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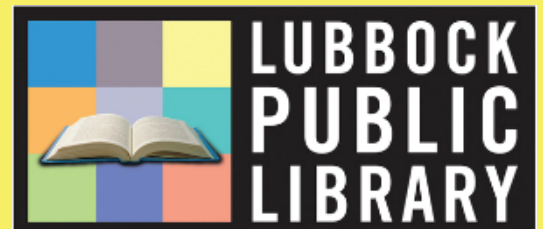
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# Save the date!

## September 25-26, 2021



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# Mahon Library

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You*

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Thank You to:*

United  
Supermarkets,  
for donating  
paper bags and  
providing a drop  
off location at  
Frankford and  
82nd St.

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

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We wish to thank  
David Postar of  
Discount Storage  
for donating  
the use of two  
huge, climate-  
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storage units for  
FOL use. This  
donation has  
been critical to  
the maintenance  
of FOL operations  
during this time.

## From the President...

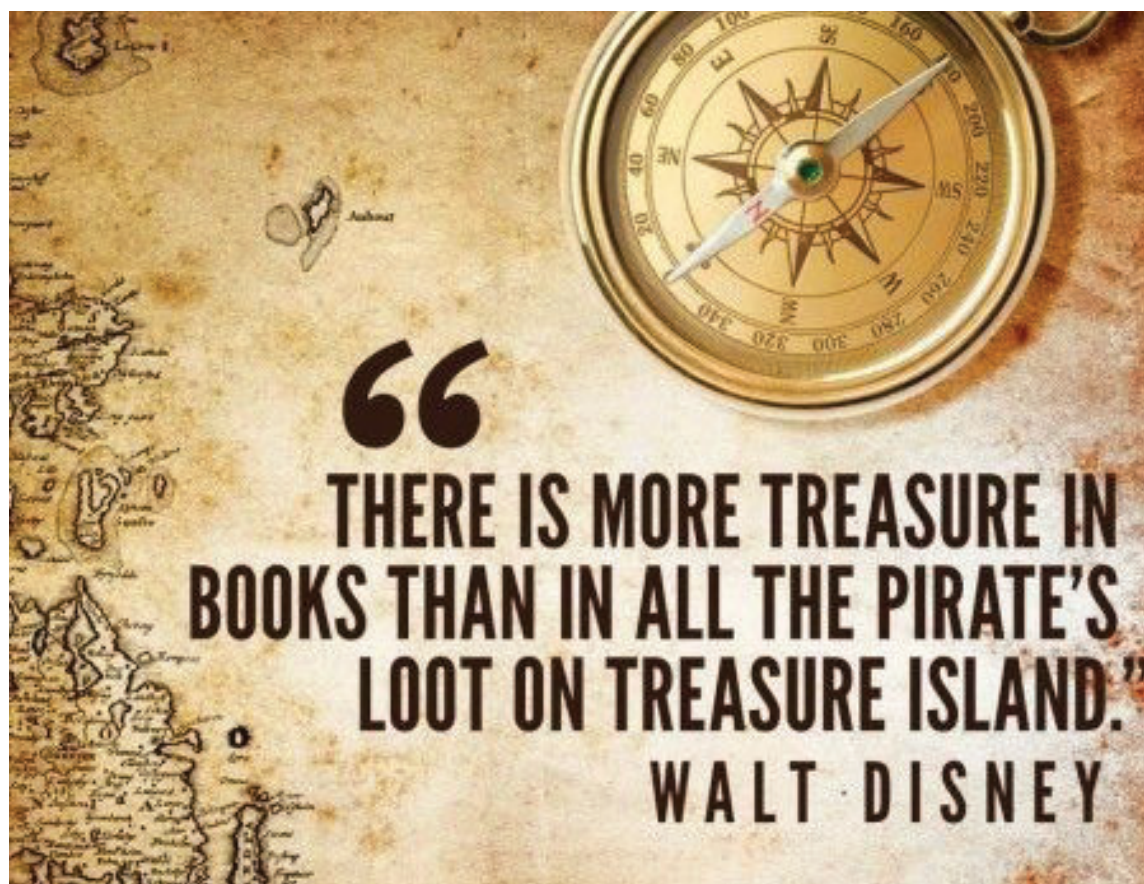
by Desiree Freyburger

I'm the first to admit to being a procrastinator, especially if I have a good book just begging me to read it. Thanks to Friends of the Library, I am never in danger of running out of good books!

