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KRIS KRINGLE

BOOKSTORE

DEC. 3-4, 2021, 9 AM - 3 PM

NO ADMITTANCE AFTER 2:00PM

**FRIDAY MEMBERS ONLY - SATURDAY OPEN TO THE PUBLIC
RESERVATIONS AVAILABLE - WALK-INS WELCOME**

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All of our
wonderful patrons
who donate items
for us to sell.
Without you we
wouldn't exist!

**We wish to thank
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From the President...

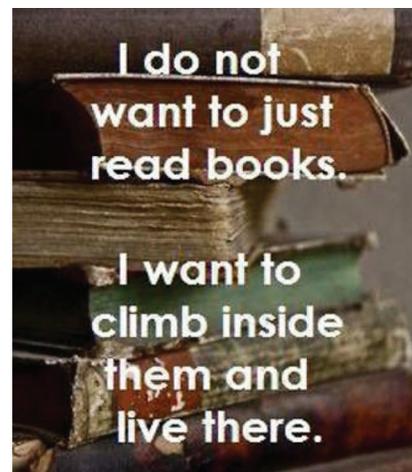
by Desiree Freyburger

If you feel that the last two years have been like a bizarre episode from *The Twilight Zone*, you are not alone! Despite the craziness of COVID-19 and the seemingly endless regulations and safety concerns, FOL has not only adapted but become better than ever thanks to the amazing ingenuity of our volunteers.

When everything shut down in March of 2020, FOL was forced to, as well, but that didn't stop people from donating books or wanting to buy them at ridiculously low prices. So our volunteers came up with all kinds of innovative ideas. We started sorting books at the donation sheds and as soon as we were allowed back into the library, our volunteers put in thousands of hours selling our books online and developed a personal shopping program where people could email us what they wanted and we delivered it to their car. FOL even tried a couple of "Back Porch Sales" in the parking lot behind Mahon. Some of these ideas were wonderful in theory, but not in reality. However, we found the perfect solution in the Last Friday Bookstore.

Instead of four sales a year, we now have 11 BookStore weekends and crowds that aren't Black Friday insane. January through October, it is the last Friday & Saturday of the month; November and December are combined into the Kris Kringle BookStore the first weekend in December for holiday shopping. Fridays are for members only, but Saturdays are open to the public. We started with reservations for crowd control, but now that restrictions have lifted, patrons can walk in, as well. The BookStore format allows our shoppers access to every book in the basement sales floor every month, with new stock arriving daily. In our rearranging, we not only vastly increased the shopping area and several sections, but worked hard to organize so what you're looking for is easier to find. We even moved the Best Books section to online in AbeBooks and Ebay where you can shop from the comfort of your own home 24 hours a day.

So if you're tired of the wretched YA dystopian plot that the world seems to be stuck in these days, come down to FOL's Last Friday BookStore and find a plot more to your liking! Not only is it the best priced used bookstore you'll ever find, every dollar earned goes directly to supporting your public libraries.



Book donations are welcome!

Donations of books (less than 6 boxes) can be made **anytime** at the following free-standing huts:

Groves Branch Library
5520 19th St.

Godeke Branch Library
5034 Frankford Ave.

United Supermarket
8010 Frankford Ave.

There are also yellow donation bins inside the door at the following Library branches:

Mahon, 1306 19th St.

Groves, 5520 19th St.

Patterson, 1836 Parkway Dr.

In making donations to the sheds, boxed and bagged books are appreciated. The books arrive in better shape and hold their value for resale.

Large Donations

Larger donations are accepted at the Mahon Library rear loading dock **BY APPOINTMENT**. Call 806-775-2852 to speak to a volunteer or leave a message for callback to schedule a drop-off time. Our ability to accept donations is dependent on having volunteers available to accept them.

From the Book Sale VPs... by Loraine Oglesby and Louise Ramsay

Christmas is coming up fast!

The Kris Kringle BookStore will be open for your Christmas shopping pleasure on Friday, December 3rd, and Saturday, December 4th! Mark your calendar and get a head start on your holiday shopping. The time will be 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. each day. There will be no admittance after 2:00 pm. **IMPORTANT NOTE:** The Kris Kringle sale combines the November and December sales into one BookStore.

As usual, the BookStore is open to members only on Friday the 3rd. Membership can be purchased at the door. Saturday the 4th is open to the public. Walk-in are welcome and reservations are available for those who prefer to do that.

Our shelves are restocked weekly with a large assortment of books.

REMINDER: The Mini BookStore is open any time the Mahon Library is open. It is located on the main floor of the library under the large white sign. These shelves are restocked weekly and you can find lots of bargains there!

