

CROCKETT COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMUNITY OUTREACH PLAN



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Outreach Plan

Introduction

The Crockett County Public Library is in the unincorporated town of Ozona, the only town in Crockett County. Ozona is named for the open air, or ozone, in this wide open area of the Edwards Plateau. The major east-west thoroughfare through Texas, Interstate 10, passes through Ozona, the county seat. Ozona can also be reached by Texas highways 163 & 137. The Ozona Municipal Airport is located one mile north of town. The nearest large city is San Angelo. San Angelo, population 93,200 (2010 census) is 85 miles and three counties away from Ozona.

Crockett County is the eighth largest of 254 counties in Texas and covers over 3,000 square miles. The county was named for Davy Crockett, hero the Alamo, nearly 40 years after he died in battle. Crockett County is on the Pecos River, in the transition area from the high plains to the rolling Texas hill country. In earlier days ranching was a primary economic engine, with the onset of drought and fluctuating prices for livestock, ranching is declining. Oil and gas production continues to bolster the area economy. Visitors to the area will note drilling rigs, pump jacks, and storage tanks along rural routes.

Historical, Current, and Future Roles of the Library

Historically and currently the Crockett County Public Library fills informational and recreational reading needs of residents by offering the best in fiction and nonfiction materials in a variety of formats. The library preserves local history and genealogy information for county residents. The library offers: a community meeting place; programming for various age and interest groups; provides computers, and knowledgeable staff to support the use of current information and communication technologies. The public computers are well-used and an important feature of the library.

In the future the library hopes to enhance support for individuals learning English as their second language.

Existing Programs

The library provides books and story times for Headstart and two day care centers using the large collection of bilingual English/Spanish children's books. The library also offers: an annual summer reading program for elementary school children and for teens; homebound and nursing home outreach; exam proctoring, and inter-library loan.

The library offers 10 public access computers with free wireless Internet connections . Scanner service, fax, color copier and lamination are also offered, along with IRS income tax forms and booklets. The library website is maintained through the Texas State Library PlinkIt program. The library's Facebook page helps keep patrons informed of library activities.

Identified Needs

One of the challenges for the area is the dependency on ranches and oilfields for employment. If there is a bad year for livestock, that creates an economic hardship for the ranchers. Similarly when the oil field is working the community is prosperous; when the oil dries up the community suffers. Declines in ranching and oil field production result in a loss of jobs and causes a ripple

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effect on businesses and county revenues. Maintaining the local business base is a focus of the Chamber of Commerce and is important to area residents due to the long distance to the nearest communities large enough to support shops, stores, and services. The county's largest employers are Crockett County itself and the school system.

The library surveys revealed the need for library cooperation with and support for area businesses and heightened awareness of the library throughout the area. Additional programming for older children and adults and for individuals for whom English is a second language was also suggested. Survey comments described a high degree of satisfaction with library collections, programs and were very complimentary of staff. Additional staff or committed volunteers are needed to expand these occasional programs into regularly scheduled learning opportunities for the community.

Identified Assets

Community assets identified include: public swimming pool; the county fair grounds and convention center; rodeo arena; cattle ranches; oil fields; wind farms; elementary, middle and high school; County Courthouse; outpatient health clinic; full-care center for the elderly; post office, and the Crockett County Civic Center. Meeting rooms are available in the two banks and at the Chamber of Commerce. Plans are underway to expand the physical rehabilitation program and create a wellness center. *The Ozona Stockman* newspaper and radio station KYXX FM media outlets are based in Ozona.

The library benefits from funding and services provided to it as a department of Crockett County. Library assets include the library meeting room, 10 public access computers and free wireless Internet access, paid staff and volunteers. Two of the three staff are bilingual in English and Spanish. The library is accredited by the Texas State Library and Archives Commission and is a member of the Big Country Library System. The Friends of the Crockett County Public Library, Inc., supports the library providing volunteers for projects and funding for special equipment not provided by county funds. The library is open 51 hours a week including two nights.

Thank You Statement

The Crockett County Public Library would like to thank the County Commissioners and the people of Crockett County for continuing funding and support. The library also thanks the Robert and Ruby Priddy Charitable Trust for funding the University of North Texas (UNT) PEARL project. The library's participation in the PEARL project will assist the library in developing relationships with businesses and business people in the area.

