

Book sale, games, treats at Summer Reading Finale



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Meredith and Natalie Morgan enjoy a cool treat at the library Saturday, July 29.



Jeremiah Williams bounces in the bounce house last weekend on the lawn of the Sachse Public Library during its Summer Reading Finale.

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Brown, Jeran Hargrove and Ligil Koshy. Additionally, Pricilla Hargrove, Maria Lucero, Addis Gonte, Billy Ketter and Tami Kraus pitch in for spring plantings as well as garden clean-up days. On occasion, the club has groups that volunteer to plant or harvest. The newest volunteer, John Wilmarth, joined the garden team to help water. There typically are three main gardeners who take care of compost, weeding, watering and harvesting as well as other duties as needed. Five people water regularly, and each person is assigned a day or two of the week. The club also keeps a garden text group to help

cover for gardeners who aren't available and to communicate what has been harvested.

Houston said how much is usually harvested varies based on the time of year and what is ready for harvesting. An average day can range anywhere from 5-60 pounds. In 2022 they donated over 1,500 pounds.

She added that the largest increases the club has seen have been from watermelon, green beans and tomatoes over the last two years, noting that there always seems to be "thousands of tomatoes!"

"There is nothing like eating a fresh pepper, tomato or blackberry right out of the garden," Houston said, adding that the majority of clients like the

blackberries, yellow tomatoes, okra, beans and cucumbers.

On any typical day at lunch time, volunteers and staff can attest to that as well. Volunteer Kaylee Rodgers said, "they're like little candies."

Houston said there seems to always be "volunteer" tomato plants that come up on their own every spring and that helps tomatoes produce through fall months.

"Maintaining a garden has its challenges, however with hard work comes many rewards," Houston said. "It teaches us about nature, reduces stress, provides exercise, allows for the absorption of vitamin D and also provides the much-needed food for the 5 Loaves Pantry."

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