

*Enjoy refreshments and register for prizes at the library in Grant during National Library Week April 14-20.*

The Hastings Memorial Library joins libraries in schools, campuses and communities nationwide in celebrating National Library Week, a time to highlight the value of libraries, librarians and library workers.

Libraries today are more than repositories for books and other resources. Often the heart of their communities, campuses or schools, libraries are deeply committed to the places where their patrons live, work and study. Libraries are trusted places where everyone in the community can gather to reconnect and reengage with each other to enrich and shape the community and address local issues.

Librarians work with elected officials, small business owners, students and the public at large to discover what their communities' needs are and meet them. Whether through offering e-books and technology classes, materials for English-language learners, programs for job seekers or those to support early literacy, librarians listen to the community they serve, and they respond.

The Hastings Memorial Library serves Grant and surrounding Perkins County by providing books for all ages and abilities, audio books, DVD's, and magazines. The library also provides access to downloadable eBooks and audiobooks for eReaders and mp3 players free of charge.

In addition to reading materials, the library offers a public technology center with desktop and laptop computers, a scanner, and black and white and color printer and photocopier services.

"Service to the community has always been the focus of the library," said Robin Quinn, library director. "While this aspect has never changed, libraries have grown and evolved in how they provide for the needs of every member of their community."

The Hastings Memorial Library is celebrating National Library Week by hosting an open house all week long. Come in for snacks and refreshments, register for prize drawings, and check out all of the great things the library has to offer.

The library also has a die cut machine on loan for the month of April which is available for public use during regular business hours.

As always, April is amnesty month, so anyone with overdue materials may return them all month long and no fines will be issued.

First sponsored in 1958, National Library Week is a national observance sponsored by the American Library Association (ALA) and libraries across the country each April.

For more information, visit the Hastings Memorial Library at 505 Central Avenue in Grant, call 308-352-4894 or see the library's Facebook page by searching for Hastings Memorial Library.