

# The BOOKMARK



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## Friends of Lubbock Public Library

FOL is a non-profit organization devoting its members' time and efforts to raising funds for the Lubbock Public Library.

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## FRIENDS OF THE LUBBOCK PUBLIC LIBRARY

# Last Friday BookStore



### MEMBERS ONLY, RESERVATION REQUIRED

FOL is excited to offer this shopping opportunity to the community of Lubbock!  
The following procedures are in place to protect the safety of our volunteers and our shoppers. Please honor these procedures.

#### Reservation Requirements:

1. For members only. New and renewed memberships payable at check-out.
2. Each reservation is for one person only. (3 household members would need 3 reservations.)
3. Children young enough to ride/stay in the cart or stroller do not require a separate reservation.
4. More than one reservation per household is welcome.
5. Each reservation is for a two-hour time period.
6. Shoppers may arrive up to 15 minutes before, and up to 45 minutes after, the reservation time; however, the end time of the reservation will remain as scheduled.

#### Shoppers agree to:

1. Refrain from participating if exhibiting COVID symptoms.
2. Wear full face covering and maintain six feet of social distancing.
3. Permit touchless temperature check upon arrival.

#### Children:

1. Children under the age of 14 must be accompanied by parent or guardian.
2. Children must be old enough to **wear full face covering**, or young enough to stay in shopping cart or stroller, supervised.

Visit this link to make a reservation:

[bit.ly/FOLBookStore](https://bit.ly/FOLBookStore)

Should you have a problem using the reservations link, please email [bookstore@lubbockfol.org](mailto:bookstore@lubbockfol.org).

Shoppers are asked to cancel reservations by visiting the link above or by emailing [bookstore@lubbockfol.org](mailto:bookstore@lubbockfol.org) if they feel ill or are unable to attend.



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Since 1967

Reservations are available for the following dates:  
February 26-27 • March 26-27 • April 23-24 • May 28-29

MAHON LIBRARY BASEMENT  
1306 9TH STREET, DOWNTOWN LUBBOCK

Cash, checks, credit and debit cards accepted.



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*Thank You*

*A Special Thank You to:*

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

Many thanks to Tyler Technologies for their generous donation of ten office chairs.

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-controlled storage units for FOL use. This donation has been critical to the maintenance of FOL operations during this time.**

## From the President...

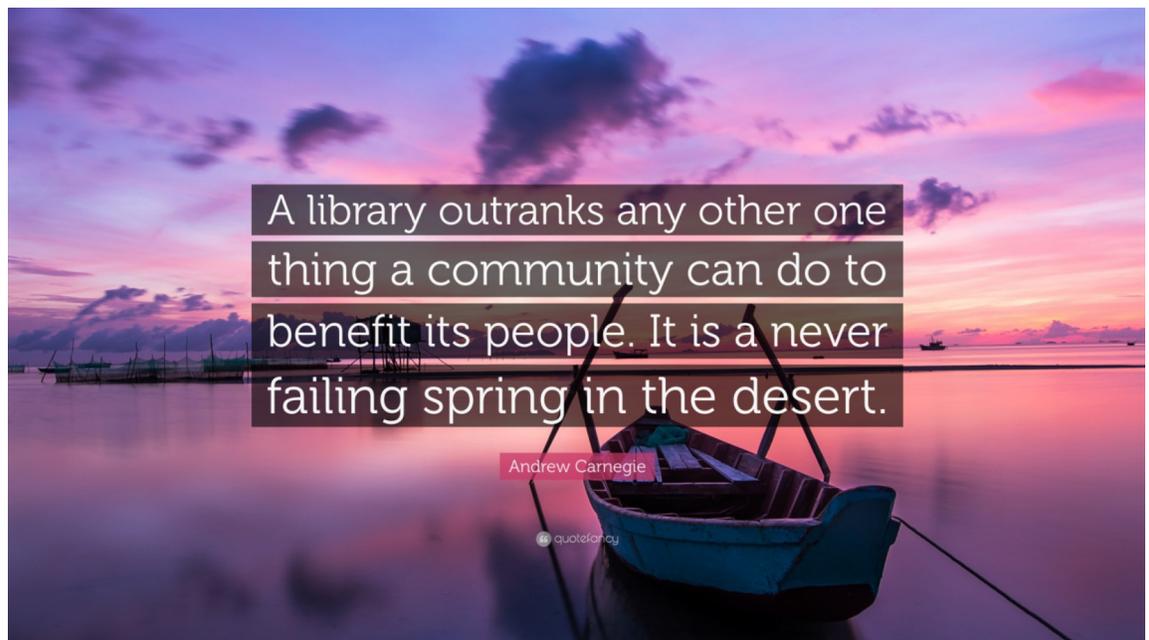
by Desiree Freyburger

2020 was year of trials and tribulations the likes of which most of us had never seen. But the fears and uncertainties also led to a huge outpouring of kindness and selflessness as Americans rose to the challenge of helping neighbors and praying for and supporting our healthcare and essential workers, as well as local businesses. Never have I been prouder to be part of a group of people than I am of being a member of Friends of the Library.

