

Call or e-mail and make your reservations now for the Friends of the Library "Dinner in the Stacks"! It is certain to be an entertaining evening featuring Gerald McCathern and his program:

"The Texas Panhandle, 1865-1887 – When the West was Really Wild!"

*Announcing the Friends of the Dick Smith Library
"Dinner in the Stacks"*

**&
Annual Membership Meeting**

Presenting....

Gerald McCathern

Saturday, October 6, 2007

Appetizers 6:30 P.M.
Dinner 7:00 P.M.



Gerald McCathern, a native of the Texas Panhandle, has lived most of his life in the area around Amarillo. He graduated from Tech with a degree in Petroleum Geology and worked on wild cat oil wells in the Permian Basin for a short time before moving to Hereford, Texas to begin a farming and ranching career.

Gerald has had an exciting life. In 1977 he became involved in the farmers strike, known as the American Agriculture Movement. As the National Wagonmaster in the protest movement, he led over 5,000 tractors and 50,000 farmers across the nation to Washington, D.C. to carry their problems to Congress and the American people. During the three year period he became very respected in the political realm, meeting with many national figures. The tractor which he drove from Texas to Washington, D.C. the winter of 1979 is now in the Smithsonian.

As a spokesman of the movement, he appeared on Good Morning America and the Donahue Show, as well as on many radio talk shows, and met with the editorial board of the Washington Post. In 1981 President Reagan appointed him as Special Assistant to Secretary of Agriculture John Block in Washington, D.C. where he was instrumental in designing and implementing the cheese and surplus foods give-away program as well as many other constructive programs.

In 1996 he retired from farming and is now pursuing a full time writing career. He edited and published his own nationally circulated newsletter, *The Agriculture Watchdog* and has written and published four books, *From the White House to the Hoosgow*, *Gentle Rebels*, *To Kill the Goose*, and *Line of Succession*.

Come join us for an evening of fun, entertainment, and fellowship!

**Members \$15.00
Non-members \$17.50**

**DEADLINE for reservations is NOON Monday Oct. 1
So make your reservations now!
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