

2018
Labor Day
Newsletter

Friends of the Temple Public Library




MEMBERS ONLY PREVIEW

Tuesday, August 28, 2018
2 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Membership forms available at
www.friendsofthetemplepubliclibrary.org,
at the library or at the door during preview

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Wednesday, August 29, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.
*Thursday, August 30, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.
Friday, August 31, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
*20% Discount to teachers (show school ID at check-out)

BAG DAY

Saturday, September 1, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

McLane Room, 3rd floor of the Temple Public Library

FTPL Annual Meeting

Monday, October 15
5:30 pm
Temple Public Library
McLane Room
The public is invited to attend.



If you would like to submit an item for the next newsletter, have a request or questions, please email us at friendsoftemplelibrary@gmail.com.

Nikki Morrow
FTPL Newsletter

Dear Friends,

While we are all sweating through the Dog Days of Summer I want to give you something to look forward to: our Friends of the Library Labor Day Sale. Come and enjoy the air-conditioning in the McLane room at the Library and shop for bargains and gems. My husband Roger and I moved to Temple in 2004, and I have worked at every sale since then. I see our book sale as a plus for education, a fun community event, and a benefit to Temple's recycling efforts. During the sale I often get a few questions about the Friends and what we do. Maybe you are curious, too.

1. What do you do with the books that do not sell?

We donate unsold books to the VA, the Ralph Wilson Youth Center, and correctional institutes. After that, the left-over books are taken by Temple ISD and stored until the Temple Rotary Club picks them up. The Rotary arranges for Books for the World to disperse the books throughout Africa. To learn about the program and specific countries that receive the books, visit <https://www.rotarybooksfortheworld.org/>.

2. What happens to the books that are not saleable?

The soft books go into the recycle bin, and the hardback books are boxed up and sent to Goodwill to be recycled.

3. How many board members do the Friends have?

There are 23 active board members in the Friends group. Each one has a responsibility for a part of the sale: publicity, logistics, money handling, scheduling the volunteers, and making sure the volunteers are well nourished (just to name a few duties).



If you have any questions, you can find me at the Labor Day Sale. I will gladly chat with you and try to answer your questions, too. Come and join us in making this the most successful sale yet.

Norma Swaim
FTPL President



**A Different Way to Look at Volunteer Hours:
Sorting Donations and Working at the Sale**

By Carol Hodge, Volunteer Coordinator

Thanks to Debbie Trahan who compiled the hours from the sign-in log in the sorting room and the sign-up sheets for the sale.

This is a tremendous effort by everyone, along with the multitude of hours spent organizing, planning, recruiting, publicizing, and managing a non-profit 501-C-3. The Temple community thanks our volunteers who do so much!

2375 hours	Total hours per year (2 book sales)
297 days	Days per year (2 book sales)
59 weeks	Weeks per year (2 book sales)

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What a great way to be a friend all year!

Dedication for Rocking Chair Commemorating, Marilynn Wilson, Temple's "Book Lady"

By Amy Longfield

Marilynn Wilson, beloved Temple ISD elementary school librarian and community volunteer who died last year at age 89, was honored by The Friends of Temple Library on May 10, 2018, with a dedication ceremony attended by her daughter, granddaughter, and friends. During her time on the Friends of the Library board, she served as President, was awarded as the 1999 "Best Friend," and became a role model for long-term involvement.

A rocking chair for the Children's Reading Area was purchased with memorial gifts to the library given in lieu of flowers, per her request. The chair is engraved with the words, "Come read with me." Marilynn said a variation of this on many occasions—in the library, at school, with her children, and with her grandchildren. At the dedication, Marilynn's daughter, Carolyn Wilson Bennett, spoke of her appreciation at the thoughtfulness of the gift. This rocking chair will foster the reading Marilynn so enjoyed and continue her legacy for many years to come.



