

# Library Services Newsletter

## May 2008



### Special Events:

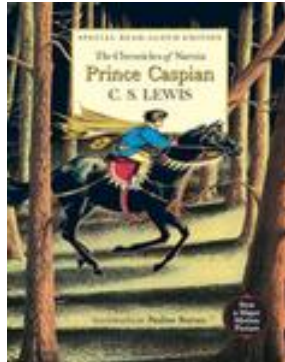
- [National Library Week](#)  
April 13 - 19, 2008
- National Library Worker Day  
April 18, 2008
- [Texas Library Association \(TLA\)](#)  
Convention - Dallas, TX  
April 15 - 18, 2008
- [International Reading Association \(IRA\)](#)  
Atlanta, GA  
May 4 - 8, 2008
- [Region One Annual 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Technology Conference 2008](#)  
May 13 - 15, 2008
- [Children's Book Week](#)  
May 12 - 18, 2008
- [Texas Association of School Library Administrators \(TASLA\)](#)  
Austin, TX  
June 11 - 13, 2008
- [American Library Association](#)  
2008 Annual Conference  
Anaheim, CA  
June 26 - July 2, 2008
- RGVASL Fall Meeting  
McAllen, TX  
October 2008

### Highlights:

- Books of the month  
[Prince Caspian by C.S. Lewis](#)
- Video of the month  
[The Lion The Witch and the Wardrobe by C.S. Lewis](#)
- School Websites of the month  
[McAllen High School](#)

## Prince Caspian

By C. S. Lewis



As the book opens, the Pevensie children (Peter, Susan, Edmund and Lucy) are suddenly called back to the magical land of Narnia from a British rail station. They return to find that the land of Narnia is suffering from the oppression of the evil Telmarine King Miraz who rules with an iron fist. The king's nephew, (and son of the murdered rightful king) Caspian, has discovered the truth about Narnia and has fled the palace in fear of his life. In his flight, Caspian encounters some "old Narnians" who used to live freely before the Telmarines came to rule Narnia. Under the Telmarines, the old Narnians have been facing extermination. After initial mistrust, the old Narnians agree to stand with Caspian in an attempt to reclaim his rightful throne from his uncle and to save those that are left of the old Narnians from certain death. A struggle then ensues.

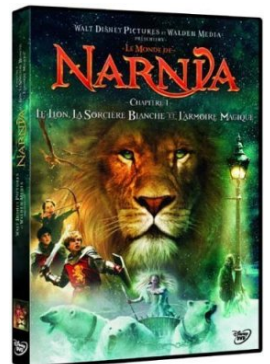
### Available at the District Media Center Now

To preview or order videos, contact your librarian, or call  
Media Center at 618-6067

### Available DVD and VCR Videos:

- Auschwitz** – *We must learn from the past...*
- Paper Clips** - *Lesson about prejudice...*
- My Body, My Buddy** – *Caring and Sharing*
- The Declaration of Independence** – *Study Healthy Fast Food Choices*
- Physical Science in Action** – *The Periodic Table.*
- Chemistry Essentials** – *The Periodic Table: Reactions and Relationship.*
- Dyslexia** – *Disabled or Different?*
- Food Smarts** – *My Pyramid for Kids*
- Blood and Circulation** – *Bill Nye The Science Guy*
- The Food Guide Pyramid for Young Children**
- Signing Treasures** – *Excerpt from signing Naturally*

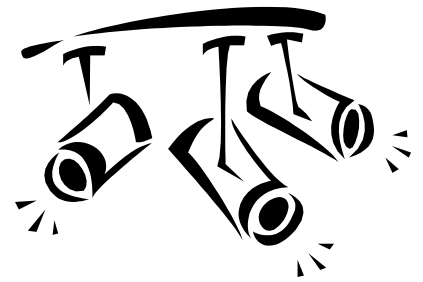
*The Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe* tells the story of the four Pevensie children, Lucy, Peter, Edmund, and Susan, and their adventures in the mystical world of Narnia. Sent to the British countryside for their own safety during the blitz of World War II, they discover an entryway into a mystical world through an old wardrobe. Narnia is inhabited by mythical, anthropomorphic creatures suffering under the hundred-year rule of the cruel White Witch (Tilda Swinton, in a standout role). The arrival of the children gives the creatures of Narnia hope for liberation, between evil (the Witch) and good (Aslan) the Lion.



