

February 2025 Events

Grayson County

- FVM Blacksmith Demo

Join us for a captivating Blacksmithing Demonstration at Frontier Village & Museum on Friday, January 31st, 2025! Watching as skilled blacksmiths bring traditional forging techniques to life, creating tools, decorative items, and more right before your eyes. This interactive experience will give you a firsthand look at the artistry and craftsmanship that powered frontier communities.

The demonstration will run throughout the day, and all you need to attend is the price of entry to the museum. It's a fantastic opportunity to learn about this ancient craft and see the power of fire and steel in action.

Don't miss out on this unique and educational event at the Frontier Village & Museum! Weather permitting.



FRONTIER VILLAGE & MUSEUM

BLACKSMITH DEMO

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 1ST, 2025

10AM-4PM

ENTRY - PRICE OF ADMISSION

THE BLACKSMITH IS IN!

COME BY TO SEE YOUR LOCAL BLACKSMITH FROM
TRIPLE B FORGE HERE AT FRONTIER VILLAGE!



○ 2025 Father Daughter Dance

Whitesboro Parks and Recreation Department and Happy Dave are proud to announce their annual Father/Daughter Dance.

Saturday, February 1, 2025; 7 to 9 PM

Jimmie O. Rector Community Center- 400 Wilson St., Whitesboro, TX 76273

This year's theme is In the Spotlight!

\$10 per Couple; \$5 per Extra Girl

Everyone welcome: fathers, grandfathers, uncles, friends

Come wearing your favorite dancing shoes and celebrate Valentine's Day with your little sweetheart!

(Moms wanting to take photos are welcome after 8:30 pm.)

- https://www.facebook.com/events/9417988741586597/?acontext=%7B%22event_action_history%22%3A%7B%22mechanism%22%3A%22discovery_local_tab%22%2C%22surface%22%3A%22bookmark%22%7D%2C%22ref_notif_type%22%3Anull%7D

○ Sherman Library

CHILDREN

Owl Pellet Dissection Feb 1
Explore the mysteries of local wildlife through hands-on owl pellet dissection with the Texas Master Naturalists

Monday Wind-Down Mondays
Kids' craft club for relaxing activities such as diamond art, coloring, and more

StoryTots Storytime Wed & Thurs in Feb
Encouraging early reading skills and creativity through stories, activities, & crafts

Read to Rover Feb 14
Practice reading skills by sharing stories with friendly, trained service dogs

Let it Snow: Craft & Go Feb 22
Create a snowy-themed craft

TEENS

Teen Space Feb 13 & 27
It's your space to use how you need it! Work on homework, play games, meet friends, & more

Anime Club Feb 14, 21, 28
Celebrate Japanese animation and snacks

Teen Craft Hour: Hot Cocoa Bombs Feb 4
Create, decorate, and fill chocolate shells with marshmallows, hot cocoa, and candy at this month's craft night

Paws to Relax Feb 17
Unwind with friendly service dogs while you read, draw, or just relax.

ADULTS

Digital Navigator Tuesdays
Drop in between 11am-3pm for free technology assistance

News at Noon Networking Event Feb 4
Networking opportunity with Downtown Sherman Now

New & Noteworthy Book Club Feb 5
Explore the latest literary gems and discuss *By Any Other Name* by Jodi Picoult

La Leche League Feb 6
Support meeting for breastfeeding mothers and their families

Anime + Art Feb 7
Relax, draw, and connect with fellow artists at our club for ages 18+

Adult Craft Night: Hot Cocoa Bombs Feb 11
Relax, unwind, and enjoy a creative evening making your own hot cocoa bombs during this craft night for adults.

Learn at Lunch Feb 12
Bring your lunch and find methods to empower small businesses with financial tools

Murder Book Club Feb 24
Unravel mysteries and discuss *Devil in a Blue Dress* by Walter Mosley

★ **English as a Second Language Classes**
Learn and improve your English skills in a friendly and supportive environment

ALL AGES

Pokémon Trainer's Club Feb 1
A place for Pokémon fans of all ages to play, trade, and battle

Book Sale Feb 8
1000 N. East St. | Support the library at our friends of the library book sale

Chess Club Feb 8
Checkmate boredom & strengthen your chess skills

Fiber Arts Meetup Feb 15
Where enthusiasts gather to knit, crochet, and craft beautiful textiles together

Writers Meetup Feb 22
Connect, create, and collaborate with this gathering of community wordsmiths

Native American Heritage Feb 25
Learn about Native American culture and history through engaging stories & activities

Good Reads Book Club Feb 25
No assigned book, share recs and connect with book lovers


★ Events with a star have required signups
For questions or more information, please call the library (903) 892-7240 or message us on Facebook or Instagram

<https://www.ci.sherman.tx.us/283/Library>

Follow the library on social media:
@shermanpubliclibrarytx



○ **Free Tax Prep Services**



FREE TAX PREP SERVICES

AARP Foundation[®] Tax-Aide

AARP Foundation Tax-Aide offers free tax preparation to anyone of any age—especially if you are 50 or older or can't afford paid tax preparation.

