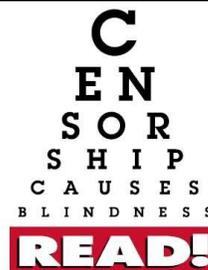


*"Let us welcome controversial books and controversial authors"—  
John F. Kennedy*



# Inklings

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## Banned Books Week

**Celebrating the Freedom to Read  
September 21-27**

Check out the frequently challenged books list by visiting:

<http://www.modernlibrary.com/top-100/radcliffes-rival-100-best-novels-list/>

to explore the issues and controversies around book challenges and book banning.

## September is Library Card Sign-up Month!

The Smartest Card  
*GET IT. USE IT.*

@your library®

Celebrate Library Card Sign-up Month in September

### Library Card Sign-up

Month is a time to remind parents and children that a library card is the most important school supply of all.

Participate on social media using the hashtag [#LibraryCardSignUp](#)

## Announcing our NEWEST storytime partner \*



# HITMAKER MUSIC SCHOOL

Mondays, 9:30 a.m. Starting September 8th

**A musical storytime for toddlers & preschoolers!**

## STEAM after-school club \*

For kindergartners and older. Tuesdays, 3:30-4:30. Build your science, technology, engineering, art & math skills with us.

1st Tuesday: Art with Jones of Art

2nd Tuesday: Ms. Remmler's Science

3rd Tuesday: LEGO open build

4th Tuesday: Chess club open play

5th Tuesday: Gaming

**NO REGISTRATION NECESSARY**

**COMING IN  
OCTOBER**



\* All of these events are free and open to the public. Students do not have to live in Leander or have a Leander Library card to participate. For more information: [youthservices@leander.lib.tx.us](mailto:youthservices@leander.lib.tx.us)



# Support the library!

## Give Us Your Tired, Your Poor, Your Unused LEGOs Yearning to Play Free



Can you help us out? We are in need of new or gently-used LEGO pieces for our new after-school STEAM club. Back-to-school is a good time to clean out playrooms; we are happy to help! All LEGOs can be dropped off at the Youth Services desk and we thank you in advance.

In addition, if there are any chess coaches interested in volunteering for one hour a month on the 4th Tuesday, please let us know. Help children increase their visual and spatial reasoning and strategic thinking by acting as a coach for our informal monthly gathering of young chess enthusiasts. This would be a great opportunity for teens who play chess, too!



## Celebrating the Smartest Card



What's white and blue and black and gives you access to literature classics and bestsellers, local artists, computer classes, pop music, Hollywood blockbusters and indie films, TED Talks, continuing education courses, and all the LOL Cats you can handle? Yes, indeed, it's your **Leander Public Library** card! September is the month we celebrate all that your library card can do for you. So let's just see why it's called the smartest card in your wallet and take a look at the numbers. If you live within the City limits, you pay taxes to the City which makes you eligible for a free library card. If you live outside the City

limits and bring us a TexShare card from another library you can also get a free card. Otherwise, it will cost you \$15 annually, or \$1.25 a month. You can't really argue with the price. Say you're an occasional user. Maybe you need to buy a new washing machine so you come to the library to look at Consumer Reports (\$26 subscription) to do some cost and quality comparisons, and since you're here anyway, you may as well see if you can get ideas for organizing your important papers better than the shoebox method (Get It Together, \$24.99), and the kids want a dog, so you decide to check out what that entails (Your Puppy, Your Dog, \$25). If you return the books on time and don't rack up any 10-cents-a-day fines, you've gotten about a \$75 value with your library card. That seems pretty smart.

