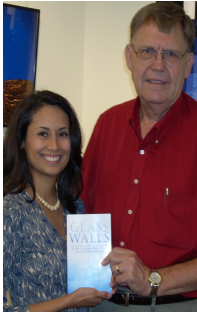
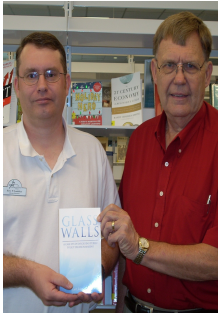


Author presents his book about neoconservatism and Williamson County (Texas) to four local libraries



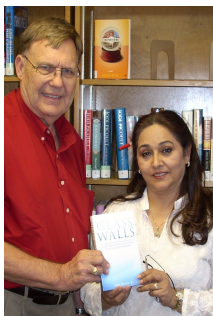
Michelle Cervantes with the Round Rock Public Library, and the author

The author of a newly-released book about Williamson County presented an autographed, first-edition to each of four public libraries in the county on June 18, 2009



Eric Lashley with the Georgetown Public Library, and the author

Kurt Johnson, Sr., a native of Williamson County who graduated from Hutto High School, presented a copy of *Glass Walls* to public libraries in Round Rock, Georgetown, Taylor and Hutto the same week that it was officially published and released for sale in major book markets, both in paperback and as an e-book.



Yasmeen Jehangir with the Hutto Public Library, and the author

As described on the book's back cover, *Glass Walls* is a descriptive study of how public policy decisions by government can be misguided by social, cultural and religious influences of a neoconservative bent within a textbook case setting—in this case, Williamson County, Texas. As the problem is described, a suggested cure surfaces, done with the intention of creating constructive dialogue and progress that is in the public interest. Explained in detail are the dynamics and ideology of neoconservatism as characterized by such notables as Robert Benne, Richard John Neuhaus and William Kristol, with the interpretive filter as applied by Reinhold Niebuhr and Dietrich Bonhoeffer. The on-the-ground analysis of Williamson County's human and institutional fabric is evaluated within this philosophical and intellectual context, including specific examples involving elected officials and their actions. (330 pages plus a 14-page introduction.)

Johnson said the book contains detailed information about contemporary Williamson County issues and the personalities that drive those issues, including politicians and other public figures. “Putting Williamson County under the magnifying glass in order to examine the impact of neoconservatism on various aspects of government and public life is a sure way of sifting the wheat from the chaff regarding the way public policies are made and implemented,” Johnson said. “*Glass Walls* should interest Williamson County citizens and anyone else who wants a bird's-eye-view of how things become fouled up and what it takes to fix them, especially since Williamson County is the poster-child, case study for the principles addressed by the book.”



Karen Ellis with the Taylor Public Library, and the author

Johnson added, “I believe public libraries are among the most important institutions that we have in our society and culture, and I support them enthusiastically. I hope this token contribution in making this book available to the public serves as a reminder of how important libraries are and how much they deserve our support.”

As a sneak preview, excerpts from *Glass Walls* are available at www.kurtjohnsonbooks.com .