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Lubbock FOL Annual Meeting

Sunday, April 30, 2023

Mahon Library Community Room

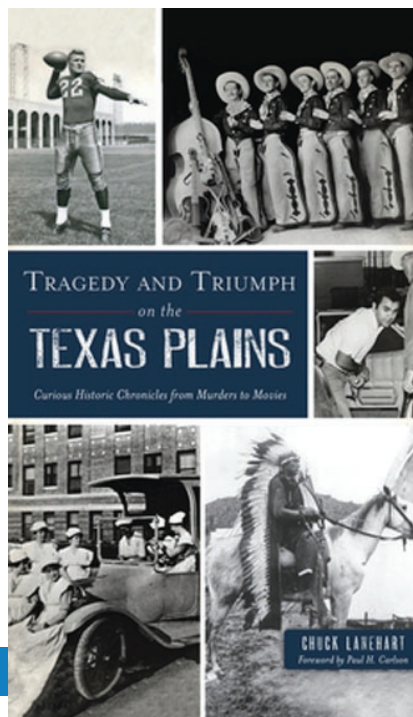
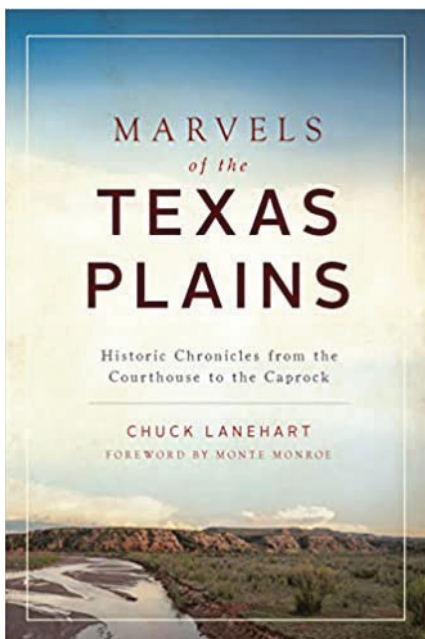
Meeting at 2:00 pm – Speaker at 2:30 pm



Guest Speaker

Chuck Lanehart

Lubbock criminal defense attorney and historian, and author of *Marvels of the Texas Plains: Historic Chronicles from the Courthouse to the Caprock* and *Tragedy and Triumph on the Texas Plains: Curious Historic Chronicles from Murders to Movies*



FOL
memberships
are available
at the door.

Thank
You

A Special
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!



Regular Volunteer Hours

Mon.	9am-3pm
Tues.	9am-8pm
Wed.	9am-3pm
Thurs.	9am-3pm
Fri.	9am-3pm
Sat.	9:30am-1:30pm

From Special Projects... by Marjorie Malek-Ahmadi

Friends of the Library General Meeting April 30th, 2023

Speaker: Chuck Lanehart

Chuck Lanehart is a celebrated Lubbock criminal defense attorney and historian. He has been a regular contributor to the Lubbock Avalanche-Journal's well-received "Caprock Chronicles" series. He first developed his passion for writing and storytelling while working for Texas Tech University's daily student newspaper. Mr. Lanehart enjoys delving into unexplored stories from our region.

His new book, "Marvels of the Texas Plains: Historic Chronicles from the Courthouse to the Caprock," came out in October of 2022. In his synopsis, the author shared that thousands of years ago, Clovis man hunted huge mammoths in this region. More recently, Waylon Jennings found his musical inspiration here. The Texas prairie has been the backdrop for the wildest of Wild West shootouts, landmark legal battles, and epic achievements in sports in the intervening years.

Please join us on Sunday, April 30th, at 2:00 p.m. in the Mahon Community Room when Chuck Lanehart will share some of his stories with us. If you are a local history enthusiast or just like a good West Texas tale, you will not want to miss this! He has also promised to bring copies of his book "Marvels of the Texas Plains," as well as his first book, "Tragedy and Triumph on the Texas Plains." Attendees will have the opportunity to buy both books after the meeting for \$20 each, payable by cash or check.

