

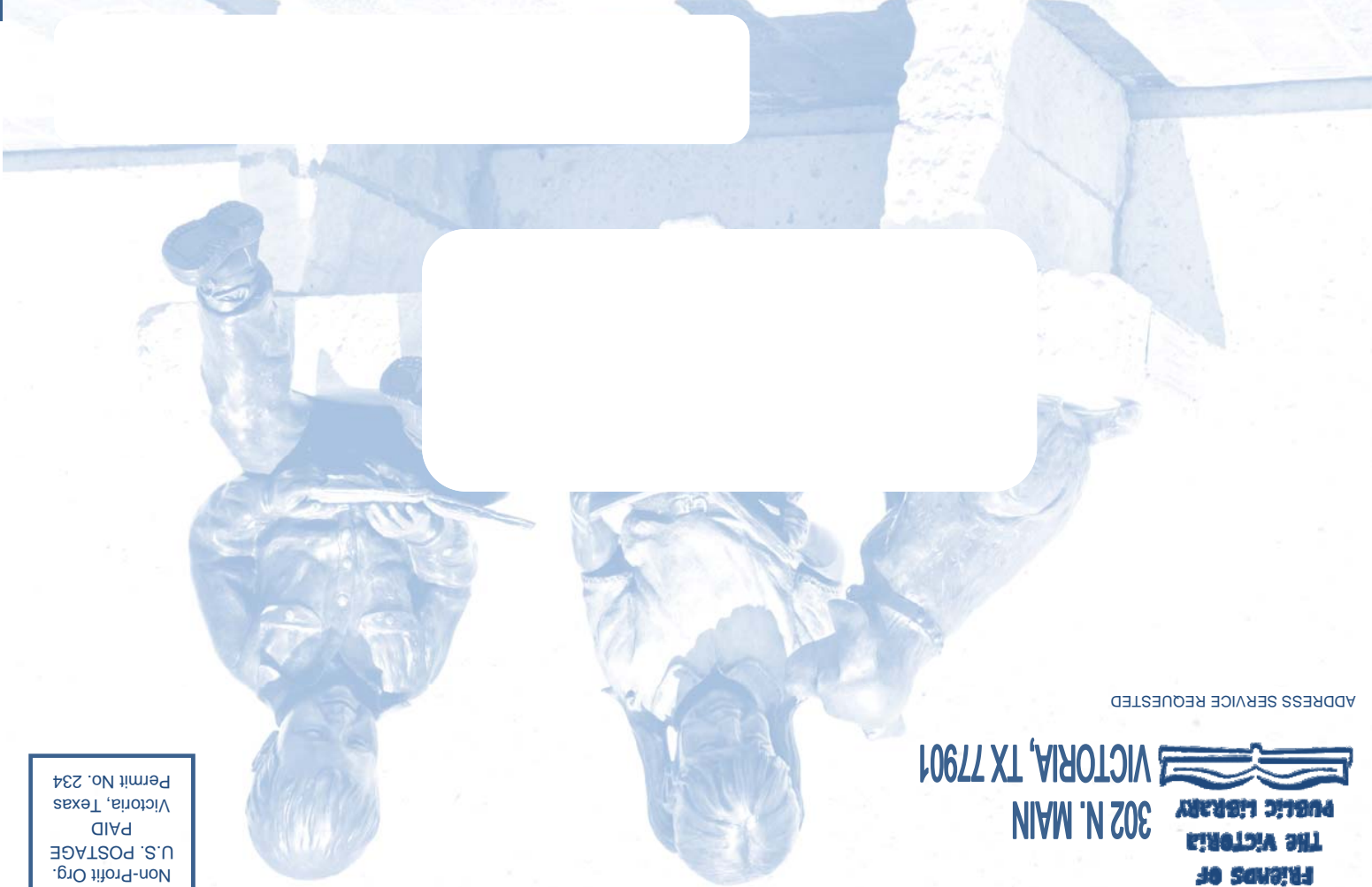
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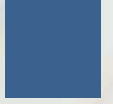


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Among Friends



BOOKSALE

SEPTEMBER 12th-17th, 2011

Mon, Tues, and Thur 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Wed 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Fri 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Sat 9 a.m. to noon

Pre-Sale is Sunday, September 11th from 2 - 4 p.m.

Membership may be paid at the pre-sale. Along with the usual variety of books, tapes and cd's, there will be a number of special books, which are priced a little higher but are still a great bargain.

Please limit your pre-sale purchase to 25 books.