For regular library users, the value grows significantly. If you read a bestseller every two weeks, which is the check-out period, you'll have read \$400 - \$500 worth of books in a year. Add in a DVD a week and, even at Redbox prices, that's another \$50. If your kids are avid readers as well, they may be checking the maximum of 35 items for a whopping average of \$400 in one fell swoop. That's really smart! Now if you're a heavy library user, besides checking out a book and a DVD or two every week, you might be coming in 4 or 5 days a week to work on your laptop using the library's wi-fi (\$30 - \$70/mo). And maybe you're brushing up on your excel skills or learning how to fundraise for your favorite charity through Universal Class, or you're learning French for that anniversary trip to Paris through Mango Languages, two of our online resources. (Classes can run from \$50 - \$500+.) Add in an audiobook (\$50 avg.) to listen to in the car while you wait in line to pick your kids up from school, and an ebook (\$40 avg.) to read on your phone when nobody is calling or texting, and the value you get with your library card could be well over \$3000. You must be a genius! Proof positive that your library card really is the smartest card in your wallet! And it makes you look smart every time you use it. (Please remember to bring your books back on time!)

## TEEN GAME NIGHT

### Chipp's Choice

Friday September 26th 6-10 pm \*

What are we playing/watching? That is completely up to the game night crew member we call Chipp.



Leander Library Conference Room C

RSVP to [gamenight@leander.lib.tx.us](mailto:gamenight@leander.lib.tx.us) by September 25th to sign up.  
Snacks and drinks will be provided.

A prize will be awarded to the winner if we have a tournament.

\*must be between the ages of 12 and 19 to participate

Check out our Facebook page at Leander Public Library Game Night.

### Teen Halloween "Lock-in"

Sat. Oct. 11th 2 pm-Midnight \*

Leander Library Conference Room C

Please be kind and RSVP to [gamenight@leander.lib.tx.us](mailto:gamenight@leander.lib.tx.us) by  
October 10th to sign up.



If you have any questions you can email those to [gamenight@leander.lib.tx.us](mailto:gamenight@leander.lib.tx.us) as well or post them to our Leander Teen Game Night Facebook page.

Lots of Snacks and many drinks will be provided.

\*Must be between the ages of 12 and 19 to participate

\*Leander curfew is 1 am

\* All films are PG to PG-13 and prescreened by staff

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# Online Learning



Learn something new today!  
Over 500 online non-credit Continuing Education Courses  
[leandertx.universalclass.com](http://leandertx.universalclass.com)



63 Languages

Pick one and conquer the world.  
Learn practical conversation skills for the world's most popular languages.  
[connect.mangolanguages.com/leander/login?u=951115](http://connect.mangolanguages.com/leander/login?u=951115)

**Just enter your library card number !**

# Free Computer Classes \*



## Computer Class

September 10th, 14th, 24th,  
2-3 pm

Wondering all about Google and how to use it?  
Learn how to use Gmail, maps, and other free services offered by Google.

**\*Please arrive before class begins\***

**Don't need a class but looking for answers?**

## Computer Q & A

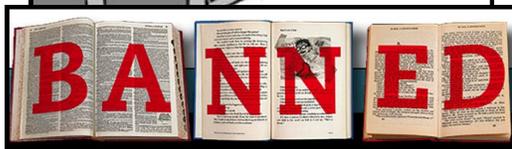
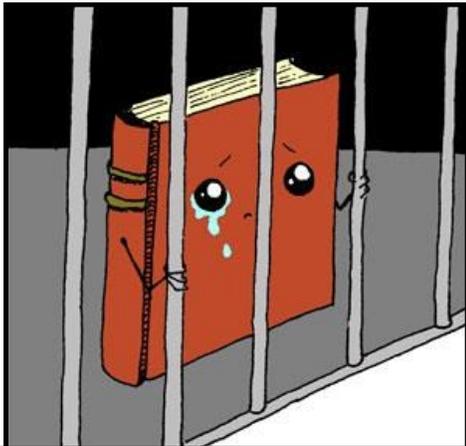
September 3rd, 7th, 17th, 21st  
Anytime between 2-3 pm

Ask questions, get answers!



