

The Bandera PROPHEET

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Book some time with the Bandera Library

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The Bandera Public Library is now entering week four of our Summer Reading Program. There are plenty of grab-and-go bags available so please contact the library to get information on how to pick one up for your little ones. As a part of the Summer Reading Program, the library has added nearly 40 new titles to the Children's Library. The new books include mythologies and fables from around the world, updates on classic fairy tales and stories that inspire young ones to use their imaginations. Be sure to come by and check out the new titles. BEC sponsored the Summer Reading Program and the Library would like to express our gratitude for their ongoing support of our community.

In collaboration with the OCI Yearbook project, the library is pleased to announce we are in the process of having each of the yearbooks from Bandera High School digitized. OCI, which stands for Oklahoma Correctional Industries, began their national project about eight years ago to preserve local history and at the same time provide employment for low risk offenders. Using non-destructive scanning technology, the OCI Yearbook Project is working to digitize every high school yearbook in the country. This not only preserves the books and protects them from theft and vandalism, it will allow libraries to share all or portions of the yearbooks with our patrons who might not be able to physically come into the library.

New titles out this week promise to be exciting reads. James Patterson has a new thriller out called *Cajun Justice*. It is a stand alone novel featuring an ex-Secret Service agent named Cain Lemaire from New Orleans. Having grown up on The Bayou, Lemaire has the grit, determination and passion for life that those from that part of the world are raised on. He lands his dream job protecting the President, but after a night with a lapse of judgement, Lemaire loses it all. Seeking a change, Lemaire's sister finds him a job in Japan providing security detail for a high-level Japanese CEO. It doesn't take long for Lemaire to find he is in the middle of a sticky web of corruption, depravity and greed. Only this time, he is completely on his own without the resources and backing of the Secret Service. Lemaire must rely on his years of training and his own brand of Cajun grit to find justice.

Daniel Silva is out with a new novel this week too. "The Order" finds us back again with legendary art restorer and international spy Gabriel Allon. Allon is on vacation in Venice with his wife and children when on the evening news, he learns his friend Pope Paul VII has died. Faithful Catholics all around the world are being told that the pope has died of a heart attack. Allon, however, is asked by Archbishop Luigi Donati to look deeper as he suspects a clandestine Catholic society called the Order of St. Helena may be trying to seize control of the papacy.

The library's updated hours are Monday to Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., by appointment only. Curbside service is still available for books, magazines, DVDs and print/fax/copy services.

Happy tales, y'all.