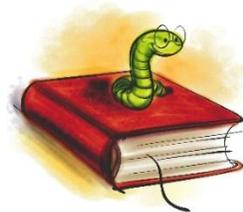


Bookworms



Vista Grande Public Library
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Dear Parents and Guardians,
Do you BrainFuse? If you don't, please go to our catalog (<https://vistagrande.biblionix.com/catalog/>) and scroll down to the box titled "Electronic Resources" and look for the El Portal link. When you click on that you will be taken to a new page. On the right-hand side there's a list of "Popular Resources." The first of these is BrainFuse which provides a wide array of homework help, tutoring resources and other tools for aiding school kids and increasing academic success. BrainFuse is free through our website and provided by the State Library, as are all the El Portal resources.

While you're there, you may notice on the left side of that panel a list of newspaper, magazine and other articles geared toward different ages which are also a great source of information and assistance for reports and similar school projects. You do not have to be in the library to access these resources.

—Julia Kelso, Library Director

P. S. This school year has seen a marked increase in the number of students of all ages in and around the building. Given this increase in traffic, it's more important than ever to remember **children must be 12 or in 6th grade** to be in the library without a parent or caregiver. We appreciate your assistance in this.



At your Local Library: Books and More!

We know everything is available online these days. However, we also know that some of the teachers are old-fashioned and like to demand that a real book be used from time to time. At VGPL, we try very hard to have a wide range of non-fiction books, like biographies or books on Egypt, which can help your kids with assignments. We can't carry everything, but we try to cover general areas of interest. So, if we're missing something important, let us know and we'll do our best!

As always, in addition to books (and DVDs) we have the museum passes, telescopes and audio books. We have book/CD kits to help beginning readers follow along, regular audio books and books on iPod (many of which also have paper companions on the shelves). The books on iPod require checking out one of our iPods, but any adult card-holder can do that. Combined, we have over 400 audio titles geared toward children, teens and tweens (as well as hundreds more for more advanced readers). These items are great for travel and/or helping your reader become more engaged with the material.



Hours:

Sun and Mon, Closed,
Tues–Fri, 10 am to 6 pm
Sat, 10 am to 4 pm

Upcoming Events Family Movie Nights

The following Fridays at 7 pm:
Jan. 11, Feb. 8, March 8, April 12

Story Time: For pre-K and younger with their caregivers. Tuesdays at 11 am. No registration required.

After School Reading Club: For grades K through 3. Tuesdays & Wednesdays, Jan. 29 through April 24. Advance Registration required.

Spring Book Sale: May 9-11

Library Board Meetings

Third Tuesdays, 6:30 – 8 pm
Open to the public.

Book Donation Days

Jan. 5, Feb. 2, March 2, April 6 and
May 4 from 9 – 11:30 am **only**

Check the VGPL website for up-to-date information about all programs and additions:
<http://www.vglibrary.org>

BRAINFUSE
<https://www.brainfuse.com>.
(a resource from the NM State Library.)

Friday Chess Lessons, 3-5 pm

Children and parents interested in learning more about the game are invited to join the All Ages Chess Club meetings. All levels of knowledge are welcome. Players younger than 12 need to have their parents consult with group leaders. The only requirement is genuine interest. (Adults do not require parental permission!) The Club meets every Friday in the Meeting Room. If your child is interested, now might be a good time to check out this opportunity.



Wags and Words (Reading Education Assistance Dogs)



VGPL is proud to host a Reading Education Assistance Dogs program. This is a wonderful opportunity for beginning and struggling readers to gain confidence and develop skills while reading aloud to a sweet, adoring audience. And the dogs and kids form beautiful bonds. We currently have two dogs in the program: Latigo, the lab pictured, and Timber, the malamute. If you have a child who could benefit or just loves dogs and wants to participate, call or come by the library to sign up for an appointment. For more information, contact Tracey at (505) 466-7323 or libasst@vglibrary.org.

Family Movie Showings (for the whole family!)

Once a month, usually the second Friday, the library hosts **Family Movie Night** in our Meeting Room, complete with a big screen and fresh popcorn — free of charge (donations are welcome). Start times are 7 pm. Our license does not allow us to advertise the film's title outside of the library, but you can check the calendar on the website (vglibrary.org), or call us at (505) 466-7323 for the title and rating.



Spring Children's Programs



Story Time is for children 5 and under with their caregivers, with stories and activities just for them. The program happens on **Tuesdays at 11 am** in the Children's Section. Drop-ins are always welcome. We're currently exploring a partnership with Pecos National Historical Park that could offer a second morning activity once a month. Please stay tuned.

Register now for the **After School Reading Club!** The Reading Club is for students in K to 3rd grade. Children can sign up for either **Tuesday** or **Wednesday afternoons from 3 to 4:30 pm, starting January 29**. The program, which is free, will run to April 24. Pre-registration is required and spaces are limited to the first 40 applications – this will fill up quickly! Forms are

available at the library, or can be downloaded from our website, www.vglibrary.org.