Pictured Left to Right: Granddaughter, Amanda Bennett, and Daughter, Carolyn Wilson Bennett and Back row: LaVerne Wood, Evonne Maneau, Nancy Mills-Mackey, Diann Anderson, Carole McCall. Middle Row: Susan Long, Leigh Gardner, Jocelyn Francis, Marilyn Tarter, Norma Swain. In Chair: Carolyn Bennett.

Heroes in History Book Club

By Margaret Lange, Assistant Youth Services Librarian

When I first started working in Youth Services, I would help process the new books coming into the department. I was so impressed with the quality of juvenile nonfiction titles we order, books with beautiful illustrations and compelling narratives about real people who have changed their communities for the better. I thought these kind of titles would make for an inspiring book club for our young patrons and discussed the idea with my supervisor, Erin Gaines, who agreed and approved the development of the club.

This past January, Heroes in History Book Club held its first meeting, discussing the title "For the Right to Learn" by Rebecca Langston-George, about Malala Yousafzai and her work to support education for girls around the world. Book Club titles are chosen to reflect the lives of significant individuals, past and present, who represent a diverse range of experiences and perspectives, from Ida B. Wells to Nikola Tesla to Ruth Bader Ginsburg. This month, we discussed the life and work of the poet Emma Lazarus ("Emma's Poem" by Linda Glaser), who wrote the poem "The New Colossus" and shaped the destiny of the Statue of Liberty with these immortal words:

"... 'Give me your tired, your poor,
Your huddled masses yearning to breathe free,
The wretched refuse of your teeming shore.
Send these, the homeless, tempest-tost to me,
I lift my lamp beside the golden door!'"

We also shared our own family stories of immigration and what brought our ancestors to this country. Next month, we will be reading and discussing the book "Delivering Justice" by James Haskins, about the life of postman and civil rights leader W.W. Law.

Attendance varies. Some months we may only have a couple of attendees (this is especially true in the summer months, when many families are on vacation or enjoying other seasonal activities), while other months might see 13 or more young patrons attending the club. We usually start with a snack and "how have you been" conversation and then discuss the content and our impressions of the month's title. Meetings last anywhere from 35-45 minutes.

This is a program I've really enjoyed developing for the department and I'm so glad to be able to share my experience with you.



Membership and A Vital Friends Group

By Nancy Mills Mackey, Membership Chair & Past President

Remaining a vibrant, dynamic support group for the Temple Public Library depends on recruiting active new members and retaining our existing members. Our two annual Used Book Sales and their member previews attract many new members each year. Some come from as far away as Houston, San Antonio, Livingston, Sugarland, Elgin and Palestine. Over the last year, 89 new Friends joined our ranks. Currently the Friends have 252 members, including 23 patrons and seven Lifetime Members.

During the past few months the Friends Board has discussed how to expand our membership programs and how we might add a paid Lifetime Membership category. In the past, the Friends honored longtime Friends leaders and significant contributors with the Lifetime designation. In future, we'd like to make the designation (similar to that offered by many alumni organizations) available to those who are willing to pay elevated dues. Details are still being hammered out, so if you'd like to offer input on Lifetime memberships and possible benefits, please contact me at www.friendsoftemplelibrary@gmail.com

Friends of the Temple Public Library, a 501(c)3 charitable organization formed in 1965, sprang from the efforts of those who established Temple's first public library in 1900. The Friends organization has labored for almost six decades to extend the library's capacity through volunteers, program support and outreach, awareness building, and fundraising. For more than 15 years, the Friends have given as much as \$40,000 annually to fulfill the Librarian's Wish List, which includes needs not funded by the city. Friends' contributions have included building renovations, a bookmobile, furniture, programs and services.

The Friends' major fundraisers are two annual used book sales, with the next sale scheduled August 29- September 1. The library accepts book donations all year, and donations not chosen for the library collection go into the Friends' Labor Day and Mid-Winter sales at the library. Proceeds usually range upwards of \$20,000 per sale.

As a Friend, you are invited to preview and purchase books before the general public, from 2-8 p.m. on Tuesday, August 28. If you're not a member but would like to come to the preview, you can join at the door! Individual memberships are \$10; Household memberships are \$20, and Patron memberships are \$100. Sponsor and Benefactor memberships also are available for \$500 and \$1,000, respectively.