From the President...

by Brian Beauchamp

FOL was truly blessed in 2022, and I hope 2023 will be another great year for the Friends of the Library. We had a very successful year due to the work of our amazing volunteers, shoppers, donors, and members. We had 20,733 volunteer hours from 128 dedicated volunteers. Our monthly BookStore crowds continue to grow and produced strong sales results throughout 2022. The Friday members-only days have been our strongest sales day, so a big thank you to all our members for their continued support. With the success of the BookStore and our online sales, we were able to meet all the Library's requests for extra funding in 2022. Thank you all so much for your support in 2022!

Speaking of donors, we have new plans for 2023. The Board of Directors has approved a new shed to be placed in southern Lubbock. As Lubbock continues to grow to the south, the Board felt we could use another shed to make book donations more convenient. The success of our monthly BookStore sales is dependent on a steady inflow of new books. Hopefully, the new shed will add to our donations. Look for the announcement of the newest shed location in our next newsletter.

Our budget for 2023 shows our contributions to the Lubbock library system continuing to increase. The largest increase is for eBooks. The Library is experiencing skyrocketing demand for these products. In addition to eBook expansion, we will continue to support the many children's and adult programs provided by the Library. Your continued support for the Friends of the Library has put us in a financial position to support these needs. Again, we thank you very much.

Our annual meeting is set for April 30th. Mr. Chuck Lanehart will be our guest speaker. We will have an election of officers and a vote on bylaws. Please make plans to attend as we look forward to meeting you.

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 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.

Slate of Officers

Please join us at our annual meeting. The nominating committee consists of Lillian Arzaghi, Loraine Oglesby, Linda Muehlbrad, Desiree Freyburger, and Walter Wilhoit.

The committee presents the following nominees for election April 30:

Vice President: Walter Wilhoit
Treasurer: Dianne Ivy
Recording Secretary: Lynne Strickland
Director of Publicity: Tony Kite
Director of Online: Susan Stack

Each of these officers will serve until the office's next election term. Nominations may also be made from the floor with the consent of the nominee.

Bylaws Changes

The following Bylaws changes approved by the FOL board are presented to be voted for or against at the Annual Meeting.

The current Bylaws concerning membership are as stated below:

Article III. Membership

Section 2. Membership shall consist of three categories:

- a) Individual/Family
- b) Patron: Bronze, Silver, Gold, Platinum
- c) Student/Educator

The proposed change, to be voted on at the Annual Meeting, reads:

Article III. Membership

Section 2. Membership shall consist of two categories:

- a) Individual/Family
- b) Patron: Bronze, Silver, Gold, Platinum

The following proposed Bylaws change is to eliminate the office of Corresponding Secretary and convert it to an appointed position (non-voting) under the Treasurer titled Correspondence Coordinator.

Current Bylaws:

Article IV, Board of Directors

Section 1. The Board of Directors shall consist of six (6) officers and five (5) directors elected by the membership.

Proposed Change:

Article IV, Board of Directors

Section 1. The Board of Directors shall consist of five (5) officers and five (5) directors elected by the membership.

Current Bylaws:

Article V, Officers and Directors

Section 3, E. The Treasurer shall (1), (2), (3), and (4)

Proposed Change:

Article V, Officers and Directors

Section 3, D. The Treasurer shall (1), (2), (3), (4), and (5) Appoint with Board approval a Correspondence Coordinator (non-voting position).

Remove any reference to Corresponding Secretary from the remainder of the Bylaws (Article V, Sections 1, 2, and 3).

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

We ♥ our volunteers!

In 2022, our 128 volunteers put in 20,733 total volunteer hours.

FOL VOLUNTEER HOURS - 2022

40 plus

Sally Carthel
Chance Coffman
Amber Curtis
Emma Curtis
Katelyn Donaldson
Gina Duran
Debbie Garrett
Margo Green
Wesley Ingram
Cassie Lege
Barbara Lamberson
Jon Lamberson
Dottie Lewis
Katie Logan
Lesley Logan
Dena Matthews
Jerry Matthews
Richard Meyer
Virginia Minchew
Gale Modrall
Carolyn Marino
Karen Nitzschke
Frances Randall
Susie Rather
Leslie Smith
Laurel Strickland
Nancy Tarwater
Ellen Vaughn
Mavis Witten
Sandra Witt