Community Profile Narrative

Ozona is a family-oriented community. There are 12 Protestant churches, a Catholic Church and numerous civic organizations. Civic activities in Ozona include the Catholic Church Cinco de Mayo parade and the Fall Festival, the Knights of Columbus 4th of July celebration, the South West Texas Oil and Gas Trade Show, the Deerfest Game Dinner, and the Friends of the Library Christmas Tour of Homes.

Outdoor recreational facilities include the county municipal swimming pool, and five parks offering activities for all ages. The county parks have: five baseball fields; covered pavilions; a

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skateboard area; basketball courts; tennis courts; walking track, and a number of playgrounds. Located a few miles west on the Pecos River, Ft. Lancaster State Park offers tours and re-enactment programs several times a year.

Main Geographic Features

Community Features

Assets and Challenges

Geographic assets in Crockett County, located in the Edwards Plateau, include the Pecos River, rich ranch lands and Interstate 10 connecting Ozona to the San Antonio and El Paso corridor. Oil and gas also contribute to the area's economy.

Weather is generally mild, but summer temperatures reach triple digits and winter cold can threaten livestock and wildlife. The geographical features considered assets near Ozona are the underground oil reserves and rich land for ranching.

Challenges include: ongoing drought; occasional winter storms shutting down the Interstate; lack of other geographical features such as lakes and recreational areas, and the decreasing levels of the underground water reserves.

Library Features

Assets and Challenges

A geographic asset of the library is its location in the center of town near facilities with high foot traffic including: the post office, county offices, newspaper office, radio station, and the Chamber of Commerce tourism center. The library is two blocks north of I10 and two blocks west of the main business district on U.S. Highway 63.

Challenges include not being close to the schools and lack of public transportation.

Community Demographics

The county population was 3,719 in the 2010 Census. This population was 83.1% White, .8% African American, 1% Native American, and .3% Asian. Hispanic or Latino of any race was 63.2% of the population. The percentage of foreign born persons is below the state average at 12.3% however, the percentage of persons over the age of 5 years with a language other than English spoken in the home exceeds the state average at 46%. Educational attainment in the county is less than the state average; 61.9% of county residents graduated from high school and 9.1% have bachelor's degrees. In Texas, 80% of the adult population is high school graduates and 25.8% have bachelor's degrees or higher education.

The county population age range was spread out with 26.7% under the age of 18, 58.6% from 18 to 64, and 14.7% who were 65 years of age or older.

In the county there were 1,259 households. The median household income was \$50,653, 15.9% of county residents are below the poverty level.

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Library Profile Narrative

The Crockett County Public Library developed from a project started by high school librarian Miss Mildred North in the 1960's when she added general reading materials for adults to the school collection. In 1966, Crockett County began to provide books for the public to the school library. One room was set aside in the new high school library as the Adult Room. Funding for books was also given to the library by the Massey Memorial Foundation of San Angelo for a period of 5 years. Under the oversight of the next three high school librarians the Adult Room collection grew to about 4,000 volumes and continued in the high school until the Perner home was donated to the county to house the library. Louise Perner Ledoux was hired as the library director

The two-story Spanish-style stucco home, built in 1928, was donated to the County by the Perner family in honor of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Perner. County funds paid for a renovation of the home for library purposes but the collection in the second story was not accessible for all patrons. In 1999 after a very successful fundraising campaign, the building was expanded and made handicapped accessible under the direction of architect, Henry Schmidt of San Angelo.

The present 6,087 square foot library features a welcoming entry porch with a courtyard and fountain. The front door is surrounded by a series of stained glass windows created by a local artist. The windows depict a local scene of a caliche road winding through west Texas countryside full of livestock and wildlife around a ranch house with a windmill by a water tank.

The library adult fiction collection includes print materials in regular and large-print, audio CDs and e-books. The non-fiction and reference collections provide current information for research and recreation. The genealogy and local history collection is housed in a special room with a microfilm/fiche reader and computer for research, and includes paper back issues of the local weekly newspaper, *The Ozona Stockman*, going back to the 1950s. Older issues dating back to the 1890s are on microfilm. The children's collection includes books, audios, and materials for pre-school up to teens in an inviting area dedicated for their use. The library offers a comfortable reading area with a selection of magazines and newspapers, and a meeting room for small gatherings or business meetings.

