

# The Bandera PROPHECY

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Keep in Beat with the Bandera Library

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Keep your eyes open for construction coming to the Bandera Kronkosky Public Library. Thanks to a grant from the Hal and Charlie Peterson Foundation in Kerrville, the library's parking lots will be repaved beginning the week of Oct. 10. This project will make getting in and out of the library much safer for all our patrons especially those with mobility issues. If you are not able to enter the library through the rear door because of the stairs, please call the library at 830-796-4213. The staff will be happy to provide curbside service for checkouts and business services.

On Tuesday, Oct. 11, the library will open an exhibition coordinated by Ukrainian San Antonio. This non-profit is dedicated to preserving Ukrainian heritage and culture. The exhibition will commemorate the 90th anniversary of the Holodomor, the 1922-3 famine genocide in Soviet Ukraine. Our library will be the exhibition's first stop on a tour of several libraries and museums in the Central Texas area. The exhibition tells the story of the Holodomor using the diary entries of a woman who survived the famine and also WWII. We will host an opening reception for this exhibition on Tuesday, Oct. 11, from 5 - 7 p.m., with multiple dignitaries from Ukrainian San Antonio, local leaders, and members of the Historical Commission. Please come by to see this extraordinary piece of history Oct. 11th until Oct. 21 in the library's Artist of the Month gallery.

On Thursday, Oct. 13, the library will kick off a brand-new program called Family Reading Night. Thanks to the efforts of local parents and the financial support of our Friends of the Library group, Family

Reading Night will be a weekly meetup for elementary aged children to read with a parent or volunteer. Part of the fallout of the pandemic was an even larger gap in children reading at grade level. This program will be a reading intervention aimed at getting our local youngsters caught up in their reading skills. Family Reading Night will take place on Thursdays from 5:30 - 7 p.m. in the Downstairs Meeting Room. We will be looking for volunteers to read to and with the children. If you are interested in helping or are passionate about the importance of lifelong reading, please contact the library to join the group.

As a part of the library's larger efforts to support childhood literacy in Bandera County, we are also hosting a Children's Book Drive the whole month of October. Please drop by any new or gently used children's books at the library in the big orange box by the circulation desk. These books will be given to children trick-or-treating on Halloween. We are collecting books for children to teens. Thank you for your generosity! 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. Check out our website [www.banderacountylibrary.org](http://www.banderacountylibrary.org) for all up-to-date information.

Happy tales, y'all.