Recently our new puppy ate our television remote. My husband was very upset, despite the fact that he loves this dog almost as much as our actual child. She was banished to be an outside dog for all of 3 hours. But we've both come to realize she did us a huge favor. We are no longer able to watch regular TV without an absurd amount of difficulty, and as a result, we are exceptionally happier and more optimistic about the world in general. I am beginning to think all news channels are bad for our mental health. Luckily, my treasure trove of books is keeping me well entertained.

If you are in need of entertainment and improved mental health, you are in luck. With FOL's new system of monthly book sales as well as the very exciting Book Festival in September sponsored by Literacy Lubbock and our libraries, your book shopping possibilities are limitless, with the best prices you're ever likely to find.

So throw away your TV remotes (or if you need a puppy to dispose of them for you, just let me know), and come see our basement full of endless possibilities with books that will make you laugh, cry, inspire and delight you. And if you're looking for a great place to volunteer, come to FOL and you can be surrounded by a treasure trove of books on a weekly basis!



## Book donations are welcome!

Donations of books (less than 10 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

FOL has resumed accepting large donations at the back door of Mahon from **9am to noon on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday**. When making donations, please call 775-2852, leave contact information with FOL to make an appointment, and wear a mask during the delivery.

# From Literacy Lubbock...

by Elizabeth Laughlin

Hello everyone! I'm Elizabeth with Literacy Lubbock and I'm thrilled for the chance to talk with you about the upcoming Lubbock Book Festival. Hopefully you've seen flyers or advertisements about it, but if you haven't yet, I'd love to tell you a bit about it.



Literacy Lubbock has partnered with Lubbock Public Libraries, Caprock Writers Alliance, and Friends of the Library to put on a truly spectacular literary event on September 25-26th. We'll have 40+ authors in-house signing books, leading writing workshops, holding discussions at panels, and manning booths throughout the weekend! Not to mention the live music, food trucks, and arts and crafts we've lined up, too! It's a chance for the Lubbock literary community to shine and come together to celebrate the written word, plus it's a fantastic chance for us to talk about a sad truth: that not everyone in Lubbock knows how to read.

You might be thinking that can't possibly be right, but nearly one in every eight people living in Lubbock County is illiterate. And just think of how many avenues of opportunity are denied to them because of it! No text messages, no online shopping, no reading for fun, unable to read their own mail—the list goes on and on. Ensuring that everyone has access to educational growth is one of Literacy Lubbock's primary goals, and to that end, we thought we'd get the literary community together to fundraise for our adult education programs.

They're coming together strong, in an excellent force! Big name authors like Jodi Thomas, Rick Treon, A.G. Howard, Linda Broday, and so many more are taking time from their busy schedules to come together for Lubbock. We're truly honored to be part of such a community, one so generous and selfless as to pitch in together and help adult educational programs flourish.

If you'd like more information about the Lubbock Book Festival, please check out [literacylubbock.org/Lubbock-book-festival](http://literacylubbock.org/Lubbock-book-festival). It's FREE to attend because reading—and the enjoyment of it—should be open to everyone! We hope to see you there!

## Join Today!

### Annual Membership:

- \$10 – Individual/Family
- \$5 – Student
- \$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 Online Sales Director...

by Susan Stack

2021 has certainly been a challenging year for FOL Online. Even with COVID-19, much activity has been happening on a daily basis with listing, maintaining databases, managing inventory, processing sales, and shipping items to our customers.

As of July 31, the inventory count for our AbeBooks and eBay online stores was 11,090. For the year, 1,524 items have been shipped to our customers. Shipments have been sent to 43 states, in addition to 25 foreign countries, all while maintaining a positive customer satisfaction rate of over 99%.

The highest price for an individual item sold in July was \$278, but for 2021, the year-to-date highest individual sale was \$764. Of our total items sold in 2021, 22 were purchased for \$200 or greater.

People are tired of my saying “the customers cannot buy what we do not have listed.” That being said, we are in need of additional persons to help us identify, research, list, and sell items for our FOL Online stores. If you are interested in learning more about Online Sales, contact Dianne or myself and we will be happy to show you around and teach you what we do.

Special thanks to all the hard-working volunteers who have helped Online contribute to the overall success of the Friends of the Lubbock Public Library!

