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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

Should you have a problem using the reservations link, please email bookstore@lubbockfol.org.

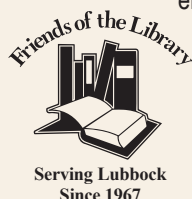
Shoppers are asked to cancel reservations by visiting the link above or by emailing bookstore@lubbockfol.org if they feel ill or are unable to attend.

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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and Instagram

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!

**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...

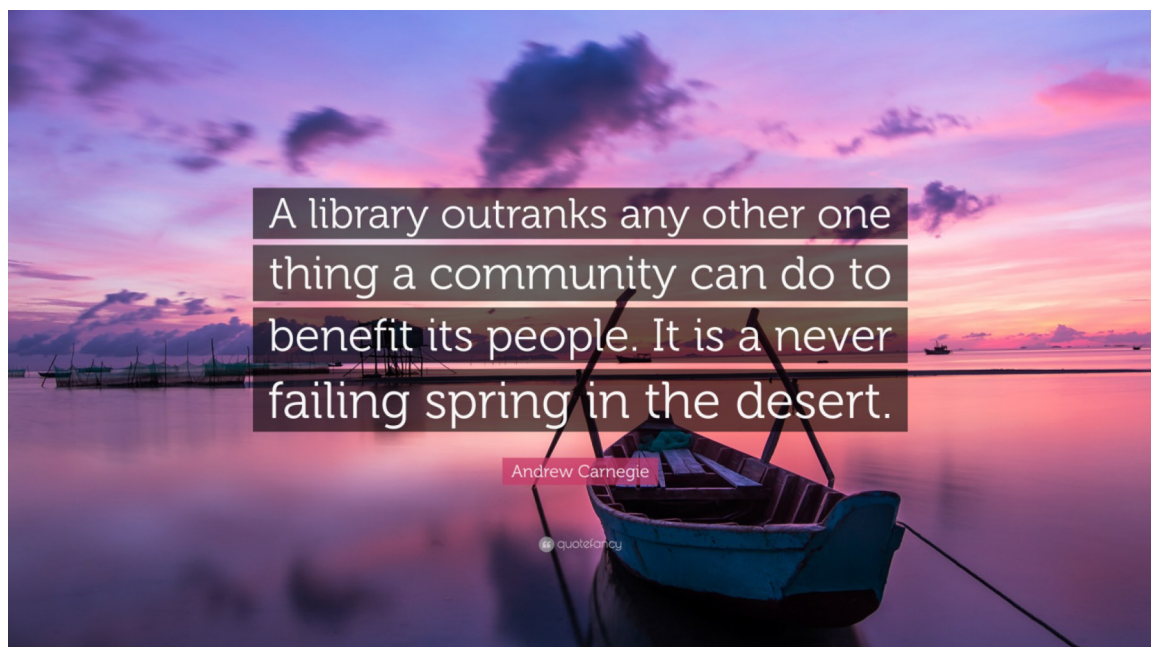
by Desiree Freyburger

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!



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.

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

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 Aycok
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
Loraine 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!

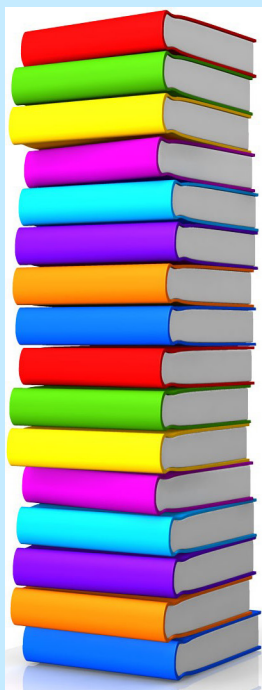
Volunteers continue to donate their time with Lubbock Friends of the Library.

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

www.abebooks.com/friends-of-the-lubbock-public-library/1369090/sf

eBay.com

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 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 shelf 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 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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April 23-24

May 28-29

Please visit us online at www.lubbockfol.org!

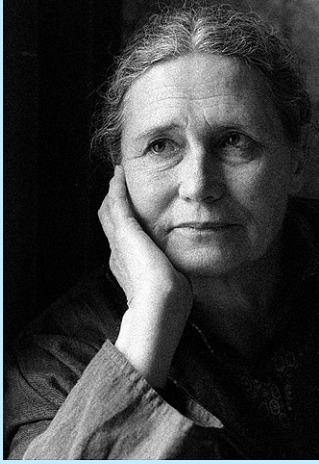
Personal Shopper Program

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 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!

Online Book Sales

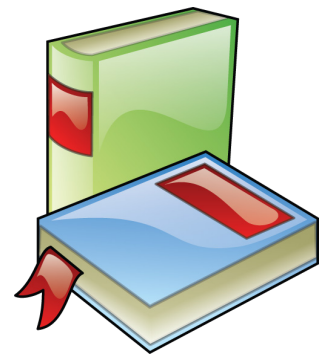
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<http://stores.ebay.com/friendsofthelubbocklibraries>

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



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. Please leave clear and complete contact information.



Serving Lubbock
Since 1967

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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