Our volunteers have not only continued to work diligently and fearlessly, but have also gone above and beyond, coming up with amazingly creative ideas on how to continue to support our libraries and also bring ridiculously cheap books to the public. For those of you who don't know, almost all of our volunteers are considered high risk. Yet not only did they still want to volunteer, they found ways to do so safely and enthusiastically. And our incredible online volunteers deserve a special thank you. Despite not being able to work for several months they still managed to surpass their 2019 revenue and were the main source of FOL's income last year.

As 2020 fades into the past, we are all looking forward to a kinder, gentler year. Thanks to the ingeniousness of our volunteers you can safely shop once a month with us at our Bookstore by Reservation or anytime online. And the best part is no crowds and a constantly replenished stock of books.

Our libraries need us now more than ever because our community needs our libraries now more than ever. By supporting Friends of the Library, you are helping fund a huge array of programs and supplies that make our libraries an oasis of learning and entertainment. And in these troubling times we all need every bit of knowledge and entertainment we can get!



# We our volunteers!

These 2020 hours our amazing volunteers have served in the midst of a pandemic are a tribute to how dedicated they are to serving the Lubbock Public Libraries and the citizens of this community. A heart felt thank you for each of these hours by our faithful crew.

## FOL VOLUNTEER HOURS - 2020

### 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.

#### 40 Plus

Mavis Whiten  
Amber Curtis  
John Wolf  
Wesley Ingram  
Joy Crawley  
Pat Hickox  
Arla Gideon  
Judy Rowden  
Sally Brown  
Cathy Sybert  
Virginia Baker  
Sheila Carlson  
Joe Gulick  
James Moyes  
Debbie Garrett  
Lena Villareal  
Richard Meyer  
Liz Speer  
Debbie Dennis  
Jon Lamberson  
Barbara Lamberson  
Gretchen Scott  
Bonnie Akard  
Christine Valdez  
Kristina Kohl  
Martha Coursey  
Judy Gulick

#### 100 Plus

Charity Donaldson  
Judy Burnett  
Ashley Hobgood

Maxine Young Asmah  
Susan Matchett  
Terry Wilson  
Thomas Trost  
Leslie Smith  
Gina McCasland  
Tess Trost  
Sarah Stubbs

#### 150 Plus

Bonnie Aycock  
Kathy Heppert  
Wade Estep  
Bill Ackers  
Jeanie Knowles  
Marit Dubois  
Connie Nugent  
Sharon Ryan

#### 200 Plus

Louise Ramsey  
Susan Ebelthite  
Liz Smitten  
Terry Ramsey  
Terri Coffee  
Tim Ebelthite  
Tom Moore  
Connie Teague

#### 250 Plus

Al Potter  
Marjorie Malek-Amadi

#### 300 Plus

Carla Moore  
Tommy Largent  
Desiree Freyburger  
Shirley Boyce  
LuNell Gribble

#### 350 Plus

Tony Kite  
Brian Beauchamp  
Lorraine Ogelsby

#### 450 Plus

Gale Richardson  
Kathy Nale

#### 500 Plus

Lynne Strickland

#### 600 Plus

Sandi Harper

#### 700 Plus

Ron Hays

#### 900 Plus

Dianne Ivy  
Lillian Arzaghi

#### 1000 Plus

Susan Stack

## Join Today!

### Annual Membership:

\$10 – Individual/Family

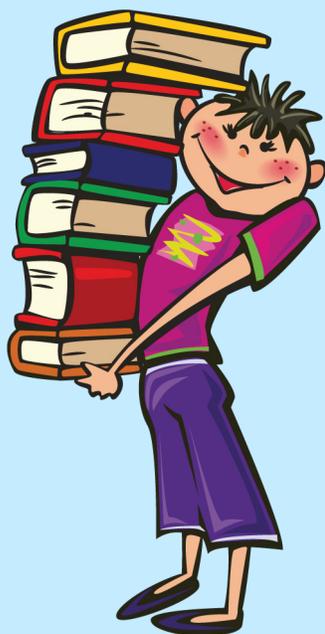
\$5 – Student

\$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 Volunteer Coordinator...

by Lillian Arzaghi

This is our thank-you to every FOL member who volunteered in 2020. With almost a full year of “Life in the Time of COVID-19”, FOL volunteers are still going strong. We have lost volunteers to COVID-19 concerns, health issues, bereavement, and travel. And many volunteers are simply taking a break with plans to return. Even so, we have had volunteers working in the basement, working in the donation sheds, working in the storage units, working remotely, and working at home. Volunteers have been wonderfully generous with their time and efforts, while working within the parameters of what is safe.