Most Important Library Statistics

Half of the county's residents are registered borrowers. These 1,854 borrowers checked out 25,854 items from the library collection of 24,814 materials. There were 80 programs offered and 1,072 individuals attended. The public computers were used 9,803 times. The library is operated by 4 full time equivalent staff.

Vision, Mission, Goals and Objectives

Vision Statement

The vision of the Library is to serve as a cultural, recreational, and educational asset to Crockett County, Texas. The Library improves lives through library service for the advancement of education, the development of youth, and community improvement by providing all citizens with access to innovative library services to meet the information, education, recreation, and technology needs of a diverse population.

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Mission Statement

The mission of the Library is to provide excellent, innovative library service and information assistance for patrons of all ages, all economic backgrounds, and all cultural diversities, and to meet the needs of the community by providing a high-quality collection of technological, educational and recreational equipment and materials in a variety of formats to promote the development of lifelong learners. We want to develop broad community awareness of the library and its services as a cultural and educational asset to Crockett County, Texas.

Goals and Objectives for the Library

Goal 1: Provide a safe and pleasant building with convenient access to library materials

Objectives

1. Budget and schedule regular repairs and preventive maintenance.
2. Continue fundraising for a gazebo and to install an elevator to the second floor.
3. Market library materials using display and special shelving.

Goal 2: Maintain a current collection of materials and databases.

Objectives

1. Use the updated Collection Development Policy to guide purchases.
2. Learn and promote use of TexShare databases and KOHA library catalog.
3. Increase the number of materials available to residents through resource sharing locally and via OCLC Navigator.

Goal 3: Enhance and maintain library computer technology.

Objectives

1. Maintain staff and public computers and peripherals.
2. Provide access to fax, copiers, wireless Internet, and printing.
3. Promote library technologies to the community.

Goal 4: Develop staff to provide excellent customer and information service.

Objectives

1. Maintain current staffing levels.
2. Require all librarians receive 20 hours of continuing library education.
3. Focus on training to support computer technology.

Goal 5: Library Card for Every Resident

Objectives

1. Every person in our community has free access to information, materials, and equipment in the library.
2. Every person visiting or using the library is offered a Library Card application.
3. Library services are promoted throughout the community.

Goals and Objectives for Outreach Program

As part of Goal 5, objective 3 above, the library will produce a "Media Book Club".

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Outreach Program

The Crockett County Public Library “Media Book Club” will be a series of interviews with local residents centered on the individual’s information needs or reading preferences. Both the local newspaper and radio station have been approached and agree to run these features. Each segment will be written or conducted by the library director. The interview will provide the director an opportunity to promote library resources or materials that are complementary to those mentioned by the interviewee. The interviews will be promoted on the library’s website and Facebook pages as well as by the media host.

Statement of need

The library created several surveys: one for officials, one for library board, and one for the general public. Surveys were given to the County Commissioners, Library Board, and Chamber Board and distributed in the library. The response from the general public was disappointing with no clear direction of needs. The responses from the Commissioners, Library Board, and Chamber all indicated a need to build relationships with local business. The media interviews are designed to bring prominent citizens into one-on-one discussions with the library director and provide an opportunity to promote what the library has to offer and what the library needs. A benefit to the business person is the attention gained by the media exposure.

Description of the larger audience or target group the library wants to reach

The target group is the listening audience of the radio station, readers of the newspaper, and the Facebook friends of the library.

Description of the specific segment of the target group the proposed program will serve

The program is designed to bring attention to community members willing to share their hobbies, information needs and recreational reading or viewing interests. This attention is in some way free publicity for the interviewee, the interviewee’s business or cause. By sharing library resources related to the interviewee’s interests these resources are shared with the community at large.

Estimated number of potential participants

The interviews will reach the 70 Facebook friends of the Crockett County Public Library, the subscribers of *The Ozona Stockman* (circulation 1,314) and listeners of local broadcasts on KYXX.

Description of the characteristics of the audience

The target group is the adult population of Ozona with a focus on community and business leaders.

List potential partners based on your assets assessment

Partners include the Chamber of Commerce, *The Ozona Stockman* newspaper, and radio station KYXX.

List available library resources that could contribute to the success of the program

The library director is an experienced writer and interviewer and will conduct the interviews with support from staff of the newspaper and radio. The library has a well developed collection and

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access to the TexShare databases. The interviewer will be able to suggest resources or additional items of interest from these sources. The library's website and Facebook pages will be used to promote forthcoming interviews. They will also be used to repeat or link to the print interviews.

