

# The Bandera PROPHEET

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Book some time with the Bandera Library

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This week the Bandera Library will continue with our curbside checkout program. Choose what you want to read on our catalog [www.bandera.bibliionix.com/catalog](http://www.bandera.bibliionix.com/catalog) and set up a reserve either online or by calling the library. Working in accordance with recommendations by the CDC, the State Library of Texas and Governor Abbott's office, the library is currently developing our plans to reopen. This will be a phased reopening to make sure the library remains a safe and healthy place for our patrons and our staff.

The library is happy to announce plans for our summer reading program happening on Tuesdays from June 23 until July 28. This year we will not have a traditional summer reading program. Instead, kids can come by the library and pick up preassembled activity kits. Each week will be a different topic on the theme "Imagine Your Story." Those participating in the program will receive a reading log so that they can keep track of all the books they have read over the summer. Every child who participates will receive a prize at the end of the program. Stay tuned for more details in the weeks to come.

This week's new books include Scott Turow's latest thriller "The Last Trial." Alejandro "Sandy" Stern is a brilliant defense lawyer just about to retire from a long and successful career. His health is failing, but he still maintains his fighting spirit. Then the 85 year old attorney finds out his old friend, Dr. Kiril Pafko, a Nobel Prize recipient, has been charged with insider trading, fraud, and murder. With Pafko's entire life's work now laying on the line, Sandy Stern decides to take on one last case.

Another new title is “Simon the Fiddler” by Paulette Jiles. Set in the closing months of the American Civil War, the novel follows a young Simon Bouldin, a small man who has no trouble telling half-truths. Thus far, this has successfully kept him from having to serve in the military. However, after a barroom fight in Victoria, Texas, Bouldin winds up conscripted into the Confederate Army. Bouldin was blessed with a talent for fiddling, and in the aftermath of the Confederate surrender, he finds himself playing in a band for officers of both sides of the war. A young Irish girl catches his eye, but fate has them go their separate ways. Even after Bouldin returns to Texas to seek his fortune, he vows to find the Irish maiden again.

Jason B. Rosenthal’s new memoir, “My Wife Said You May Want to Marry Me” inspired by a column his wife Amy Krouse Rosenthal had written for the New York Times column “Modern Love.” The Times published it ten days before she passed away from ovarian cancer. Rosenthal writes this memoir as a reflection on the gift his late wife – a fresh start and her blessing to move on.

The library is located at 515 Main Street across from the courthouse. Our updated hours are Monday to Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. If you have any questions, please call the library at 830-796-4213.

Happy tales, y’all.