

The Bandera PROPHEET

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Checking out the Bandera Library

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Special to the Prophet

You are invited to come to a presentation at the Bandera Library called “Key Life Decisions” on Wednesday, Aug. 21, from 10 a.m. to noon. It is being coordinated by the Edward Jones office and will feature several speakers addressing investments, understanding taxes, estate planning and even a speaker from the local funeral home. The simple question to ask yourself is, Are You Prepared? Start preparing for your future, today. The presentation in the library’s lower level conference center.

Perennial patron favorite Robert Crais, who writes just one book a year, releases the 18th Elvis Cole and Joe Pike novel, “A Dangerous Man”. The Wall Street Journal says, "Crais unspools this tense and involving saga. . . with dashes of wit, lots of local color, many bursts of sudden action and some 300 pages of relentless suspense." For more action and adventure, try Stephen Coonts “The Russia Account.” The dust jacket says, "The Russia Account pits CIA officer Tommy Carmellini against a murderous, international financial conspiracy that leaves a trail of death and corruption, extending from a small bank in Estonia, to the highest

reaches of the Kremlin, to the halls of the Congress, and perhaps even to the CIA itself--putting Admiral Jake Grafton, the head of the CIA, in the crosshairs of an assassin."

"The Women of the Copper Country" by Mary Dora Russell chronicles 25-year-old Annie Clements, who has spent her whole life in the coal-mining town of Calumet, Michigan, where men risk their lives for meager salaries. She has seen enough of life to know that the world isn't fair. When she decides to stand-up for herself and the entire town of Calumet, nearly everyone believes she may have taken on more than she is prepared to handle. Sandra Brown gives her fans, "Outfox," a story of FBI agent Drex Easton and his single-minded pursuit of a sociopath who bilks wealthy women out of their fortunes and then the conman and the woman disappear. Drex believes that this conman murders these women and then moves on to the next target. Now, for the first time in the long game of cat and mouse, Drex has a suspect in sight.

Non-fiction readers might like the new book by John C. McManus, "Fire and Fortitude-The US Army in the Pacific War, 1941-1943." McManus takes readers from the days of Pearl Harbor and follows the army as it awakens to the threat in the Pacific and is severely tested in nearly two years of punishing combat. Patron reviews are very high on this readable and authoritative account. Not to forget the younger readers, the Library has two new Dav Pilkey offerings, "Dog Man-For Whom the Ball Rolls" and "Captain Underpants and the Preposterous Plight of the Purple Potty People" in full color. Three new John Erickson books featuring Hank the Cow Dog have also been added to the collection.

Western readers will enjoy "Inland" by Tea Obreht that looks at a drought-ridden Arizona Territory of 1893, where two extraordinary lives collide. Nora is a frontierswoman and Lurie is a man haunted by ghosts. The library is also enjoying the 25 large print western books that were possible through the generous gift of Ervin Mednansky.

Bud, as he was known to his friends, passed away unexpectedly on Aug. 10 and will be sorely missed. He was an avid reader and a great supporter of the Bandera Library. He like so many of us, loved books.