In addition to volunteering at the book sales, members sort books all year long, volunteer at the library, help with children's programs and serve on friends committees and its board.

If you'd like to join this dynamic group and put your efforts to work building a better Temple Public Library and a better community, we'd love for you to join us. We need active members who are ready to roll up their sleeves. Please renew or upgrade your membership, recruit a friend or business, and shop the Labor Day Book Sale. We look forward to seeing you in a few short weeks!



Volunteer at the FTPL book sales this year! A variety of jobs are available, such as cashier, counter-bagger, floor support, carry out (perfect for physically fit young adults) and more. You can sign up for daytime and evening shifts.

Sign Up Genius allows you to schedule your preferred shift and job, receive confirmations and reminders, and cancel, reschedule or change shifts with someone else. An email notice will be sent to your email. If you do not have email, an option will be available to schedule by phone.

To sign up for the Labor Day Used Book Sale, please go to the link below:
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f094aaead28a6f85-friends5>

From Donations to Dollars

By Marilyn Tarter

With items selling for only \$.25 to \$2.00, it's pretty amazing the revenue that can be generated when thousands of items are available. The Friends are blessed to have your donations, especially, and also for having your volunteerism and commitment to making each sale successful. See how well we've done since we've started tracking revenue. THANK YOU for making it all possible.

Year	Mid-Winter	Labor Day	Total Revenue
2018	26,361		
2017	25,693	26,827 ✓	52,520
2016	18,829	25,116 ✓	43,945
2015	17,799	22,970 ✓	40,769
2014	15,790	18,482 ✓	34,272
2013	15,996	20,117 ✓	36,113
2012	16,643	19,537 ✓	36,180
2011	19,864	20,153 ✓	40,017
2010	15,800	18,900 ✓	34,700
2009	9,500	19,300 ✓	28,800
2008		19,500 ✓	19,500

The Great American Read

It's your chance to select just one title from a list of 100 influential books, according to a PBS survey of over 7,000 people. Learn more about the PBS video series, the social media conversations, and other resources.

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Book Club Kits

Book club kits, funded by the Friends of the Temple Public Library, offer 12 copies of a book and discussion guides in a labeled canvas tote. The check out period is six weeks. Current titles include: A Lesson Before Dying (Ernest Gaines), Girl with a Pearl Earring (Tracy Chevalier), The Giver (Lois Lowry), Funny in Farsi (by Firoozeh Dumas), The Greatest Generation (Tom Brokaw), and Dreams from My Father (Barack Obama). More titles will be added, if there is sufficient interest. Pick up your book club kit on the 2nd floor of the library near the reference desk.



Texas History Up Close

By Amy Longfield

The book Empresario's Son: E.S.C. Robertson of Salado, displayed in the Reference section of the Temple Public Library, provides a unique glimpse into Texas republic and state history through the eyes of one prominent figure and his family. According to the Temple Daily Tribune, "Co-authors Michael W. Kelsey (deceased), Nancy Graff Kelsey and Ginny Guinn Parsons researched the book for five years. Source materials included primary documents held for more than a century at Robertson's house near Salado." The book's inscription states that Horizon's Program of Betty Martin Chapter, the local branch of National Society of Daughters of the American Revolution, "donated it in memory of the late Michael W. Kelsey." In addition to co-authoring the volume, Michael Kelsey served as Temple Library Reference Librarian and local historian. To learn more about the Robertson Plantation and the founding of Salado, come see the display for yourself. Co

-author, Nancy Graff Kelsey, gave a presentation for the Temple Literacy Council's Books for Lunch series on August 1.



Calling All Chess Enthusiasts

A generous donation of books, magazines, and miscellaneous items related to chess will be featured at the Labor Day 2018 sale. Most items will sell for only \$1.00 - \$2.00 and are in pristine condition. Tell others who love the game.