If you would like to work at the sale please call 485.3304.



Don't forget your Friends of the Library bag for extra savings on Saturday! Available for \$5 in the Administration Office.



SUMMER READING SUCCESS

Another successful Summer Reading Program has ended. Registration for the reading incentive program reached 1,190 this summer! From toddlers to 12th graders, VPL had something for everyone. Transportation Petting Zoo, Bach for Kids, Mr. Puppet, movies, teen crafts, and gaming were just a few of the highly popular programs. With this much fun, we can't wait for next year! A big THANK YOU to the Friends for supporting another great summer of reading @ VPL!

POSITIVE FEEDBACK FROM PATRONS...

"Thank you to everyone who worked to put all the events together. I am so glad that we have these types of events available to the community. Thank you to all the children's librarians for always being so friendly. They are all really good at what they do."

"I think it's a great program, I'm happy we participated and look forward to next summer! Thanks so much!"

"We really loved the puppet shows put on by the librarians! The stories were so cute and I loved how they interacted with the kids after the show."



BROWN BAG BOOK GROUP

September 7 -- *Sweetness at the Bottom of the Pie* by Alan Bradley

October 5 -- *The Lacuna* by Barbara Kingsolver

November 2 -- *The Forgotten Garden* by Kate Morton

December 7 -- Books we've enjoyed!

January 4 -- *Katy Up and Down the Hall* by Glenn Plaskin

February 1 -- *Promise Bridge* by Eileen Clymer Schwab

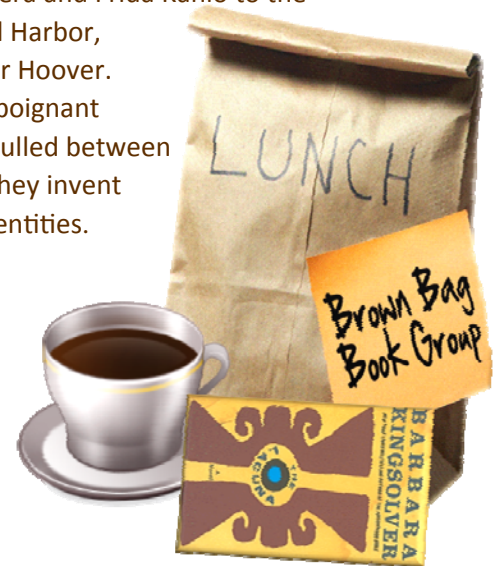
March 7 -- *I Still Dream About You* by Fannie Flagg

April 4 -- *The Peach Keeper* by Sarah Addison Allen

May 2 -- *A Discovery of Witches* by Deborah E. Harkness

The Lacuna by Barbara Kingsolver

In her most accomplished novel, Barbara Kingsolver takes us on an epic journey from the Mexico City of artists Diego Rivera and Frida Kahlo to the America of Pearl Harbor, FDR, and J. Edgar Hoover. *The Lacuna* is a poignant story of a man pulled between two nations as they invent their modern identities.

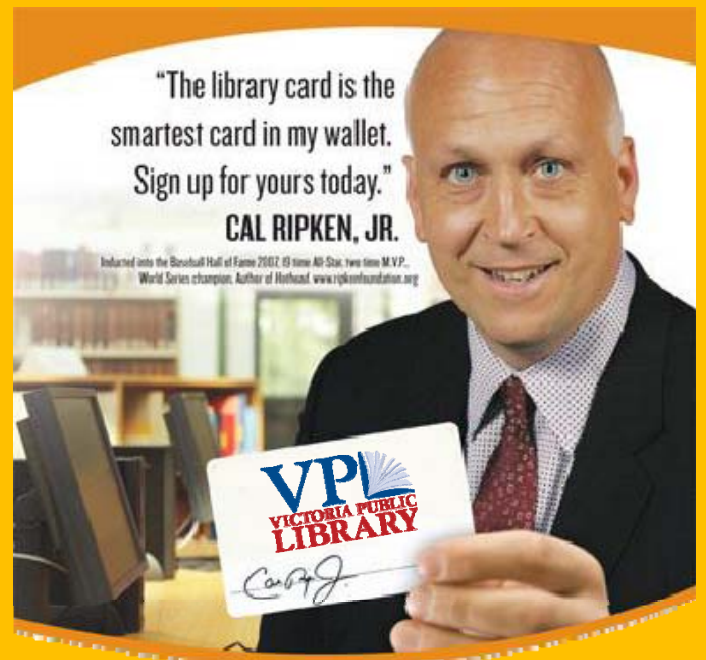


On the first Wednesday of each month, pack your lunch and join us at noon for an engaging book discussion. No formal invitations, no dues and no attendance taken. So stretch your mind with a great book and a little talk among friends. We'll save a seat for you.