*MISD Destiny Available  
Links:*

- [Alvarez Elementary](#)
- [Bonham Elementary](#)
- [Brown Middle School](#)
- [Castaneda Elementary](#)
- [Cathey Middle School](#)
- [Crockett Elementary](#)
- [De Leon Middle School](#)
- [Escandon Elementary](#)
- [Fields Elementary](#)
- [Garza Elementary](#)
- [Gonzalez Elementary](#)
- [Huston Elementary](#)
- [Jackson Elementary](#)
- [Lamar Academy](#)
- [Lincoln Middle School](#)
- [McAllen High School](#)
- [McAuliffe Elementary](#)
- [Memorial High School](#)
- [Milam Elementary](#)
- [Morris Middle School](#)
- [Navarro Elementary](#)
- [Perez Elementary](#)
- [Rayburn Elementary](#)
- [Roosevelt Elementary](#)
- [Rowe High School](#)
- [Sanchez Elementary](#)
- [Seguin Elementary](#)
- [Thigpen-Zavala Elementary](#)
- [Travis Elementary](#)
- [Wilson Elementary](#)

## *Librarian Spotlight*



*Ron Yoder*

My name is Ronald Yoder. I am the Librarian at Lamar Academy. I earned my diploma from McAllen High School in 1981, a Bachelor of Business Administration degree from the University of Texas at Austin in 1985, and a Master of Library Science degree from Sam Houston State University in 2004. I have been with McAllen Independent School District (I.S.D.) over eleven years. I have been the Lamar Academy Librarian for over five years. I served the district as the Intra-District Educational Assembly (I.D.E.A.) Secretary for two years.

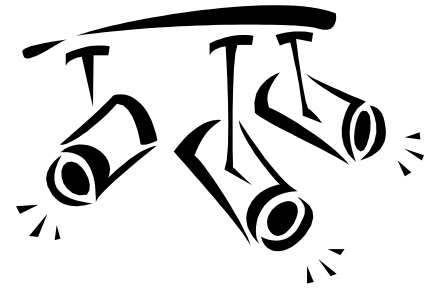
One of the great pleasures of working as the Librarian at Lamar Academy is the incredible diversity of students and staff on our campus. Lamar Academy hosts the Options High School program. This program serves as the Alternative Education Program (A.E.P.) for high school students in our district. I know of no greater joy in public education than helping to turn a student's life around so that they may graduate.

Lamar Academy also hosts the International Baccalaureate (I.B.) Diploma Programme and is a candidate school for the final two years of the I.B. Middle Years Programme as well. Students that participate in these classes come from all three mainstream high schools. These students present many challenges and rewards as inquisitive Library patrons.

Finally, Lamar Academy serves students enrolled in the Eighth Grade Transitional Program. Students in these classes come from all six of our middle schools. Some of these students will enter the program as 8th graders and exit as high school sophomores.

I have one daughter, Carolyn, who is a student in MISD. We take great pride in her scholastic and creative accomplishments. She has been greatly abetted in her academic endeavors by the wonderful educators that have worked with her through the years.

I also work as a semi-professional musician. I regularly perform on electric bass guitar with the band *Renaissance Rockers and the Arrhythmics*. The Renaissance Rockers are renowned for their enthusiasm and charity gigs as well as the distinction of having three doctors on stage fronting the band. Feel free to stop by the stage and say, "Hello!" during any of our gigs. You may even get to hear me sing a song...if you're lucky!

