

# The Bandera PROPHECY

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Keep in Beat with the Bandera Library

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Bandera Kronkosky Public Library

Wednesday, Aug. 31, is the last day of our Summer Reading Challenge. Do not forget to drop off your reading guide at the Bandera Kronkosky Public Library by the end of the day in order to get the chance to win a special prize. Didn't get to participate this year? Don't worry, next summer we will have a new list of books for another Summer Reading Challenge.

On Saturday, Sept. 3, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., our Friends of the Library will host the Monthly Book Fair. We have more than just books at our book fairs. We have CDs, audiobooks, records, rare books and even puzzles. Stop by any time between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. to pick up something great. Everything is available by donation, which means you get to choose how much you give. Your donation will go straight to supporting the library. During our Book Fair, we will also have representatives from the Hill Country State Natural Area here to discuss employment opportunities with the State Natural Area.

On Thursday, Sept. 1, at 10 a.m., our Monthly Book Club is meeting to discuss the book "How the Word is Passed," by Clint Smith. It is the story of the Monticello Plantation in Virginia, the estate where Thomas Jefferson wrote letters espousing the urgent need for liberty while enslaving over 400 people on the premises. It is the story of the Whitney Plantation, one of the only former plantations devoted to preserving the experience of the enslaved people whose lives and work sustained it. It is the story of Angola Prison in Louisiana, a former plantation named for the country from which most of its enslaved people arrived and which has since become one of the most gruesome maximum-security prisons

in the world. And it is the story of Blandford Cemetery, the final resting place of tens of thousands of Confederate soldiers. In a deeply researched and transporting exploration of the legacy of slavery and its imprint on centuries of American history, “How the Word Is Passed” illustrates how some of our country's most essential stories are hidden in plain view-whether in places we might drive by on our way to work, holidays such as Juneteenth, or entire neighborhoods—like downtown Manhattan—on which the brutal history of the trade in enslaved men, women and children has been deeply imprinted.

Stay up to date with library events by following us on Facebook (Bandera County Library), Instagram (@banderalibrary), or sign up for our monthly newsletter through our website. You can also check for event cancellations and updates through our Calendar of Events at [www.banderacountylibrary.org/calendar](http://www.banderacountylibrary.org/calendar)

The Bandera Kronkosky Public Library is open Monday to Friday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Saturdays, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Curbside service is available for checkouts and business services. Free Wi-Fi is available 24/7.

Happy tales, y'all.