By appointment only.


VAN ALSTYNE PUBLIC LIBRARY
MONDAYS
Feb 3- April 7
11am-4pm
151 W Cooper St, Van Alstyne

CALL FOR APPOINTMENT

Preparation packets must be picked up at the library and completed before calling for appointment.

☎ 469-714-3730

Please specify that you want an appointment in Van Alstyne.


VAN ALSTYNE PUBLIC LIBRARY

M, W, F 11am-6pm
Tu 11am-7pm
Sat 10am-2pm

Tax Time

Print, Fax, Scan, or email
your return at the Library

Print up to 5 forms at the library for free


We no longer carry blank forms, but our staff members will assist or print them for you.

Free online tax filing sites:
Use our wi-fi or desktop PC's to file

For income \$73,000 and below:
<https://www.irs.gov/filing/free-file-do-your-federal-taxes-for-free>

For income \$73,000 and above:
Free electronic forms you fill out and file yourself
Fillable Forms: *Opens January 2025*

AARP Tax-Aide FAQ:
<https://taxaideqa.aarp.org/hc/en-us>

 **VAN ALSTYNE PUBLIC LIBRARY**

Hours:
M,W,Th: 11am-6pm
Tues: 11am-7pm
Sat: 10am - 2pm

151 West Cooper Street
903-482-5991



○ **Discount Tuesdays**

Every Tuesday Night Admission \$5 Skate Rental \$5



○ **Fae & Fairy Tea Party**

Join us in your most fantastic attire, for an afternoon of tea, treats, and good times! Teas and snacks will be provided (no trickery afoot, we promise!), but you are more than welcome to bring treats of your own!

➤ https://www.facebook.com/events/1554959808488528/?acontext=%7B%22event_action_history%22%3A%7B%22mechanism%22%3A%22discovery_local_tab%22%2C%22surface%22%3A%22bookmark%22%7D%2C%22ref_notif_type%22%3Anull%7D



○ **In-Person Tagging Party for New JBF Sellers!**

Calling all *new* JBF sellers! If you are planning to sell for the first time at the JBF Texoma Spring Sale, we want to invite you to join us for an in-person come-&-go tagging party Saturday, February 22nd from 2-4pm!

We will walk you through supplies needed, creating tags, attaching tags to items, & answer any questions you may have!

Saturday, February 22nd from 2pm-4pm (come & go)

First Baptist Church (gym), 601 W. Woodard St, Denison, TX

Who is this for? New JBF sellers! Make sure you have signed up to sell with us!

What do I need to bring? You will need to bring 9 small items you want to tag for the Spring Sale and a laptop computer (if you have one). A printer, paper, & refreshments will be provided.

Party agenda

- We will teach you how to login to your tagging portal, create, print, & tag your own items. You will be able to watch as others tag theirs & get tips along the way!
- Learn how to use a tagging gun correctly for clothing (if using)
- Learn the do's & don'ts of hanging clothing items
- Everyone attending will receive a FREE tagging kit with card stock, hangers, safety pins, etc.!

RSVP to Melda at 903-271-7004 to reserve your spot!

- Haven't signed up to sell yet? Click here: <https://jbftexoma.com/sells25>
- https://www.facebook.com/events/1384860799593304/?acontext=%7B%22event_action_history%22%3A%7B%22mechanism%22%3A%22discovery_local_tab%22%2C%22surface%22%3A%22bookmark%22%7D%22ref_notif_type%22%3Anull%7D



○ **Little Lambs**


Join us in the library for our program for babies 0-2 years and their parent/caregiver! The program will start January 13th and 16th from 10:00-10:30 am on Monday and Thursday and end March 3rd and 6th.



LITTLE LAMBS
Read to me. Sing to me. Love me.

Starting
January 13th & 16th
Mondays and Thursdays
10:00-10:30 am
Through March 3rd & 6th

Babies 0 to 2 years & their parent/caregiver

 Rhymes, songs, books.
Info on baby's development.