STAY CONNECTED

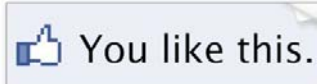
Visit us @ victoriapubliclibrary.org to access our interactive events calendar where you can find more information and register for upcoming events. Research resources and an online catalog are also available. Have a question? Information Services can help you find an answer **361.485.3302**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Friends of the Library Book Sale 9:00am to 5:30pm	2 Friday Genealogy / Breaking Through the Brick Wall 8:00 to 11:00am	3 Friends of the Library Book Sale 9:00am to 12:00pm
4 LIBRARY CLOSED	5 LIBRARY CLOSED	6 Family Night @ the shopping creek Chuck & A 6:00 to 8:00pm	7 Friends of the Library Book Sale 9:30 and 10:30am	8 Toddler Story Time 9:30am	9 Friday Genealogy / Breaking Through the Brick Wall 8:00 to 11:00am	10 Friends of the Library Book Sale 9:00am to 12:00pm
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18 Coke Pops for Teens 4:30 to 5:30pm	19 Lego Club 4:00 to 5:30pm	20 Toddler Story Time 9:30 and 10:30am	21 Toddler Story Time 9:30 and 10:30am	22 Toddler Story Time 9:30am	23 Friday Genealogy / Breaking Through the Brick Wall 8:00 to 11:00am	24 Friends of the Library Book Sale 9:00am to 12:00pm
25 Gaming Guild for TEENS 4:30 to 8:00pm	26 Make Your Own Play-Doh 4:00 to 5:00pm	27 Toddler Story Time 9:30 and 10:30am	28 Toddler Story Time 9:30 and 10:30am	29 Toddler Story Time 9:30am	30 Toddler Story Time 9:30am	



SEPTEMBER IS LIBRARY CARD SIGN-UP MONTH

The most important school supply is a free one: a Victoria Public Library card! A library card gives you access to thousands of books, magazines, newspapers, DVDs, CDs and online resources – full-text journal articles, downloadable books, practice tests and more.



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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S PEN



Doris Dickson, Friends President

The hot summer is winding down and our 2011-2012 officers and directors are ready to get busy in our new year. Friends of the Victoria Public Library have been holding used book sales since 1977. The first sale raised \$1900 for the library. In 2010 the Friends' sales raised \$35,600 for the library! What amazing support Victorians have shown for the library. Thank you to everyone who has donated books, purchased books or volunteered your time to the Friends of the Library over the last 34 years.

The next book sale will be September 12th-17th. Be sure your membership is up to date so that you will be able to attend the "members only" presale on Sunday afternoon. Make your plans now to shop the sale and volunteer your time to help. All proceeds from the book sale will be used to fund library materials and programs. We are very proud of the response Victoria has had to our used book sales. It is wonderful to see how many Victorians and people from the surrounding area love to read and enjoy the library.

See you at the sale,
Doris Dickson

"Your financial and word of mouth support of the library help us succeed in better serving our community."

FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK



Dayna Williams-Capone, Director

This year in conjunction with the Library Advisory Board and library staff my focus has been on developing a strategic plan for Victoria Public Library. This is a 5 year plan that will help us develop priorities and goals that meet community needs. By being focused on a set number of goals we will not spread ourselves too thin and will also be able to succeed at those things that Victoria citizens want from their public library.

As part of our strategic planning process the staff and I have had the opportunity to visit several larger libraries in our region. During the month of August we took field trips to San Antonio, Houston and Austin. This was a wonderful opportunity to see what public libraries are doing in bigger cities. We learned a lot and came back with many new ideas and fresh eyes for looking at how we do things here in Victoria. I am excited about the possibilities and look forward to implementing some new things and improving what we currently do during the next 5 years.

If you are interested in learning more about the library's new strategic plan then keep an eye on our website.

The new plan should be available on the website by October 1 and updates on our progress will be posted as available.

If your community group or club would like to hear about the library's plans then I would be more than happy to come and speak to your group.

As always, the Friends of Victoria Public Library have been big supporters of our strategic planning process.

Your financial and word of mouth support of the library help us succeed in better serving our community.

Dayna Williams-Capone