From the Online Sales Director... by Susan Stack

Suddenly, the 2021 year end is just around the corner. With COVID-19, it seems impossible that the holiday season and our annual Kris Kringle event are already upon us. On December 3rd and 4th, the FOL will have the opportunity to once again offer wonderful gift-quality items to our loyal patrons, as well as the standard array of reading materials and other items for their enjoyment.

While we look forward to this event, I would be remiss not to thank all those volunteers who have worked so diligently through the year to help us maintain monthly opportunities for our customers. We have been able, with their help, to provide the library with the support they deserve.

As for the Online Sales group, with all of us pulling together, we are on track for a successful 2021 close. On October 31, our inventory of items listed numbered 10,983. In October, 170 items were sold and shipped, averaging \$26.74 per sale. The highest individual sale was \$194, and year-to-date the highest sales item has been \$764. For the month, there were 53 customer satisfaction responses with an approval rating of 100%. Our 12-month rating was also 100% satisfied. We have had 100% of our items shipped on time. (Personally, I like 100%!)

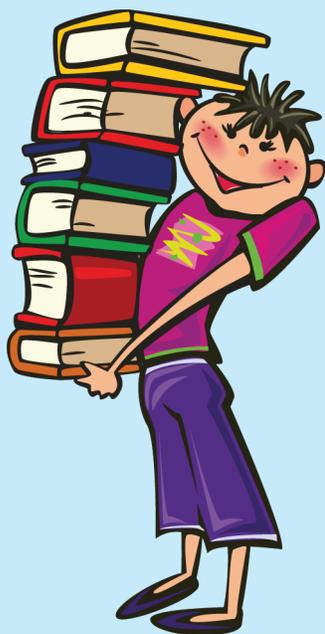
The Online team will be working hard to finish the year in a strong position. We have been lucky to add Andrea and Sandya to our team recently, but are still looking for additional people to help with listing. Seems we always have way more books to research and list than we have bodies to complete the task.

Thanks again for all the help and support Online has had in 2021!

Join Today!

Annual Membership:

- \$10 – Individual/Family
- \$5 – Student/Educator
- \$25 – Bronze Patron
- \$50 – Silver Patron
- \$75 – Gold Patron
- \$100 – Platinum Patron



Benefits of Membership:

- Online Discount (25%)
- Entry to Members Only Sale Days
- Online Newsletter
- Email Announcements
- Special Speaker Events

From the Library Director...

by Stacy McKenzie

Books and Boos at the Library!

We have had some wonderful successes at the libraries! Our Book Festival saw over 2,000 people in attendance. By all accounts, the event was a success and the pairing of the event with the FOL Last Friday BookStore was an epic victory! Records were broken for the monthly BookStore format, and we can't wait to break more records next year! In addition to over 50 local authors participating, we had great attendance at the writing workshops, outstanding speakers, and even a horse (Fancy) walking through the library.

For the end of October, we had some additional "wins." We hosted the Texas Library Association District 9 librarians. About 20 librarians from our region came for a training conference at Mahon, and during the lunch break, they were invited to go shop a bit during the FOL BookStore. Those librarians came back to the room slack jawed and several dollar bills lighter! They were so impressed with the sales floor, the amount and variety of books, and the excellent customer service. I was so happy to be able to brag on what you all do for us! In addition to that meeting we had record-breaking turn-out for our annual Trick or Treat event and we are thankful that you all participated by giving all the little ghosts and goblins (and dinosaurs) an additional candy accumulation station.

I have to say that the pièce de résistance of the month were the "Mahon Basement Ghost Tours" conducted on October 29, 30, and 31. We had over 130 members of the community come to the library for this event, where they got to use real ghost hunting equipment to wander around the pitch-dark basement (FOL and MMS areas were the most exciting), and there were some stories that came out of those adventures! We were told we should charge for this event in the future..., but we won't! It will, however, become a yearly tradition on our program schedule, and we thank you for allowing us to invade your space for this wonderful community program.

We could not have done this, or the hundreds of other events and programs, without FOL and the support (not just monetary) that all of the FOL folks contribute to our library efforts. Thank you again and always, FOL! Happy Holidays and we love you all!

Mark your calendar for our

Half Price BookStore!

January 28 and 29, 2022

9:00AM – 2:00PM

(shop until 3:00 pm)



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Membership Form

Name(s) _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Would you would like to volunteer? YES / NO

Are you a Teacher? YES / NO

Are you a Bookseller/Bulk Buyer? YES / NO

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