

The Bandera PROPHEET

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Book some time at the Bandera Library

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September is a busy month for book publishers so keep an eye out for the new releases on our catalog home page, www.bandera.bibliionix.com/catalog. New titles releasing this week include the highly anticipated book Jenna Bush Hager called “Everything Beautiful in Its Time: Seasons of Love and Loss.” Hager writes intimate stories of both sets of grandparents. The quiet couple from Midland, Pa and Grammee who taught her to love the details of the natural world: the name of the stars, what a cooing dove is saying. Then there are the lessons of humility, respect and kindness taught to her by Gampy and Ganny, or as the rest of us know them as, President George Bush and First Lady Barbara Bush. In these stories are the life lessons grandparents hope to pass on to their children and grandchildren and Jenna Bush Hager has shared them with the world.

Robert Parker and Mike Lupica have a new thriller out called “Fool’s Paradise.” Police Chief Jesse Stone is called when a body has been discovered at the lake in Paradise. Stone is taken aback when he realizes he recognizes the victim as a man who had attended the same AA meeting he was at the night before. With no ID and no other clue as to his identity, Stone finds the only other piece of evidence: a cab driver who recalls dropping off the stranger outside the gated mansion of one of the wealthiest families in town. A string of attacks on Stone and other members of the Paradise Police Department make it clear someone has a personal vendetta against the entire department.

“Big Door Prize” by M.O. Walsh is out this week. In sleepy Deerfield, Louisiana a strange contraption that looks a bit like a photo booth has appeared in the local grocery store. For just a few quarters, the machine proclaims it can take your DNA and make a conjecture into your destiny. It seems credible enough that the town folk start flocking to the machine hoping to get a glimpse into a future that could be. Suddenly, teachers and nurses and lawyers begin abandoning their jobs and practices to become pursue new careers as dancers or magicians. One couple, Douglas and Cherilyn Hubbard, go into the booth thinking they are perfectly happy. When the machine gives them alternatives to their current life, the lure of possibility seems too much.

The Bandera Library is open by appointment only and masks are required. Appointments are available Monday to Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Happy tales, y'all.