

The BOOKMARK



FALL 2023

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Friends of the Lubbock Public Library

Fall BOOKSTORES

SEPT. 29-30
OCT. 27-28

9AM - 2PM
(Shop until 3pm)

FRIDAY - MEMBERS ONLY
SATURDAY - OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Friends of the Library

Scan the QR code for more info and to make a reservation!

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A Special
Thank You to:

United
Supermarkets
for donating paper
bags and providing
drop-off locations
at Frankford Ave. &
82nd St. and
Indiana Ave. &
129th St.

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



Regular Volunteer Hours

Mon.	9am-3pm
Tues.	9am-8pm
Wed.	9am-3pm
Thurs.	9am-3pm
Fri.	9am-3pm
Sat.	10am-2pm

From the President...

by Brian Beauchamp

I hope everyone has been able to enjoy the summer. We were fortunate to spend time with our children and all three grandchildren. We had a wonderful time.

Although I was gone much of July, things are still moving forward with Friends of the Library. We had successful BookStore sales in June and July, and the online sales also had strong results in June and July.

We had a new shed installed in July. United Supermarkets has allowed us to add a new shed at the store on 129th and Indiana. We certainly appreciate the long-term support we have received from the United Family. Installation was on July 24th, but the opening was delayed while we waited for signs. It has great visibility from both Indiana Avenue and FM 1585. We are fortunate to get this location that gives us exposure to citizens who are located east of Frankford Avenue and south of 82nd Street. The success of our monthly BookStore is dependent on the steady flow of new inventory of books, and this new shed is expected to increase our incoming donations. I would like to thank Tony Kite for overseeing the purchase and installation. Wade Estep and Linda Muehlbrad helped with the buildout of the interior in tremendous heat. The shed is up at a great location and looks great!

The July FOL BookStore was a huge success with sales exceeding \$17,000. Thanks so much to all our customers and all the volunteers that made it happen! Our success with the BookStore sales allows us to increase our support of the library. We were able to provide the financial support for Tortellini, the new tortoise that is a big success for the library. We also were able to fund the furnishings for a new conference room at the Mahon library.

Hopefully, our upcoming sales will continue to be successful, enabling us to further increase our support to the library in 2024. Thank you so much for your continued support of the FOL.

From the Special Events Director...

by Marjorie
Malek-Ahmadi

Let's ALL Read This Fall!

Friends of the Library are looking forward to a busy fall season. Just ahead of the start of school on August 11, we took part in Backpacks for Back to School on the main floor of Mahon Library, giving away free books to help fill those new backpacks!

Once again, this fall, we'll be looking for area schools and preschools where students might need additional books. Teachers are encouraged to contact us at Friends of the Library, 806-775-2852, to share your students' needs.

Teachers, are you in need of books for your classroom? Come by our monthly FOL BookStore! Our upcoming September BookStore will be Sept. 29 and 30, with children's book prices as low as \$0.50 for hardback and \$0.25 for paperback!

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
Frankford Ave. & 82nd
Indiana Ave. & 129th

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

Mahon, 1306 9th 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.

New Donation Shed Open!

Sincerest thanks to the management of United Supermarkets! They have graciously granted us space at their 129th & Indiana store parking lot for a new donation shed; our first in Southeast Lubbock.

We have purchased and installed a 10'x14' TuffShed in the southwest corner of the parking lot adjacent to Indiana. The beige with red trim building is about 45% larger than our other donation sheds in anticipation of the increased donations this site will draw. It sports new signage to increase its curb appeal but still denote its purpose.



New book donation shed at the United Supermarket at Indiana Ave. and 129th St.



Watch for it! Talk about it! Let your friends, family, and neighbors in that area know how convenient it is now to drop off their lovingly cared-for used books. The Friends of the Library is proud to call both our donors and our corporate patrons "Friends."



Join Today!

Annual Membership:

- \$10 – Individual/Family
- \$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 Membership Director...

by Cathy Syper

As a member of the Friends of the Lubbock Library (FOL), your continued support of our organization and the Lubbock Public Library System is invaluable. Without the FOL group, the monthly BookStores would not be possible. All aspects of the BookStore shopping experience are supported by FOL members who also volunteer their time. Without the BookStore, we would not be able to provide the financial support to the Lubbock Libraries that they do not get from public funds.

We invite you to take full advantage of your membership! Come to the library for every sale. Materials are constantly being added to our shelves. Fridays are open to members only, giving you first look at all the new inventory.

Want a challenge? Purchase something new! Expand your knowledge of humanity by shopping in philosophy and psychology. Read a biography, study a book about war, or discover the origins of the tea trade. Too much? Try historical fiction. Understand holy texts by reading a commentary found in the Religion section. Choose a young adult author; their insight might surprise you. Read or reread a classic. Try fantasy, time travel, alternate universes, dragons — why not? Humor offers relief from daily bad news. Learn a new skill or craft. Curl up with a steamy romance. Read a banned book (*gasp!!*). Try a book on CD, perfect for your daily commute. Take a puzzle home for hours of quiet contentment or a family free-for-all.

We hope this helps you see that there is a lot of merchandise in our stacks just waiting to be discovered. Regardless of your current reading habits, we hope that you can find something old and comforting or new and exciting each time you shop with us.

Remember, without your support, the BookStore could not exist. Keep shopping and donating your used materials. Step up your membership by volunteering with us. Any amount of time you have to spare is useful and appreciated.



Shop Our Online Book Sales Anytime!



eBay.com

<http://tiny.cc/FOLeBay>



AbeBooks.com

<http://tiny.cc/FOLabebooks>

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

Volunteer!

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Basement

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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 Director of Operations... by LaFonda Gerhart

For all our members:

FOL certainly hopes that each of you are having special days throughout this hot, dreary summer!

I would like to remind everyone about the mission of the FOL. We maintain an association of people interested in the Library and its purpose. We focus increased public attention on the library and encourage its use in the community. We coordinate with library staff and management to develop services for the community and, most importantly, to promote reading in our community.

This is the purpose of the FOL BookStore and our monthly book sales. Every penny that is earned goes to support our library system. In addition, we provide reasonably priced books for every age, gender, and belief system. Often, we have out-of-print books that are difficult to find elsewhere. We try to make it possible for people to update their favorite series of books. Our volunteers work long hours to get donations cleaned, sorted, and filed. We then celebrate those hours by greeting our paying guests, laughing, and sharing new authors and books. It is a win-win for everyone involved!

FOL also supports children's programs, the South Plains Genealogical Society, nonprofit donations, and the mini bookstore at Mahon Library that offers an honor system for buying books that are newer.

FOL is proud to work with our library system and to encourage reading for everyone!

From the South Plains Genealogical Society... by Carla Moore

The South Plains Genealogical Society wants to give a big thank you to Friends of the Library for their support. We are so excited to have a new cabinet to store the supplies needed to process and repair books. We were previously storing them in file drawers. Now the drawers are ready to be used to extend our vertical files. In case you didn't know, we keep files that have documents and information about families that are not in book form. We also replaced the chairs so they all match, are very comfortable, and are easy to clean. We hope you stop by sometime and try them out.

Come look at our great collection of books! We couldn't have some of the special books without FOL. We usually have volunteers there on Thursday afternoons to help with genealogy research. If you haven't started your family tree, come by and we will help you get started. We're located in the back, right corner, from the main entrance of the Mahon Library.



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Membership Form

Name(s) _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Would you 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
- \$25 - Bronze Patron
- \$50 - Silver Patron
- \$75 - Gold Patron
- \$100 - Platinum Patron

OFFICE USE ONLY

Paid by:

- Cash
- Check # _____
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