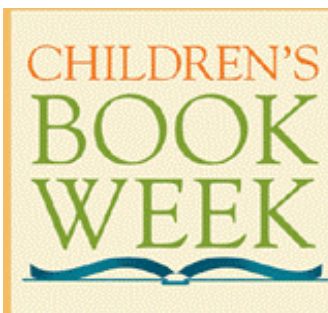
*Librarian Spotlight**Mary Ann Lacey*

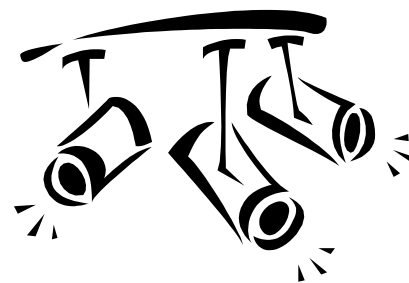
I am completing my 21<sup>st</sup> year in education and my first year with McAllen ISD at Navarro Elementary. My career began with La Joya ISD but I have had the opportunity to work in San Antonio, Houston, and California. Upon returning to the Rio Grande Valley, I again returned to La Joya ISD.

I have taught 1<sup>st</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade students, but mainly fourth grade. My original intentions were to become a reading specialist, so I continued my education in that area of expertise. When our school librarian retired, she told me that she wanted me to take her place. I did not have any graduate hours in that field, but she did plant the seed of interest in me. Needless to say, I quickly enrolled and took two summer classes. Unfortunately, I did not get that position, but it did steer my career to a different path. My graduate degree in reading has served me well in the library and I am glad to have earned that degree first.

La Joya ISD gave me an opportunity to serve their students as a high school librarian for four years, but I missed working with the younger children. I transferred to an elementary campus where I have enjoyed the enthusiasm of children and their love of books.

The commute to La Joya and the rising cost of fuel brought me to seek employment closer to home. Working at such a small campus was new to me. I was used to working with 2500 high school students and almost 1,000 elementary children. Now with only 330 children, one can quickly see some advantages. While I miss my friends in La Joya, I look forward to my next year at Navarro Elementary, and I most definitely look forward to the possibility of our campus library being renovated in the future. Thank you to the librarians who befriended me my first year in McAllen, and for assisting me as needed.

**Children's Book Week****May 12 -18, 2008****Celebrating Books**



*Minerva Soto*

I was born and raised in McAllen. I've seen the Valley grow drastically. I graduated from McAllen High School. I've been blessed with four wonderful children. They are my pride and joy. God has blessed me with nine wonderful grandchildren.

My children and I have traveled to England, France, Germany and Mexico and cruised the Bahamas. Seven years ago I married the love of my life. My husband and I have enjoyed traveling to Mexico and in the United States.

I have been with McAllen Independent School District for 21 years. All 21 have been at Roosevelt Elementary. I have been blessed with my job and feel very fortunate to be working with our librarian, Ms. Engstrom and the Roosevelt Staff. Helping the students and teachers is my greatest priority. I look forward to many more wonderful years before I retire.

Once a Bronco Always a Bronco! Yee Hah!

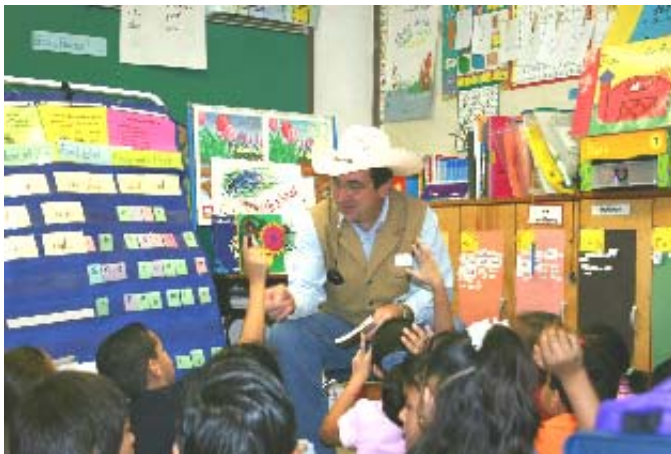


**2008 ALA Annual Conference**

**Anaheim, CA**

**June 26, 2008 – July 2, 2008**

## Seguin Elementary – Celebrates National Library Week April 13 – 19, 2008



Students and staff celebrated National Library Week in several ways. We had Guess the author. Where a staff member read an excerpt from a popular children's book at the beginning of every day. Students were challenged to guess who wrote the book. Responses were sent to the library, where I sorted them out and at the end of the day drew out a lucky winner. The winner won a book, bookmark, pencil and eraser.

