What is One Book/One Community?
It is a reading event designed around one book so that people in a community such as ours may read and enjoy together the same book at the same time. Our programs, chosen because they relate to the book in some way, help bring the book alive for you. Our One Book/One Community Read is designed primarily for adults.

How did it begin?
This concept was first introduced by Nancy Pearl in Seattle in 1998. This is the 6th year the Friends of the Bulverde/Spring Branch Library have sponsored a One Book/One Community read at our library. We hope you will join your friends and neighbors in this community reading event.

How can you participate?
Read or listen to the book. Encourage your friends and neighbors to participate. Participate in any-or-all of the library programs listed on the inside of this brochure. Take a hike! Get out in nature! Exercise! Do something that is a “stretch” for you, as did the author of this year’s chosen book.

• A Walk in the Woods is not simply an out-of-shape, middle-aged man’s desire to prove that he can still accomplish a major physical task; it’s also a plea for the conservation of America’s last wilderness. Bryson’s telling is a knee-slamming, laugh-out-loud funny trek through the woods, with a touch of science and history thrown in for good measure. (From Amazon.com Review)

Who would enjoy A Walk in the Woods?
Those who enjoy:
- Humor
- Adventure
- Ecology
- History
- The outdoors
- Hiking
- Quirky characters
- Stories about personal growth

For those with tender sensibilities: you will encounter “salty” language in this book, as might befit two unprepared, tired, hungry, frustrated men deep in the woods.

A limited number of copies of A Walk in the Woods are available at the circulation desk of the library for purchase at $5 each.

Our community’s book for 2013:
A Walk in the Woods; Rediscovering America on the Appalachian Trail
by Bill Bryson

Come take “A Walk in the Woods” with us!

Enjoy events related to our book at the Bulverde/Spring Branch Library

September 28 – October 24

Sponsored by the Friends of the Bulverde/Spring Branch Library with a grant from Wells Fargo

All events are FREE unless otherwise indicated.
Bill Bryson was born in Des Moines, Iowa, in 1951. He moved to and settled in England in 1977, working in journalism until becoming a full-time author. For many years Bill lived with his English wife and their four young children in North Yorkshire, before moving the family to New Hampshire in America for a spell in the late 1990s. Now they have all returned to live in the UK.

He has written many nonfiction best sellers, among them A Short History of Nearly Everything, At Home, and In a Sunburned Country. He has a new book coming out October 1, 2013, One Summer: America 1927.

Quotes from A Walk in the Woods

“I know a woman who gets in her car to go a quarter of a mile to a college gymnasium to walk on a treadmill, then complains passionately about the difficulty of finding a parking space. When I asked her once why she didn’t walk to the gym and do five minutes less on the treadmill, she looked at me as if I were being willfully provocative. ‘Because I have a program for the treadmill,’ she explained. ‘It records my distance and speed, and I can adjust it for degree of difficulty. It hadn’t occurred to me how thoughtlessly deficient nature is in this regard.’

“Black bears rarely attack. But here’s the thing. Sometimes they do. All bears are agile, cunning and, and they are always hungry. If they want to kill you and eat you, they can, and pretty much whenever they want. That doesn’t happen often, but - and here is the absolutely salient point - once would be enough.”

Schedule of Events Celebrating Our 2013 One Book/One Community Read:

**KICK-OFF EVENTS: exhibits, talks, food, concert**

**Saturday, September 28**

**Exhibits - 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.**

Boy Scouts from Troop #58 of the Bulverde United Methodist Church will show you how to pitch a tent, start a fire, make a survival bracelet, and more!

Bulverde/Spring Branch EMS will provide information on what to do in a wilderness emergency

Whole Earth Provision Co. will exhibit the latest and greatest hiking and camping equipment

The Friends of the Bulverde/Spring Branch Library will provide camping/hiking munchies!

Texas Parks Talk - 1:30 p.m.

R. Craig Hensley, Park Interpreter from Guadalupe River State Park, will speak to us about hiking in Texas parks. Have you ever heard Craig speak, you are in for a treat!

Michael Blakely Concert - 3:15 p.m.

Award-winning Singer/Songwriter and author, Mike Blakely, has released 11 CDs, performed all over the U.S., and made 16 tours to Europe. Mike has published 17 books. His last two books were co-writes: one with Willie Nelson (A Tale Out of Luck), the other with Kenny Rogers (What Are the Chances) will be released in September. His books and CDs will be available for purchase at this event. www.mikeblakely.com

**Thursday, October 3, 10:30 a.m. - 12 noon**

(in conjunction with the Bulverde/Spring Branch FOL’s Gardening Series)

Robert Edmonson of the Texas A&M Forest Service will present a program on “The Big Tree Registry,” which is a registry of the world’s biggest trees of different species. Two of the largest trees of their species are in Comal County!

**Tuesday, October 8, 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.**

**Movie: “Trek: A Journey on the Appalachian Trail.” 1 hour 40 minutes.**

“This documentary gives amazing insight into thru hiker life, and gives a great feel to the essence of the Appalachian Trail. I’ve shown this film to hikers and non-hikers, and everyone is moved and inspired by the intensity of this film.” “Strider” - AT Hiker 2001 (from Amazon.com)

**Thursday, October 17, 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.**

**On the Trail** Panel Discussion

Join us for an interactive discussion with an experienced AT hiker from REI and others who have hiked the AT. What is it REALLY like? Other related topics, too. Lots of great information for the hiker/camper!

**Thursday, October 24 FIELD TRIP**

**8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.**

Note: This is the only OB/OC event for which we must charge a fee.

Check www.bsblibrary.org for more information.

Enjoy “A Walk in the Woods” field trip by bus to Lost Maples State Natural Area near Vanderpool, Texas. We won’t be hitting the maples at the height of their color, but the bright side is that we will miss the huge crowds that come when they are at the height of their color! A park ranger will give discuss the maple trees, short hikes will be available for those who wish to explore the park, and you will enjoy a picnic lunch with a stop at The Apple Store in Medina (“The Apple Capital of Texas”) for dessert on the way home.

Fitness Challenge: Ongoing

Come “walk” the Appalachian Trail with us. Convert your exercise time to miles on the map. Map will be displayed in the library during OB/OC to show your progress as well as others. Prizes will be awarded.