Detailed Action Plan

Action Plan Goal(s):

The goal of the action plan is to:

1. Identify subjects of interviews.
2. Coordinate interviews with radio and news outlets.
3. Schedule interviews.
4. Conduct interviews.
5. Evaluate the program.

Action Plan Objective(s):

1. Consult Library Board to identify community members to be interviewed.
2. Develop a schedule of publication or air time.
3. Prepare interview questions.
4. Identify related resources.
5. Interview the subject on air or in print.
6. Evaluate project feedback.
7. Submit reports and information to PEARL

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Action Plan Table

This action plan outlines specific steps library staff will take to plan, offer and evaluate this program.

IMPLEMENTATION			EVALUATION	
Action What action, activity, or task needs to be done?	Name and Date Who will do it, and by what date will it be done?	Resources Needed How much time, money, materials, and personnel are needed?	Measurement How will progress be measured (#, % of participation or attendance)?	Analysis How and when will data be gathered and analyzed to determine success?
Present project to Library Board Chair	Director by December 15	Time: 30 minutes \$ & materials –none Personnel-	Seek project approval	Project approved
Identify community members to interview	Director with Board by December 20	Time: 1 hr \$ & materials –none Personnel-1	Suggestions of possible interview subjects; need at least 12 names	List developed
Confirm project with newspaper and radio	Director by December 20	Time: 2 hours \$ & materials – none Personnel-1	Schedule or interval set; length of articles, interviews determined	Count # interview slots scheduled
For each interview				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Contact interview subject, describe project, ask to participate 	Director 20 days before interview	Time: 40 minutes \$ & materials –none Personnel-1	Subject agrees to or declines interview	Count # contacts made
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discuss questions and procedure for interview with each subject 	Director 14 days before interview	Time: 2 hrs. \$ & materials-none Personnel-1	Questions set, topics identified	Interview questions prepared
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Check library resources for relevant materials 	Director 14 days before interview	Time: 30 min, \$ & materials-none Personnel-1	Resources incorporated into interview questions	# library resources suggested
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Confirm radio or newspaper schedule 	Director 7 days before interview	Time: 15 min. \$ & materials-none Personnel-1	Advise media of interview subject and topic	Prepared for interview
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Write news release for upcoming interview 	Director 7 days before interview	Time: 1 hour. \$ & materials-none Personnel-1	Release written for library and media promotion	Count news release
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conduct interview 	Director with radio staff on air date	Time: 2 hours. \$ & materials-none Personnel-1	Interview subject is introduced, put at ease, prepared	Count #radio interviews

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			questions asked	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Write newspaper interview 	Director with news reporter	Time: 2.5 hrs. \$ & materials-None Personnel-1	Interview provided to newspaper	Count # newspaper interviews
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Promote or post print interview 	Director upon publication	Time: 15 min. \$ & materials-None Personnel-1	Information posted	Count postings on website Count comments on Facebook
Evaluate project	Director on March 30	Time: 3 hours \$ & materials-None Personnel-1	Check use of resources promoted	Count # uses
Evaluate project (cont.)	Director on March 30	Time: 3 hours \$ & materials-None Personnel-1	Check views of interviews on website, Facebook, newspaper website	Count # views
Summarize Project	Director by: April 10	Time: 2 hours \$ & Materials-None Personnel-1	Project evaluation and anecdotes	Summary written
Submit project report to PEARL Outreach Coordinator	Director by: April 13	Time: 1 hour \$ & Materials-None Personnel-1	Transcribe summary to report form and email	Report submitted
Post to PEARL website	Director by: May 6	Time: 1 hour \$ & Materials-None Personnel-1	Describe outcomes, upload photos, articles, etc.	PEARL website updated.

LIBRARY NEWS By Louise P. Ledoux | Crockett County Librarian

Media Book Club featuring Nancy Vannoy

"Libraries are where we learn about things that are new to us. Their books broaden our perspectives, change the way we see the world and, at the most basic level, provide us with free and open access to knowledge and information. Over the two months that the People's Library has been in operation at Zuccotti Park, we librarians have come to see how vital this mission is to the enrichment of our broader society."

- University of Pittsburgh Associate Professor of English William Scott, who volunteered for six weeks as a librarian for the Occupy Wall Street Library, *The Nation*, Dec. 12.

