DeSoto News Flash

For the Week of August 3rd, 2010 through 6th, 2010

DeSoto Public Library Will Host Teen Volunteer Awards Ceremony

On Thursday, August 5th at 3:30 pm, the DeSoto Public Library will host an awards ceremony in recognition of teens who have volunteered at the library this summer. The keynote speaker will be Carol Glenn. Mayor Carl Sherman will present the awards and there will be a special appearance by Miss Heart of Texas USA, Felicia Bolton.

These teens participated in a seven week volunteer program headed by Marq Runnels, the library's teen volunteer coordinator. The program provided them with confidence-building volunteer experience, practical job skills, customer and public service experience and an introduction to possible careers in libraries. Forty-three teens successfully completed the program which consisted of assisting at the check out desk, shelving library materials, assisting with the Summer Reading Club program, tutoring children in reading ages 6-9, training as Teen Techs and creating and producing a music video.

The DeSoto Library staff partnered with Eric Williams CEO of Out of the Box Entertainment, to assist teens in creating and producing a music video to promote literacy in teens and children. Under his direction and utilizing his Studio Bus, the teens produced the library's project of the summer entitled "Reading's a Good Time". This project has inspired the teen volunteers to develop a community project called, R.E.A.D. Young Readers, Young Leaders, (Readers Educated and Determined) that will continue to promote literacy in children and teens throughout the school year. Their goal is to bring awareness to the importance of reading and library use by establishing book clubs, performing at schools, libraries, and community events, and touring on Mr. Williams' Studio Bus.

For more information, contact Marq Runnels at 972.230.9663 or mrunnels@ci.desoto.tx.us.

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The DeSoto Public Library Offers a New Way to Read the New York Times

The DeSoto Public Library is pleased to announce it now has two Sony Readers available for patrons to use in the library. The library has a subscription to the New York Times newspaper for one of the Readers, and the second reader has a number of free books loaded on it. The Readers cannot be checked out – they are for library use only and require a patron's driver license to be left at the Information Desk during use. This new service will allow patrons to try out and become familiar with new technology. For more information about this new service, please call the Library Information Desk at 972.230.9661.

The DeSoto City Council Will Hold a Town Hall Meeting

to receive public input on the issue of

Group Homes in DeSoto

Saturday, August 14, 2010 9 a.m. at DeSoto City Hall In the City Council Chambers

For more information, call 972.230.9646.

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DeSoto Dining and Dialogue

JAZZ BENEFIT CONCERT
With Joseph Vincelli

DeSoto Corner Theatre
211 E. Pleasant Run Road
Saturday, August 28th 7:30 – 10:00 p.m.

DeSoto Dining and Dialogue invites you to join us at the Corner Theatre for an evening of cool jazz featuring saxophonist, Joseph Vincelli. Vincelli's signature is his passion towards his music. It is evident on the stage, in his recording, with his speeches and in his books. What sets him apart from other smooth jazz artists is his ability to create music from an array of sources that many others would consider stretching the limits.

This concert benefits the DeSoto Dining and Dialogue program. Tickets are $25 and include a pre-concert reception with drinks and hot hors d'oeuvres. To purchase tickets or for more information, please contact Kathy Jones at 972.230.9648 or kmaples@ci.desoto.tx.us.

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Ronald Radford

American Master of the Flamenco Guitar

Thursday, September 4th
7:30 pm
DeSoto Corner Theatre

The DeSoto Arts Commission invites you to the DeSoto Corner Theater for an evening of Flamenco Guitar with Ronald Radford "equal to those on any Flamenco stage in Madrid, Seville, or Andalusia." Tickets are $10 for adults and $5 for students. Seating is limited.

To purchase tickets or for more information call 972.230.9648 or email kmaples@ci.desoto.tx.us. **See** www.ronaldradford.com **for more info.**

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