

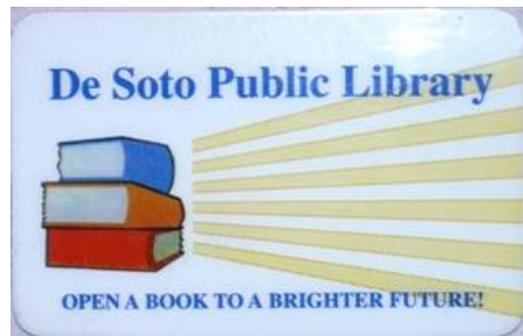
# DeSoto News Flash

Week of September 2nd  
through September 4th,  
2008

## Get the Smartest Card at Your Library

September is Library Card Sign-up Month, and the DeSoto Public Library wants to make sure that you and your children have smartest card of all – a library card.

Studies show that children who are read to in the home and who use the library perform better in school and are more likely to continue to use the library as a source of lifetime learning. Adults who have library cards are more likely to become lifelong learners, both personally and professionally.



"A library card has always been the most important school supply of all," says Lucile Dade, Managing Director of Library Services. "Kids can come to the library to get homework help and check out books, but they can also check out DVDs and use the Internet to make after school life a little more fun." Work has already begun on "The Spot," which will be the new teen room after the Internet computers are moved to a computer area in the front of the building.

A recent study by the American Library Association also showed that families use libraries to spend time together. Forty-four percent of survey respondents report taking their children to the library for this reason.

Adults and children who receive new library cards during September can have their names entered into drawings for gift baskets filled with all kinds of books, snacks, and other good things. Library Card Sign-up Month began in 1987.

For more information on how you can sign up for your library card, visit the DeSoto Public Library, located at 211 E Pleasant Run Road, call 972.230.9656, or see the library's webpage on the city's website, [www.ci.desoto.tx.us](http://www.ci.desoto.tx.us). Library card applications can also be started on the library's webpage. Main parking for the library is located behind City Hall. Library hours are: Monday – Thursday 10 am – 8 pm, Friday 10 am – 6 pm, and Saturday 9 am – 5 pm. The library is closed on Sunday.

## AFRICAN AMERICAN REPERTORY THEATER TO OPEN NEW SEASON

The African-American Repertory Theater (AART) presents three award winning plays featuring stellar casts during its 2009 season. All performances will be held at the **DeSoto Corner Theater, DeSoto Town Center, 211 E. Pleasant Run Road in DeSoto.**

The season will open in September with "**A Soldier's Story**", winner of the 1982 Pulitzer Prize for Drama, and a stellar cast featuring Vince McGill.

The play is set in a Louisiana camp in 1944 where Captain Taylor, the white commander officer has a problem. He commands a Black company whose sergeant has been murdered and he's concerned the murderer may be a white officer or local Klansman. The New York Times said this play is "one of the contemporary American Theatre's most forceful and original voices" when it was first released nearly 30 years ago.

A preview of "**Soldier's Story**" will be held on Thursday, September 4, 2008 at 7:30 p.m. The play opens Friday, September 5, 2008 and closes on Sunday, September 28. A special performance will be held on Thursday, September 11 in honor of our military, firemen and police officers.

"**Neat**" by modern day storyteller, Charlayne Woodard, is the second compelling AART production. It is a magnificent story about the author's real-life remembrances of her brain-damaged Aunt Neat and the profound change the Aunt brings to her life. On a bare stage, Aunt Neat shows her enormous love, energy, simplicity and clarity and teaches the young Charlayne what it is to cherish life. "**Neat**" is the story of an urban African American girl bursting into adulthood while experiencing first love and embracing both Black pride and feminism. Neat is an inspiration for all families.

The preview of "**Neat**" will be held on Thursday, October 30, 2008. The play opens Saturday, November 1, 2008 and closes Sunday, November 23, 2008.

For tickets or more information check out their website at [www.aarttheater.com](http://www.aarttheater.com) or call 972.572.0998.

## African-American Repertory Theater *Presents*



In a 1944 Louisiana army camp housing black soldiers, a sergeant is murdered. Capt. Davenport is sent to investigate and finds the truth even more shocking than the murder.

***Don't miss this powerful play!***

**@ DeSoto Corner Theatre**  
DeSoto Town Center  
211 E. Pleasant Run Road  
DeSoto, TX 75115

### September Show Dates & Times

| SUN                | MON | TUE | WED | THU                  | FRI     | SAT             |
|--------------------|-----|-----|-----|----------------------|---------|-----------------|
|                    | 1   | 2   | 3   | 4 7:30 pm<br>preview | 5 8 pm  | 6 3 pm<br>8 pm  |
| 7 3 pm             | 8   | 9   | 10  | 11 7:30 pm           | 12 8 pm | 13 3 pm<br>8 pm |
| 14 3 pm            | 15  | 16  | 17  | 18                   | 19 8 pm | 20 3 pm<br>8 pm |
| 21 3 pm<br>7:30 pm | 22  | 23  | 24  | 25 7:30 pm           | 26 8 pm | 27 3 pm<br>8 pm |
| 28 3 pm            | 29  | 30  |     |                      |         |                 |

### Ticket Prices:

**\$10 (Preview)**

**\$15 (Matinee)**

**\$20 (Evening)**

Tickets may be purchased online @ [www.aareptheater.com](http://www.aareptheater.com) or call 972-572-0998

Tickets are also available at the door. Box office opens *one hour* before show

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**September 13, 2008**  
**250 N. Elerson Road**  
**Noon - 6:00 pm**

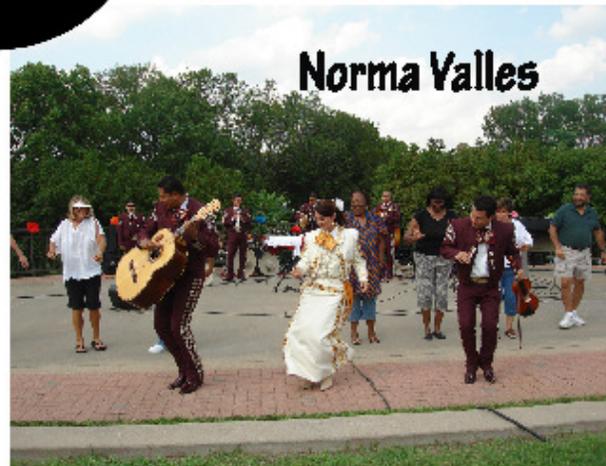
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**Bounce house**  
**Face painting**  
**Balloons**



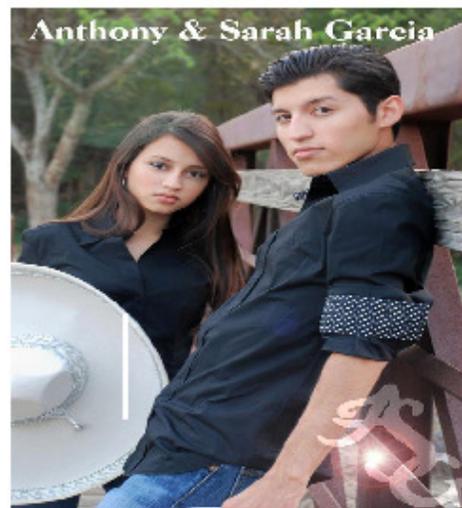
**Norma Valles**

**Other local artist performances during the day**

**This is an afternoon of music, dance, food and family fun**

**Prize give a-ways during the event :**

**Laptop computer - MP3 Players - T.V. - Cash prizes**  
**Dinner Gift Cards - Girl Bicycle - Boy Bicycle**



**WAL\*MART**