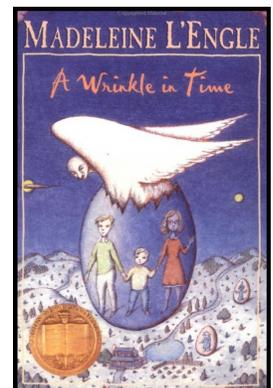
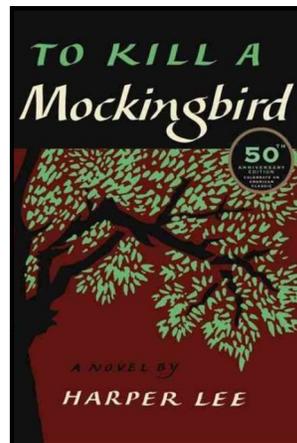
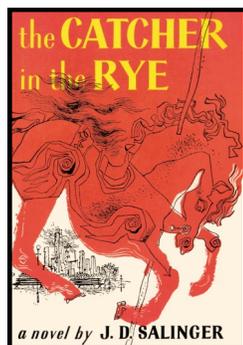
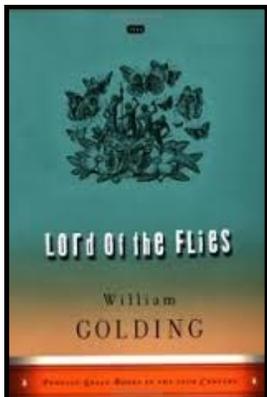
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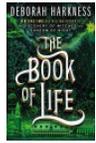
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Celebrate the freedom to read by checking out items that have been banned or challenged!



# OUR PICKS FOR SEPTEMBER

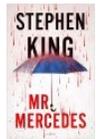
## Adults



*The Book of Life* by Deborah Harkness



*Big Little Lies* by Liane Moriarty



*Mr. Mercedes* by Stephen King



*All the Light We Cannot See* by Anthony Doerr

## Teens & Children



*Dead City* by James Ponti



*The Misadventures of Maude March, or, Trouble Rides a Fast Horse* by Couloumbis



*Powerless* by Matthew Cody



*If I Stay* by Gayle Forman



## Programs & Storytime



**Special Needs Support Group:** If you have a family member with special needs, the Special Needs Support Group is here for you on the first Friday of each month from 2:00-4:00 p.m. in the Storytime Room. All ages welcome. Contact Debbie at [info@internationalautismministry.com](mailto:info@internationalautismministry.com) for more information.

**Writer's Guild:** September 23rd, 7:00 p.m. \*



**ESL:** Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. For more information, please contact Mary at [mary.hengstebeck@gmail.com](mailto:mary.hengstebeck@gmail.com).

**Zumba Fitness:** Mondays and Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. in Conference Room C. \*

**GED Classes:** Thursdays from 6:15 to 8:45 p.m. For those 17 years and older who need to study for the GED exam. One-time \$20 registration fee. Register at any class.



**HitMaker Music School Storytime with Mr. Mike:** Mondays at 9:30 a.m. (starting September 8th)

HitMakerMusicSchool

**Baby & Me with Cindy:** Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m. and Fridays at 10:00 a.m. (no Baby & Me on September 16th)

**Storytime with Goddard:** Wednesday at 10:00 a.m.



**The Reading Fairy Storytime:** September 13th at 11:00 a.m.

TexasReadingFairy

**Vamos a Leer Spanish Storytime:** Thursdays at 10:00 a.m.



We are closed September 1st for Labor Day!

\*Contact Parks & Recreation for more information at 512-528-9909

Storytime information: [youthservices@leander.lib.tx.us](mailto:youthservices@leander.lib.tx.us)

All events (except GED) are free to the public. Programs are subject to change without prior notice. Please call the library to confirm dates and times or visit our website: [www.leandertx.lib.tx.us](http://www.leandertx.lib.tx.us)

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