○ **Wonder Years**

Join us in the library for our program for preschoolers 2-5 years and their parent/caregiver! The program will start January 13th and 16th from 10:45-11:15 am on Monday and Thursday and end March 3rd and 6th.



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For Preschoolers
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Fannin County

- **Black History Month: Celebrities Who Have Paved the Way**

➤ <https://creativeartscenterbonham.org/events/monthly-exhibit/>



- **Night Creatures**

February 14th from 7pm to 8pm

Discover the wild side of nightlife at Bonham State Park.

Discover the wild side of nightlife at Bonham State Park. Different creatures are out and about at different times of the year. Use your ears and eyes to locate owls, bats, frogs, and possibly beaver.

Dress for the weather and meet at the Flagpole.

What to bring- FLASHLIGHT (red lens is best), water, hiking stick.

➤ <https://tpwd.texas.gov/calendar/bonham/night-creatures/2025-02-14>

- **Night Sky**

February 28th from 7pm to 8pm

Meet at the flagpole and take a short hike over paved road to the viewing area.

Observe the night sky and look for Orion, Taurus, the Dippers and other constellations.

The viewing is weather dependent.

What to bring: Flashlight (red lens is best), binoculars/telescopes are optional.

➤ <https://tpwd.texas.gov/calendar/bonham/night-sky-2/2025-02-28>

Cooke County

○ Story Time at Kayson's Candy Co.

February 3rd from 11:30am-12:15pm

This event is co-hosted by Kayson's Candy Co. and Cooke County Library. Activities are led by the library's Mrs. Kim in the event space above Kayson's Candy Co., located at 109 N. Commerce St. in downtown Gainesville.

This fun children's event includes reading about the day's topic, singing and dancing. We also create a craft.

This class is geared towards toddlers and preschoolers, but younger and older children are ALL welcome. Adults must attend class with child.

Take a journey into another world as you enter Kayson's Candy Co. It's a sweet journey you don't want to miss.



➤ <https://www.facebook.com/events/456594027496833/?rdid=S3NW3y8CZh7TYWv7#>

○ Severe Weather Education

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SKYWARN Storm Spotter Training

Presented by
National Weather Service
Fort Worth

6:00 – 8:00 PM
Tuesday, February 4th

Cooke County
Gainesville Civic Center
311 S Weaver St
Gainesville, TX

Visit weather.gov/fwd/skywarnmap to find your closest spotter class or to sign up for a virtual class.

Learn about:

- Basics of thunderstorm development and structure
- Review of severe weather threats
- Severe weather safety
- How to report severe weather to the NWS
- NWS Products/Resources

FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC!
NO PRE-REGISTRATION NEEDED

The poster features a background image of a stormy sky over a field. At the top right, there are five icons: a lightning bolt, a map of Texas, a smartphone with a signal icon, a person holding a megaphone, and a house with a lightning bolt. The text is arranged in a clear, hierarchical manner, with the title and event details in the center and the location and contact information at the bottom. The 'Learn about' section is highlighted in a dark blue box on the right side.

- **Story Time at Chick-Fil-A**

February 10th from 10:30am-11:15am

This event is co-hosted by Chick-Fil-A Gainesville and Cooke County Library.

Activities are led by the library's Mrs. Kim in the Chick-Fil-A dining room.

Topic: Love + Valentine Cards

This fun children's event includes reading about the day's topic, singing and dancing. We also learn sign language, colors, and more!

This class is geared towards toddlers and preschoolers, but younger and older children are welcome. Adults must attend class with a child.

The Chick-Fil-A playground is open before, during, and after the event. No purchase is necessary to attend.

➤ <https://www.facebook.com/events/1127395685606214/?rdid=CbfNJ61idt5LLWnf#>

Further Away

- **Celebrate Black History Month at MLK Jr. Recreation Center!**

Black History Month is an annual celebration that includes an art competition, a program with a guest speaker, music, food, and fellowship around the theme, African Americans and Labor. The event provides an opportunity to reflect on the significant role African Americans have played in shaping the nation's workforce, while also celebrating their cultural achievements and contributions.

Local artists, grades K-12, are invited to participate in the art competition focusing on the theme, African Americans and Labor and entries will be accepted through January 17, displayed at MLK Rec. Center beginning January 20 and judged January 29. Winners will be notified and honored during the celebration

➤ please visit <https://secure.rec1.com/.../city-of.../catalog/index.>

