

# The Bandera PROPHEET

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Polish American Council of Texas donates small collection of books in Polish

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Special to the Prophet

If the colder temperatures have you stuck inside more, the library recently acquired the works of Marie Kondo, the internationally recognized Japanese tidying expert. Kondo's books outline her helpful strategies and insights for decluttering and living a more peaceful life. The library has also received several generous gifts for those interested in researching their ancestors' roots in Bandera. The Polish American Council of Texas has donated a small collection of books in Polish. We have also received two books by the Reverend Monsignor Franciszek "Frank" Kurzaj, pastor at the St. Stanislaus Catholic Church. Both works are on the history and culture of the Silesian, now referred to as Polish, immigrants who settled in Bandera in the 1850s. Kurzaj includes information on the history of Silesia, the villages and parishes the settlers hailed from, and even includes information about their food and culture. Historian Earl S. Hardin, Jr. has also donated copies of his latest book, "The Ranger Companies of Bandera County" as well as significant source material to our genealogy collection. We are very grateful for these gifts.

This month's featured artist is Dr. Daniel Schmidt. Schmidt is a retired family doctor who enjoys traveling with his wife and pursues his passion for watercolors. The works in his current exhibition were inspired by a recent trip to Brazil. He teaches a weekly watercolor class here at the Library and has pledged to donate all the proceeds of sales to the Library. Dr. Schmidt's classes are free to the public and meet on

Mondays at 2 p.m. If you would like to join the class, please call the library at 830-796-4213 to get more information.

New books are streaming in too. J.D. Robb's new thriller "Golden in Death" brings us another case for Detective Eve Dallas. A pediatrician is killed by toxic airborne fumes which seemed to be hidden in a strange golden trinket. While her lab works desperately to identify the toxin and Dallas begins hunting for the sender, another victim appears. Is there a connection between the two or is the detective searching for a madman? Lisa Gardner's newest thriller, "When You See Me" is set in the hills of Georgia. FBI Special Agent Quincy and Sergeant Detective Warren have been following the digital trail of a deceased serial killer. When more grisly evidence is discovered outside a sleepy town, the agents realize they have yet to discover the killer's worst crimes.

Happy tales, y'all.