for a visit. If you have been naughty this year, you still have a month to make up for early missteps. Perhaps you can adopt a book for your library? Check out the giving tree near the front circulation desk.

USA Today reported in a recent story that the Pew Research Center in 2017 that millennials frequent public libraries the most-more than Gen X, Baby Boomers or the Silent Generation. 53% of millennials said they utilized a service at their library in the last year compared to 45% of Gen X, 43% of Baby Boomers and 36% of the Silent Generation. Most libraries are preparing and anticipating the needs of the upcoming generation Z, as they strive to be current and relevant to everyone's needs.

What would the holiday season be without the annual release of a new James Patterson book featuring his long-standing character, Alex Cross. "Criss Cross" debuts this week and the book jacket offers a glimpse of

the new adventure. “In a Virginia penitentiary, Detective Alex Cross and his partner, John Sampson, witness the execution of a killer they helped to convict. Hours later, they are called the scene of a “copycat” crime. A noted signed “M” rests on the corpse that says, *You messed up big-time, Dr. Cross. Was an innocent man just put to death?*”

Mary Higgins Clark’s latest is “Kiss the Girls and Make them Cry.” She borrows some of that title from James Patterson, whose second Alex Cross book was titled “Kiss the Girls” and subsequently made into a movie. The New York Journal of Books calls Clark, “the Queen of Suspense.” When investigative journalist Gina Kane receives an email from a "CRyan" describing her "terrible experience" while working at REL, a high-profile television news network, including the comment "and I'm not the only one," Gina knows she has to pursue the story. But when Ryan goes silent, Gina is shocked to discover the young woman has died tragically in a Jet Ski accident while on holiday.

Books featuring a holiday theme is Sophie Kinsella’s “Christmas Shopaholic”, a humorous story filled with holiday cheer and unexpected gifts. Or how about another annual holiday visit from Debbie Macomber with “A Mrs. Miracle Christmas”? These and other favorites will be on display during December. Has it been awhile since you picked up Charles Dickens “A Christmas Carol”? Oh, Marley, poor Jacob Marley. One of the Director’s favorite non-fiction writers in Bill Bryson, famous for a “A Walk in the Woods” and “A Short History of Nearly Everything”. His latest book is called “The Body.” His publisher says, “It is a head-to-toe tour of the marvel that is the human body ... a must-read owner's manual for everybody. Bill Bryson once again proves himself to be an incomparable companion as he guides us through the human body--how it functions, its remarkable ability to heal itself, and (unfortunately) the ways it can fail.” Fans of Bryson will enjoy his science and his whimsical humor, in this very detailed study. Best wishes from the library staff to you and your friends and loved one. See you after the Holiday weekend.