We also had a Books on Tape and Create a Story for a sick child. Simple reading books were selected by the librarian and given as a choice for grades 3rd-5th grade to tape for children in the hospital who are too young, too tired, or too sick to read on their own. The books were recorded by students and later burned onto a CD. Then these students were given the task of decorating a bag (where the book and CD would be inside). The younger children Pre-k through 2nd grade were given a blank book. This book was 7x7 in. with 7 blank pages. The children created their own storyline and illustrated the book. Representatives from the Edinburg children's hospital came by to pick up the books and bags a week or so later. Telemundo and Channel 17 covered the story.

Not only did children create and recorded books, but they were also read to by McAllen ISD administrative staff and board members. These "guests" were invited to Seguin Elementary to read to our Pre-K through 2nd graders. They came armed with books and were taken to the classrooms where the children sat around them listening to them read one or more books. The children loved it and are asking when are the guests coming back.

*Reading a book is an adventure everyone should enjoy and the library is the where this adventure begins.*



## Congratulations

Summer 2008 award winning  
Laura Bush Foundation Grant for America's Libraries recipients.

Escandon Elementary – Kimberly Solis  
Navarro Elementary – Mary Ann Lacey

### **The Foundation**

The Laura Bush Foundation for America's Libraries is a component fund of the Community Foundation for the National Capital Region (CFNCR) in Washington DC. CFNCR is an IRS- approved 501(c)(3) and will provide staff, asset management, and office infrastructure. First Lady Laura Bush is the Honorary Chair of this new fund.

Grants from The Laura Bush Foundation will be made to school libraries across the country to purchase books. An advisory committee of experts in children's literature, reading, and education will design the grant application and administer the grant process. Money to fund these grants will be raised by the Leadership Council of the Laura Bush Foundation.

For grant information or to find out how to contribute to the Laura Bush Foundation for America's Libraries, you can email us at [laurabushfoundation@cfncr.org](mailto:laurabushfoundation@cfncr.org) or contact Alicia Reid at the Community Foundation at (202) 263-4774.

## 2008 TASLA Workshop

June 11-13 2008

Radisson Austin North  
6000 Middle Fiskville Road

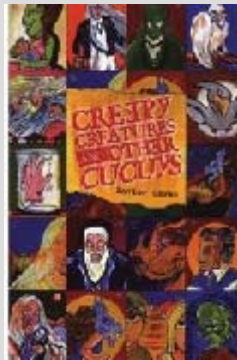
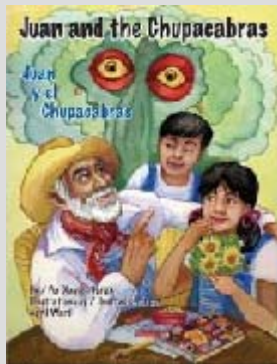
(800) 333-3333  
(512)-451-5757



## Author Xavier Garza visited two McAllen ISD Schools

Presentations were held at  
Rowe H. S. - March 10, 2008  
Travis M.S. – April 25, 2008

Born and raised in Rio Grande Valley, Xavier Garza grew up loving the legends of Lucha Libre. He decided to create “*Las Super Luchas*” as a means of paying tribute to the heroes of his youth. Other popular books written by Xavier are: *Creepy Creatures and Other Cucuys*, *Juan and the Chupacabras* and *Lucha Libre: The Man in the Silver Mask*. *Super Luchas* is his first one man art show in San Antonio since moving and making the city his new home this summer. *Juan and the Chupacabras* won the Tejas Star Book award in 2008.





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