## From the Library Director...

by Stacy McKenzie

The Libraries’ summer reading program was once again a huge success this year! We continued to offer the online sign up and reading log options for the Tales and Tails theme. While our signup and completion numbers are not quite where they usually landed prior to the pandemic, we significantly increased our numbers from last year and received many compliments on the online format that we plan to use from here on out, Read Squared.

We were able to have in-person programs this year, which obviously made a huge difference in participation. Everything from dog agility and fire trucks, to magicians and puppets entertained the kids this year. We had some great movies and gaming programs for teens as well.

We do want to strive for more adult programs for the summer in the coming years so that the adults get the same fun summer as the kids, but we always have happy parents involved in all of our youth programs, so we will look forward to giving them something of their own.

We gave some of our best prizes ever this year! Tablets, drones, and a host of gift certificates were given to readers who completed the program, and we will just continue to strive for everything to be bigger and better next year!

Next year’s theme is an ocean/underwater program, and as a scuba diver, I am very excited about the prospects for cool décor and programs that we can create for next year’s SRP!

Thanks for all you do for the libraries and the citizens of Lubbock!

## Volunteer!

Volunteers continue to donate their time with Lubbock Friends of the Library.

Guidelines are in place to promote the health and safety of every volunteer.

FOL is now accepting new volunteers.

### Benefits of Volunteering:

- Unlimited purchases from Regular and Better Book Shelves
- Name Badge
- Volunteer Announcements
- Free Books from the Free Table and Unwanted-Book Carts



## From the Volunteer Coordinator...

by Lillian Arzaghi

FOL was organized over 50 years ago to serve, support, and promote Lubbock libraries. We appreciate the contribution of each and every volunteer, each hour, every year. Volunteers make it all possible.

Following are FOL volunteer opportunities currently available.

### New Volunteers

New volunteers are now being welcomed. In order to become an FOL volunteer, you must have a current FOL membership and must complete the orientation and training program.

### Section Chairs

The FOL functions as a collection of Book Sections, each presided over by a Section Chair. FOL has several Section Chair positions open, including Philosophy, Romance, Foreign Language, and Diet, Health, & Fitness.

### BookStore Team

The members of the BookStore team work to make the Last Friday BookStore possible each month. There are several positions on the team that need to be filled, including recycling, housekeeping, and student liaison.

### Online Team

The online team welcome new volunteers to help with evaluation, listing, selling, and shipping. Extensive training is provided.

### FOL Board

The Director of Operations position on the Board is currently open.

Please contact FOL at [fol@lubbockfol.org](mailto:fol@lubbockfol.org) to obtain information about any of these volunteer opportunities.



Our online sales through eBay and AbeBooks continue year-round. Be sure to look us up!

### **AbeBooks.com**

[www.abebooks.com/friends-of-the-lubbock-public-library/1369090/sf](http://www.abebooks.com/friends-of-the-lubbock-public-library/1369090/sf)

### **eBay.com**

[www.ebay.com/str/friendsofthelubbocklibraries](http://www.ebay.com/str/friendsofthelubbocklibraries)

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<https://www.abebooks.com/friends-of-the-lubbock-public-library/1369090/sf>



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FOL members receive a 25% discount on any of our listings purchased directly through our online sales office!



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

The LAST FRIDAY BOOKSTORE will be open for business again on Friday and Saturday, September 24 and 25. Reservations are still being taken! Check us out on Facebook, BookStore by Reservation. This concept is very popular with our book lovers. No large crowds, fast checkout, and best of all, a large selection of books of every genre. As usual, our shelves are newly stocked each month.

Friday, Members Only: 9:00 am til 3:00 pm

Saturday, Open to Public: 9:00 am til 3:00 pm

Last admission is 2:00 pm each day.

Membership can be purchased at the Library on Book Sale day.

Also, the FOL Mini BookStore is open and providing a selection of books for sale for your reading pleasure. It is located on the Main Floor of the Library (see the LARGE white sign) and open ANYTIME the Library is open, Monday thru Sunday. Our prices can't be beat! Fifty cents for paperbacks and one dollar for hardbacks!

Another happening in September is the Lubbock Book Festival! The festival takes place September 25 and 26, 2021, at Mahon Library. Plan to be there! There will be authors, crafts, books (of course), and food trucks. This will be a fun weekend, so mark your calendars!





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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

Annual Membership Level (Circle one):

- \$10 - Individual/Family
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Paid by:

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- Check # \_\_\_\_\_
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