100 plus

Dianne Acebedo
Bonnie Aycock
Sally Brown
Sheila Carlson
Janet Carson

Charity Donaldson
Penn Ezra
Kari Ezra
Ashley Hobgood
Nicholas Kellogg
Mary Julia Parker
Terry Ramsay
Gretchen Scott
Cathy Syper
Chris Valdez
Walter Wilhoit
Andrea Wilms

150 plus

Bonnie Akard
Wade Estep
Kristina Kohl
Kathy Nale
Louise Ramsay
Sharon Ryan
Tom Trost
Terry Wilson

200 plus

Connie Nugent
Sarah Stubbs

250 plus

Carla Moore
Connie Teague
Tess Trost
Judy Burnett

300 plus

Terri Coffey
Susan Ebelthite
Tim Ebelthite
LaFonda Gerhart

Kathy Heppert
Loraine Oglesby

350 plus

Bill Akors
Desiree Freyburger
LuNell Gribble
Susan Matchett
Linda Muehlbrad

400 plus

Maxine Asmah
Shirley Boyce
Gina McCasland

500 plus

Sandi Harper
Gale Richardson

550 plus

Brian Beauchamp
Tony Kite

650 plus

Marjorie Malek-Ahmadi

700 plus

Marit Dubois
Lynne Strickland

1000 plus

Dianne Ivy

1100 plus

Lillian Arzagli

1200 plus

Ron Hays

Volunteer!

Hours of Operation:

Mahon Library
Basement

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Tues.	9am-8pm
Wed.	9am-3pm
Thurs.	9am-3pm
Fri.	9am-3pm
Sat.	9:30am-1:30pm

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 Book Sale VPs...

by Loraine Oglesby
and Linda Muehlbrad

We hope everyone has had a great month. Are you getting your shopping list ready for the monthly FOL BookStore? It will be here before you know it! We have geared back up to normal operations after the holidays, and volunteers are sorting the boxes of donations as fast as they can.

Just a reminder, FOL is ALWAYS looking for more volunteers. That book you have been looking for may be in one of those boxes! Ask any FOL volunteer how to join this fun group of people.

We are seeing more people taking advantage of the monthly BookStore schedule. This has been a great move on the part of Friends of the Library organization. Positive comments are heard every month. I think the kids love it as much if not more than the adults, as it is a great weekend outing where they get to pick out a special book or two...or ten!

Come join us, and peruse our shelves to find those perfect titles. See you there!

From the Membership Director...

by Cathy Syper

Have you given much thought to your Friends of the Library membership? Libraries have and always will provide access to vast amounts of information and materials to individuals and groups that they could never hope to amass or maintain themselves. Libraries also provide a safe, comfortable space to explore ideas and information that might otherwise be hard to come by. Without dedicated FOL members, local libraries would not be able to offer as many programs and services to our communities. As an FOL member, you help support library improvements, children's programs, technical services and supplies, collection management, maker space, staff education, the South Plains Genealogical Society, Literacy Lubbock, and audio and eBook purchases.

For your support, we are truly grateful, and you should congratulate yourself for participating in this worthwhile community service. As a member you receive a 25% discount on the purchase of any FOL online listing, you gain entry to members-only BookStore days, you receive this newsletter and email announcements, you are invited to special speaker events, and you can feel good in the knowledge that your membership contributes to library programs for the community.

In closing, I would like to invite you to do two things. First of all, encourage your friends to become FOL members; second, take your FOL membership to the next level. By that I mean volunteer with our great group in the Mahon Library basement. You may not have thought about the dedicated effort it takes to operate the monthly FOL BookStore. Volunteers do everything from boxing and picking up donations from our sheds around town to sorting and maintaining our massive inventory. We are a book-obsessed group that is always looking for FOL member volunteers who will contribute their time to our cause. You can volunteer as little or as much time as you want and are able. Come join the fun!



*“Books are the plane,
and the train, and
the road. They are the
destination, and the
journey. They are home.”*

Anna Quindlen



*“You think your pain
and your heartbreak
are unprecedented in
the history of the world,
but then you read. It
was books that taught
me that the things that
tormented me most
were the very things
that connected me with
all the people who were
alive, who had ever
been alive.”*

James Baldwin

From the Director of Operations... by LaFonda Gerhart

2023 is already here for FOL!