MEDIA BOOK CLUB

CCPL is beginning a new program for 2012. The Media Book Club is a community outreach project for the PEARL Grant Program from the University of North Texas in Denton. The PEARL Project is funded by the Robert and Ruby Priddy Charitable Trust. The Priddy Charitable Trust has focused on liberal arts education, pre K-12 public education, community health care, and rural public libraries.

The number one goal of the Project is to enhance community cooperation between the small libraries and governing agencies, civic organizations, educational and social institutions, community leaders, and local residents. Upon completion of the project, CCPL will receive a \$1,000 grant.

Libraries that thrive reach out to all parts of their communities. Stellar community outreach plans help small libraries build the strong partnerships that undergird these critical ties. Then those plans

are posted on the PEARL website for other librarians and libraries to use. Excellent programs all planned out that can be used in any location or for any size library for instant success.

Our Media Book Club will be a series of interviews and book reviews by influential people in our community in the newspaper, on the radio, for the Friends of the Library newsletter and on the CCPL Facebook page and website. It will be very interesting to find out what our neighbors are reading and enjoy.

Do they read only for work or to relax, bloody mysteries or steamy romance? We will get an inside look at what our neighbors like to read and what they recommend for everyone. Listen to the radio and watch the paper for more info. What are you reading? You might be interviewed next.

Friends of the Library Board President, Nancy Vannoy, is the first to take part in the Media Book Club.

Nancy said she finds reading as a great source of relaxation.

"I love a good book. In fact, I have been known to actually sacrifice a little 'sleep' and a little 'cleaning' time for reading time," Vannoy said.

Many books she chooses to read are recommended by friends, by the Crockett County Public Library staff or from book reviews.

"Admittedly, I often am guilty of judging a book by its cover first before delving inside to get the real

meat of the book," she said.

Fiction is Vannoy's favorite genre. Some of the best-selling authors she would recommend are John Grisham, James Patterson and Christian writer Dee Henderson, all of whom write suspense novels.

The recent best-seller "The Help," which was also made into a movie, is also a great read, Vannoy said.

Two authors that are not as current but are two of her all-time favorites are Jeffrey Archer and Barbara Taylor Bradford.

"These authors draw the reader into the saga of a family through several ages," she said.

For the Christmas season, Vannoy recommends "Christmas Jars" by Jason F. Wright.

This short novella is a heartwarming story that increases faith in mankind and inspires to start a Christmas tradition of giving, she said.

For Vannoy, the greatest book ever written, a true non-fiction book, is "The Bible."

"A book that never grows old. It is definitely always current, and is for all ages and for all people," she said.

Vannoy encourages everyone to take advantage of the many resources available at the "top-notch" Crockett County Public Library.

"If you are not doing so, you are missing out on a golden opportunity," she said. "My friend has always been the black and white printed page."

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Crockett County Public Library Media Book Club Interview with Susan Calloway

Interview by Louise Ledoux with Susan Calloway of the Ozona Stockman on KYXX Radio FM 94.3 Ozona on Thursday, January 26, 2012.

Susan has always loved reading since she was very young. She would always have a book in her hands even when riding in the car and it made her carsick. Susan went to a very small grade school in Junction that didn't have a school library, but she can remember going to the public library and having the librarian tell her that she was reading books that were way too old for her. The first book that made a huge impression on her was William Golding's Lord of the Flies. It is a very psychological book about living totally without any social controls. It is a very scary book for a girl from rural West Texas.

While her friends were giggling about Harlequin Romance novels, Susan was discovering and devouring books like Victoria Holt's suspenseful mysteries with very strong women characters that were excellent role models. Susan finds an author she likes and reads everything they have written before she moves on to a new author. She read Ray Bradbury's science fiction stories, and then fell in love with the Dune saga by Frank Herbert, who created entire worlds and civilizations that have currently been carried on by his son Brian Herbert and Kevin Anderson. She checks out the whole series from the library about once a year to re-read because she enjoys them so much. Susan said that she liked to watch movies made from books, but always enjoys the books so much more because you get to know the character's thoughts and the background information that make written stories so much richer.