"I love libraries, I've always loved libraries. Helping the book sale fulfills an obligation to the community." - Helen Pickle, Senior Volunteer

"I meet so many people with like interests. Saturday Bag Day is a lot of fun as people rush in to get their books." - Richard Schneider, Saturday Volunteer

More Than Just a Book Sale....

By Diann Anderson, Book Sale Coordinator

While it's always fun to peruse the tables and shelves for fiction and non-fiction finds to read over the winter months, the Friends' biannual book sales offer much more. Vinyl records, audiotapes, CDs, DVDs, books on CD, puzzles and games are also available for only \$.25 to \$2.00. Come and enjoy these expanded selections. Do your holiday shopping early. Members get first choice during Members' Preview: August 28th, 2-8pm.



1,000 Books Before Kindergarten

After another successful Summer Reading Program, the Temple Public Library continues other literacy opportunities year-round, including the acclaimed 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten challenge. The 1000 Books Foundation started this Nevada non-profit charity with a mission stated on the organization website: "to promote reading to newborns, infants, and toddlers" and "to encourage parent and child bonding through reading." In libraries and schools throughout North America, parents and guardians have begun recording each title they read with children 0-5 years of age as a milestone towards the goal of 1,000 books before the start of kindergarten. Books can be repeated; the focus is on the act of reading each chosen book together. Reading logs are available in the Youth Services section. Learn more about this program and the many resources provided here: <https://1000booksbeforekindergarten.org>.

Two Little Libraries on Their Way

By Linda Tyson, Librarian, Thornton Elementary School

Friends of the Temple Public Library approved the purchase of two Little Free Libraries. The philosophy behind the Little Free Libraries is to take a book and share a book. It is a neighborhood library exchange, which can strengthen the community. We have been approved to set one up at Dickson Head Start on South 33rd street. The new Temple Children's Museum will receive the second library. They will be located on South 2nd street. The goal is for both libraries to be ready by the end of September. Temple ISD campuses have had Little Free Libraries available to the community for many years. Friends of the Temple Public Library are thrilled to share the vision of TISD librarians to provide the love of reading to the entire community.



Children's Programs Spotlight

By Erin Gaines, Children's Librarian

The library's summer programming has concluded, with 2,582 participants having attended 35 programs. 1,287 children and teens registered for the logging and reading incentives component of our program. Friends-sponsored family entertainers included Puppeteers Hey Lolly Productions, Move Your Tale Improv Troupe, Singing Zoologist Lucas Miller, Mad Science, Silly Sparkles, Singer-Songwriter Joe McDermott, and Circus Chickendog. Teen activities included making slime, retro crafts, a comedy improv workshop presented by Move Your Tale, game day, and a wrap-up party with button-making, games, and tasting and rating many different flavors of Oreos. We will continue stamping logs and distributing reading incentives until school starts. Thanks to the generous sponsorship of the Friends and other community sponsors and the hard work of our dedicated staff and volunteers, we have enjoyed another fun and engaging summer program.

Heroes in History Book Club continued throughout the summer. Upcoming titles include Delivering Justice (August 8), Side by Side/Lado a Lado (September 12), Paiute Princess (October 10), Six Dots (November 14), and Grace Hopper: Queen of Computer Code (December 12). Copies of titles are available at the Children's Reference Desk.



Junior Scientists Club resumes September 20 with "Slime Time." The program meets the third Thursday of the month at 4:30 in the McLane Room and is recommended for school aged children.

Lil Red, a longhaired dachshund, continues to visit the library Wednesday mornings at 11, for our Paws to Read program. Children who read with Red get to pick out a free book to keep.

Fall Story Times will resume September 4: Baby Bookworms for infants (Tuesdays at 11AM); Toddler Story Time for ages 1- (Wednesdays and Thursdays at 10:15); and Preschool Story Time for ages 3-5 (Wednesdays and Thursdays at 11:15).

Thank you, Friends, for all the hard work and support you contribute year round to help us serve the children and families in our community.