The amazing result of all these efforts is that we are still serving the Library and the community. We have not shut down donations during this time and have kept up with incoming items. Online Sales has had its best year ever. The Last Friday BookStore has made floor sales possible, as well. And we continue to promote the Library’s programs through Facebook and newsletters.

We will continue to evaluate and improvise, to be pro-active and re-active, to value the health and safety of our volunteers and shoppers, and to have fun. We will continue to try new ideas to see what works and what doesn’t. Feel free to share your ideas with any board member and they will be evaluated for use!

If you have been considering joining us as a new or returning volunteer in our limited team approach to the current situation, please let us know and we will get you started.

Volunteers, words cannot say how much we appreciate your generosity of spirit. Keep up the good work and Stay Safe!

## From the Book Sale VPs...

by Loraine Oglesby  
and Louise Ramsay

We have had a tremendous turnout for our Bookstore by Reservation endeavor and only positive feedback from the customers. Customers love the new library arrangement (as do the volunteers) and have given many positive comments about the ease of moving about to search for treasures. We have been thanked profusely for all our efforts and praised for the organization of books, making what they want to shop for easy to find.

We had the maximum number of shoppers the last weekend in January and many customers have said they will return for our subsequent sales. Two of our customers on January 29th and 30th stated that without being able to shop for books at our sales to resell online, they would not have survived the pandemic financially.

Every customer and every volunteer have enthusiastically enjoyed this experience. We at FOL are so glad to be able to offer this opportunity to our members. These sales would not/will not have taken place without the tremendous support of the library director and her staff. Many, many thanks to all who participated!

The next sale is February 26th and 27th. Hope to see you there!

## Volunteer!

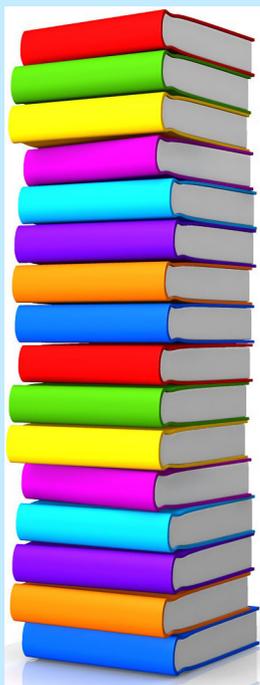
Volunteers continue to donate their time with Lubbock Friends of the Library.

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 Online Sales Director...

by Dianne Ivy

As it was for everyone, 2020 was quite a challenge for the Online Sales group. After having to shut down both our AbeBooks and eBay stores for six weeks at the beginning of the pandemic, we came back strong — thanks to our many patrons and supporters! We managed to finish 2020 with our best numbers yet! Online gross sales for 2020 topped \$103,000.

From both stores, we sold a total of 2,415 items for an average sales price of \$31.77 and have maintained a 99.9% customer satisfaction rating. Besides shipping across the US, we also shipped to nine foreign countries in 2020.

2021 has started off in a similar fashion, with sales of 270 items for an average sales price of \$35.73 in January.

As of January 31, 2021, we have a total of 11,282 items listed for sale between our two stores. We invite everyone to check us out at:

**[AbeBooks.com](http://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](http://eBay.com)**

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

The Online team wishes to express their appreciation to all the volunteers, members, and donors who have helped us achieve these sales. It is absolutely a TEAM effort!

## Friends of the Library Board of Directors

The following board positions are up for election in 2021:

- Vice President
- Treasurer
- Online Director
- Recording Secretary
- Corresponding Secretary

If you are interested in serving on the FOL Board of Directors, please contact someone on the nominating committee (Dianne Ivy, Marjorie Malek-Ahmadi, Lillian Arzhagi, Tony Kite, or Wade Estep) or email us at [fol@lubbockfol.org](mailto:fol@lubbockfol.org) by February 28th.

***Due to the ongoing safety concerns regarding Covid-19 and large gatherings, Friends of the Library's annual meeting will once again be by newsletter in April.***

## Shop Our Online Book Sales Anytime!



**abebooks.com**

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



**eBay.com**

<https://www.ebay.com/str/friendsofthelubbocklibraries>

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



## From the Publicity Director...

by Susan Stack

Welcome to 2021! The year 2020 was not what any of us had expected!

