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The Latest at the Bandera Library

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If you are looking for some healthy inspiration for the New Year still, come check out the featured titles wall. We have new books on all kinds of ways to incorporate healthy practices into your everyday life.

New titles this week are the latest thriller from Gregg Hurwitz called *The Prodigal Son*. In this novel, we meet again with Evan Smoak aka Orphan X. As a small child, Smoak was taken out of his foster home and put into an off-the-books operation that churched out secret assassins for the government and given the code name Orphan X. While he was able to eventually break free from that program, Orphan X, who now goes by The Nowhere Man, makes a living carrying out clandestine operations vowing to help those who most desperately need his help. When a woman claiming to be his birth mother comes to him for help, The Nowhere Man has to weigh his desire to help those in need and an incredibly tempting proposition from the government offering a new life

without a record. The only stipulation is he must stop his covert activities.

Also out this week is a new non-fiction title called *American Baby: A Mother, A Child and the Shadow History of Adoption* by Gabrielle Glaser. The book shares the secrets of a big-bucks industry of adoption and also tells a tale of love, loss and recovery. During the Baby Boom in post-World War II America, the business of baby adoptions was booming. Glaser tells the story of a young unwed mother in 1961 who was pressured by family and others to give up the baby boy she very much wanted. Millions of women were coerced into giving up their children for adoption and misled desperate couples looking to complete their families. This is investigative reporting at its finest.

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Happy tales, y'all.