Susan is a fan of the Supernatural and has read everything by Anne Rice, Interview with a Vampire, Queen of the Damned and her whole vampire series. She liked Brad Pitt as the vampire in the movie, but thought the "Queen" movie was really badly done and almost painful to watch. She enjoys everything by Stephen King, and as she was thinking about books to talk about for the interview today, she discovered that The Stand was cut by the publishers when it came out in the 70s and King was urged to change the time it was set in to be more current. Stephen King has since republished his original uncut version of The Stand and Susan has asked the library to borrow this version of the book from another library through the Interlibrary Loan Program so that she can read the full uncut book. The Interlibrary Loan Program is a free borrowing service that uses the mail to get books for our patrons that we don't have in our local collection.

Louise asked Susan if she knew the alternate name or pseudonym that King wrote under, and she did. It's Richard Bachman. This used to be a common practice for authors to use a totally different name when they wrote a different kind of book than their regular type. Louise has a file at the library where she has collected pseudonyms for many authors. Can you guess who Jean Plaidy, Lee McElroy, J.D. Robb, Frederick Faust, Mary Westmacott, Jeffrey Hudson or Evan Hunter really are?

Susan has just finished the series by George R.R. Martin that inspired the HBO series "Game of Thrones", a fantasy kingdom in the throes of civil war. She really liked the special effects in the HBO version.

Susan reads every day, at least 2 to 3 hours every night. She prefers a good book to TV.

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... in law, my and Eddie Stewart, live in Ozona.

The Ozona Stockman Wednesday, Jan. 4, 2012

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Listen to the radio and watch the paper for more info. What are you reading? You might be interviewed next.

This week's reader is Crockett County Attorney Jody Upham.

Upham said she generally prefers to read fiction.

"My favorite genres involve mystery, thrillers, legal, and human interest novels," she said.

Some books she's read in the past year that she said she has enjoyed were "The Help," by Kathryn Stockett, "Water for Elephants" by Sara Gruen, "Hell's Corner" by David Baldacci, and all three of the Stieg Larsson books: "The Girl With The Dragon Tattoo," "The Girl Who Played With Fire," and "The Girl Who Kicked the Hornet's Nest."

"The Stieg Larsson books were so intense and exciting that I would stay up late every night reading. I had a hard time putting those books down. I love reading an exciting plot line that makes you want to find out what happens next. Of course the problem with those is that it is hard to find a stopping point," she said. "I also wish Mr. Larsson were still around to write more books. His writing is so sharp and clear, and his characters so intriguing that I want to read more about them."

Upham said she primarily reads for enjoyment, but her job also requires that she do a great deal of reading and research, so she reads everyday.

"I usually choose books that have been recommended by someone - either it has received rave reviews in

the press, it is a best-seller, or a friend or family member has read it and liked it. I also ask the librarian for recommendations when I'm there, and she usually finds books I like," she said. "Although I typically prefer to read print books, I received a Kindle Fire for Christmas and I love it. The flexibility of searching for and downloading books instantly is great, as is being able to adjust the text and background to fit my reading preferences."

Upham said she just started reading "Pride and Prejudice" by Jane Austen.

"It is one of the many classics I want to read," she said.

Also, in November she started reading the "Change Your Life Daily Bible" by Becky Tirabassi.

"It is the Bible arranged in 365 daily readings that include a reading from the Old Testament, New Testament, Psalms and Proverbs each day," she said. "Sometimes when I find an author I like, I read several of their books in succession. Some series books are good, but I don't purposefully choose them. Some authors are more prolific than others, so I have read more of their titles than others. When John Grisham first became a best-seller, I read several of his books. While I haven't read his books in a while, I think my next book will be one his newer ones."

Upham also said she generally reads books that have been made into movies.

"I see the movie advertised, but I don't always watch the movie. If I really enjoyed the book and the characters, I sometimes avoid the movie because its depiction of the book and the characters is different from mine," she said.

2012. Some are saying it is different now and we have been working on the Bible through this year in my pickup so if I myself, family and others (Hebrews 10:24&25). Very hard to do them all as well as Brother J

Ozona United Methodist Church
12 - 11th St.
Pastor Jean Reardon
School: 9:45 a.m.
p: 9 a.m. & 11 a.m.

Emplo Siloe of God Church
Santa Rosa St.
John & Gerson Posadas
School: 9:45 a.m.
p: 11 a.m., 6 p.m.
Daily Service: 6:30 p.m.

of Perpetual Help
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Crockett County Public Library Media Book Club Interview with Frank Tambunga

Crockett County Commissioner and Cashier and Ozona National Bank employee for 26 years, Frank Tambunga is the second community figure to take part in the Media Book Club. This time on the radio with Eligio Martinez, KYXX FM 94.3 Ozona.