Have you thought about the differences between members and volunteers? Members pay their yearly dues to belong to a group and receive rewards. In FOL, they receive the privilege of first-day bookstore attendance to purchase as few or many books as they choose for very good prices. One book—great! A grocery cart full of books—even better!

Volunteers are members who make this activity possible. They pay the same dues as other members, but willingly give time and energy to the cause. They check, clean, and organize the donated books in the company of other book lovers. They make new friends, laugh, talk, and help at the FOL book sales. It is a joy in the 21st century to see so many people at our sales who continue to love the feel of books, from very small children to those taking their last steps in life. I appreciate each member and each volunteer. If a member wants to become a volunteer, please talk to anyone listed in this newsletter. Keep reading!

From the Online Sales Director... by Susan Stack

Welcome to 2023!

Online has been busy in 2022. Our AbeBooks and eBay stores have seen good activity through the end of 2022 and we expect to expand inventory and sales in 2023. The team has been heavily involved in acquiring and analyzing books as possible additions to our FOL Online inventory.

In 2022:

- ◆ FOL Online shipped items to all 50 states and 29 foreign countries on all continents except Antarctica.
- ◆ Our highest single sale was \$800 in July.
- ◆ Online gross revenue totaled \$72,925, averaging over \$6,000 per month.

We appreciate all our donors, members, and volunteers, without whose dedication none of this would be possible.



Shop Our Online Book Sales Anytime!



eBay.com

<http://tiny.cc/FOLeBay>



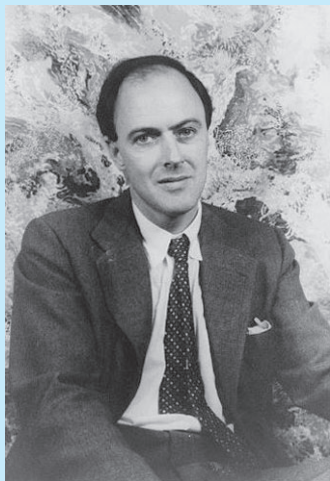
AbeBooks.com

<http://tiny.cc/FOLabebooks>

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

From the Treasurer...

