

Recommended Reading

BOOKS

Springs of Texas

by Gunnar Bruner

Ogallala – Water for a Dry Land

by John Opie

Pillars of Sand: Can the Irrigation Miracle Last?

by Sandra Postel

Cadillac Desert:

The American West and Its Disappearing Water

by Marc Reisner

Playas of the Great Plains

by Loren Smith

WEBSITES

Texas Parks and Wildlife

www.texasstateofwater.org

Texas Water Development Board

www.twdb.state.tx.us/home/index.asp

Panhandle Groundwater Conservation District

www.pgcd.us

Panhandle Water Planning Area

www.panhandle.org

PUBLICATIONS

US Geological Survey Map of Ogallala Depletion:

<http://pubs.usgs.gov/fs/2007/3029/>

Environmental Defense Study on Bio Fuels

Production on the Ogallala:

<http://www.edf.org/documents/7011>

Envisioning a Sustainable World by Donella H. Meadows:

<http://www.sustainabilityinstitute.org/pubs/Envisioning.DMeadows.pdf>

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www.lwvtexas.org/amarillo.htm

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All the water that will be, is. Faced with the prediction that the world's population will increase to nearly eight billion by 2025 those of us now on spaceship Earth must take notice. Water, so necessary for life, is a limited resource.

The League of Women Voters, a nonpartisan organization that encourages citizens to take a more informed and active role in their government, also studies topics relating to public policy. The Amarillo group has begun a study of water resources in the Panhandle and the outlook for their future viability. In cooperation with the Amarillo Public Library, the League invites all citizens of the Panhandle to join us as we inform ourselves and attempt to find practical answers to the wisest possible management of water resources in our area and for the planet as a whole.

Mina Johnson

League of Women Voters
Amarillo President

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presents:

Water on the Prairie

Understanding &
Conserving Our
Water Resources

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Book Discussions:

Ogallala Blue

by William Ashworth

Discussion led by Mina Johnson

Saturday, February 14 — 2 PM

This primary source of groundwater affects everything from the food we eat to the clothing we wear. Deep enough to fill Lake Erie nine times over, it is immense, but it is not infinite, and this precious aquifer is going dry. It is a question of when, not if, and the management of this essential resource will be one of the most daunting challenges of the twenty-first century.

From Booklist Review

Blue Gold

by Maude Barlow

& Tony Clarke

Discussion led by Pam Allison

Saturday, April 18 — 2 PM

This well-researched book provides a sobering, in-depth look at the growing scarcity of fresh water and the increasing privatization and corporate control of this nonrenewable resource.

From Library Journal Review

Southwest Library
6801 W. 45th

Film Screening:

FLOW:

For Love of Water

Directed by Irena Salinas
Vail Film Festival Award Winner:

Best Documentary

Water is the very essence of life, sustaining every being on the planet. 'Flow' confronts the disturbing reality that our crucial resource is dwindling.

Earth Day

Wednesday, April 22

8 PM

Don Harrington
Discovery Center
1200 Streit Drive

Bring a lawn chair and watch the movie under the stars! In the event of inclement weather, the movie will be shown in the DHDC Exhibit Hall.

Speakers:

Environmental Flow:

The relationship of rivers, playas, and wildlife.

Are humans using more than their share?

Laura Mabry

Texas Living

Waters Project

Tuesday, March 10 — 6:30

The Ethics of Water Use

Darryl Birkenfeld

Ogallala Commons

Tuesday, May 12 — 6:30

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