Frank said that he reads mostly non-fiction, biographies, Marine Corps, history and people. “I like to read military history and about generals like Patton, war stories and true stories of heroism”, Tambunga commented.

Frank likes print books that he can hold and enjoy reading, since he is staring at computers all day for his work. “The new eBooks just don’t appeal to me because I have to do so much reading on the computer to stay current for the bank with all the new regulations and changes in laws and banking procedures, and as a County Commissioner”, says Tambunga. “Most of my reading is subject-driven because I have to do continuing education each year. I want to thank the library for helping me find the books and materials I needed for a Psychology course I took this past year. The Interlibrary Loan Program is good for our community to have access to books that the library normally would not have in the collection. I borrowed the books that I needed for the class and then they were returned to the library they came from. It is an excellent service!”

“I don’t have a favorite author or authors because I like to read about specific subjects or people that interest me. I don’t read much Fiction.” Many books that Frank chooses to read have been made into movies. He reported that he liked to read the book and then watch the movie, so that he understood more what was going on and enjoyed the movie much more. One that he did not get to read first was The Help. He and his wife, Irma saw the movie and now he wants to read the book to get more of the background history of the story about the South and the way people lived in Mississippi in the 1960s. Librarian Louise Ledoux reported that the library had The Help by Kathryn Stockett, and would be glad to check the book out to Frank for the holidays.

Frank smilingly said that he enjoys reading children’s books to his grandkids. “The books they have for kids now are so educational. You can learn a lot by reading to your kids”, says Tambunga. “I would like to find some history books to read to them too.” Librarian Ledoux said that Frank needed to visit the library and see the non-fiction books for children that are in the collection. “All it takes is a library card to have access to a world of reading information and fun for kids and parents and grandparents at the Crockett County Public Library”, stated Ledoux

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Crockett County Public Library Media Book Club Interview with Allen Williams

Crockett County and Youth Center Director Allen Williams is the latest influential community figure to be interviewed on radio KYXX FM 94.3 Ozona for the Media Book Club.

Allen and his wife Susan moved to Ozona in 2005. They have two daughters. Michelle who lives with her family in Midland, and Melissa, who is married to Paul Perner, and is the editor of the Ozona Stockman Newspaper in Ozona. Allen has had a varied career of serving and caring for children including being house parents at Cal Farley's Boys Ranch near Amarillo.

Allen is an avid reader and likes history, westerns and biographies, but will read any kind of book that can capture his interest and imagination in the first page. Allen has been known to even watch TV with the sound muted while he enjoys a good book or magazine article. "You can watch a ball game on mute, keep up with the score, and read a good story at the same time!" stated Williams.

Allen loves any books by Elmer Kelton, "The Day the Cowboys Quit"; Louis L'Amour, the Sackett novels; Zane Grey, "Riders of the Purple Sage"; Ralph Compton, the cattle trail series; Larry McMurtry, Lonesome Dove; and other favorites for westerns. He has just finished "Empire of the Summer Moon: Quanah Parker and the Rise and Fall of the Comanches, The Most Powerful Indian Tribe in American History" by Samuel C. Gwynne. It is a very powerful biography of Quanah Parker and his times.

Allen has just read a book by Jim Vent called Twelve Mighty Orphans about the winning team of boys from the Masonic Orphanage in Fort Worth. The Masonic Orphan Program is no more, but in their time they helped hundreds of young people with schooling and work.

Allen said that he likes to read biographies and find out about people and their place in history. He is reading a book about Billy Sol Estes that his brother gave him for Christmas. "Estes was a real wheeler-dealer in Texas and very smart. The book outlines the rise and fall of his empire and even hints of his involvement in the death of JFK. Very interesting reading!" said Williams.

Allen is also reading a book about the gangsters of the 1930s and 40s. Public Enemies by Bryan Burrough about Al Capone, John Dillenger, Baby-Faced Nelson and their crime empires, and the impact that they had on those times. Their exploits are almost as thrilling and as well publicized as the old west gunfighters of the previous century.

Allen also likes to read his bible and keeps it by his bed. The BIBLE is "basic instructions before leaving earth." The bible has any kind of story that he could want to read and find comfort and inspiration in.