by Dianne Ivy



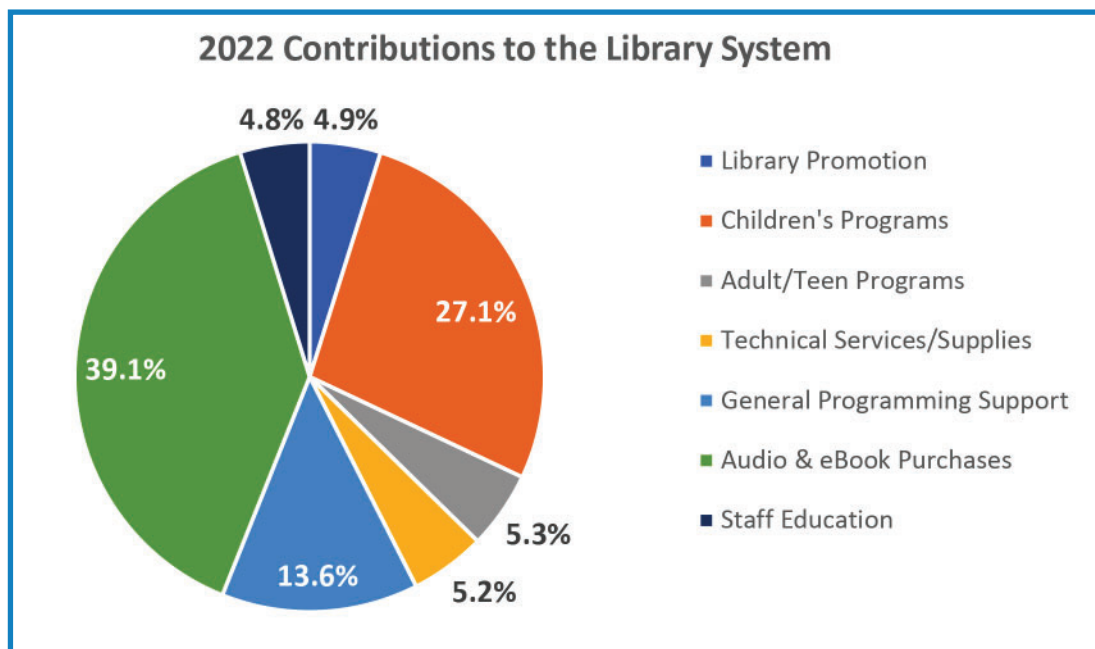
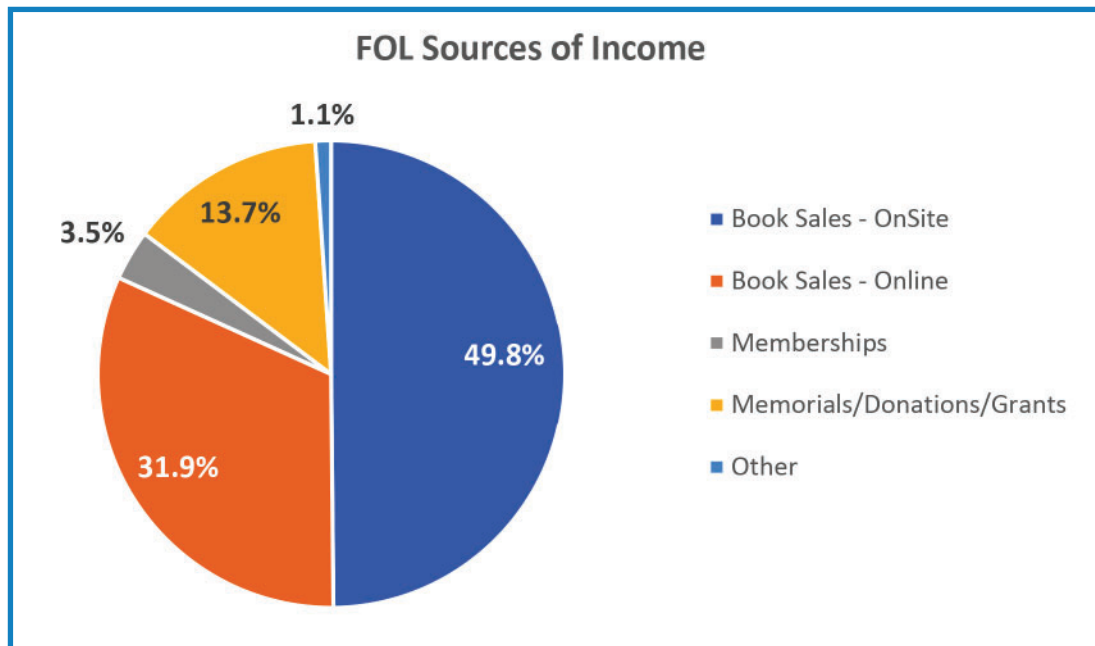
“So Matilda’s strong young mind continued to grow, nurtured by the voices of all those authors who had sent their books out into the world like ships on the sea. These books gave Matilda a hopeful and comforting message: You are not alone.”
Roald Dahl, “Matilda”



“That’s the thing about books. They let you travel without moving your feet.”
Jhumpa Lahiri

2022 was a great year for the FOL! Our transition from four sales a year to our monthly BookStore format has been well received by the public and has proved to be a good revenue generator. All of this would not have been possible without the hard work of all our volunteers and the generosity of our members and the public. So, a big THANKS! to all those involved in making FOL a success in 2022.

The two charts below show the source of FOL’s 2022 income and how our financial contributions to the Lubbock Library System were spent.



You are invited to the
Friends of the Lubbock Public Library

Spring BookStores

March 24-25

April 21-22

May 19-20

9AM - 2PM

(Shop until 3pm)

Friday - Members Only

Saturday - Open to the Public

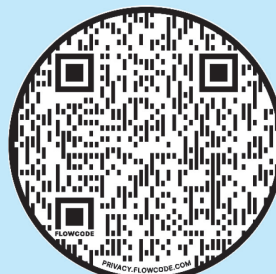


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Membership Form

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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- Check # _____
- Credit Card

Date _____

Received by _____

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