Thank you for your patience while Friends of the Lubbock Public Library regrouped and worked to continue our support of the library system. Rest assured, the FOL programs are still functioning in providing that support.

Although we have not been able to conduct sales as we have in the past, through creative thinking we have been able to continue to receive donations, sort and shelve items, and sell them. We have successfully sold items at our Back Porch Teachers Sale in October, the Drive-By Grab Bag Sale in November, the start of a Personal Shopper service in December, and most recently the implementation of by-reservation Last Friday BookStore Sales.

Online Sales have continued strong, even with a six-week break in February and the first part of March due to Covid-19 restrictions. 2020 was the strongest year financially for Online since its inception in 2004. It continues to grow the market, including international shipments and an increase in sales of foreign language books.

Our members-only, monthly, by-reservation Last Friday BookStore sales have been very successful, with the December and January sales bringing in more than \$10,000 in total sales. The customers love the newly reorganized sales floor and ease of shopping. Hopefully, in the near future, we can increase the number of slots open for shoppers, if Covid-19 regulations are relaxed by the City of Lubbock.

The **Last Friday BookStore** reservations for the February sale are all taken, and the March sale slots are almost gone. If you are interested in making one of those sales, you may check the reservation application online at [bit.ly/FOLBookStore](http://bit.ly/FOLBookStore) to see if anyone has cancelled their slot. If the City allows us to increase the number of openings, we will update the application with the updated allowable slots. Remember, to participate in these sales you must be an FOL member and have a reservation. Memberships and renewals are available at checkout.

Here are the dates for the Last Friday BookStore sales through May:

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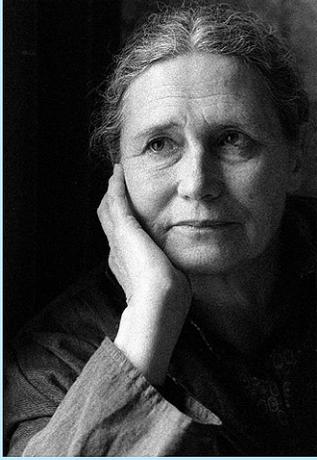
## Personal Shopper Program

Remember—you can order books from the FOL through email using our Personal Shopper Program!

**Note:** To participate in the program, *you must be willing to use a cellphone and email address and be a current member of FOL.*

Go to [www.lubbockfol.org/pshopper.html](http://www.lubbockfol.org/pshopper.html) for details!





*“A public library is the most democratic thing in the world. What can be found there has undone dictators and tyrants.”*  
Doris Lessing



*“The library is an arena of possibility, opening both a window into the soul and a door onto the world.”*  
Rita Dove

## From the Library Director...

by Stacy McKenzie

Hello, Library Friends!

At the time of this writing, the library is getting ready to begin room rental and in-person programs again! We will continue to offer curbside and homebound services for patrons even after we open. While our capacity must currently remain at 75%, we don't think this will be an issue until we begin Summer Reading programs in June, and even then we still have virtual SRP registration and a full menu of virtual programming for anyone who wants to participate from home.

What a wild year it has been, and we certainly expect there to be a few more bumps in the road until we get back to some semblance of normal! We have had several of our staff receive the vaccinations and hope Lubbock opens that up to all city staff very soon.

In the meantime, we thank every one of the FOL volunteers for following the protocols and for being so creative and thoughtful with your fundraising efforts! I've said it before, but we just would not be a full-service library without the support you all provide. Keep up the excellent work and I sincerely thank you from the bottom of my heart!

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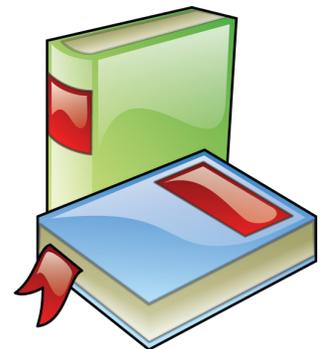
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## Gift Certificates

FOL now has gift certificates for you and your book-lover friends for sale in any amount \$10 or more. The gift certificates may be used in our Last Friday BookStore by Reservation ONLY. Please contact the FOL treasurer by phone 806-775-2852 or online at [lubbockfol.org](http://lubbockfol.org). Please leave clear and complete contact information.

Friends of the Library



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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
- \$5 - Student
- \$25 - Bronze Patron
- \$50 - Silver Patron
- \$75 - Gold Patron
- \$100 - Platinum Patron

### OFFICE USE ONLY

Paid by:

- Cash
- Check # \_\_\_\_\_
- Credit Card

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Received by \_\_\_\_\_

Please return form to:

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