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Lubbock FOL Annual Meeting Sunday, April 6, 2025

Mahon Library Community Room

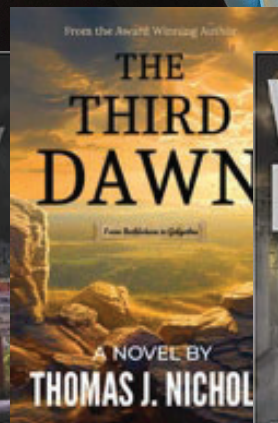
Meeting at 2:00 pm – Speaker at 2:30 pm

Guest Speaker

Thomas J. Nichols

*FOL memberships
are available at
the door.*

Former Lubbock Chief
of Police and Author of
Color of the Prism,
*We Were Young
Once...*, *The Third
Dawn*, *Sweet Emily*,
Voices in the Fog
and other exciting
thrillers!



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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to sell. Without you
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Regular Volunteer Hours

Mon.	9am-3pm
Tues.	9am-8pm
Wed.	9am-3pm
Thurs.	9am-12pm
Fri.	Closed
Sat.	10am-2pm
Sun.	Closed

From the Special Events Director...

by Jennifer Morris

Friends of the Library General Meeting April 6th, 2025

Speaker: Thomas J. Nichols

This year's speaker for the FOL Annual Meeting is Thomas J. Nichols, retired Chief of Police for the City of Lubbock, TX, and Lubbock ISD, and graduate of the FBI National Academy, along with many other accomplishments. He is a prolific author based in Lubbock who is graciously sharing his time with us. Visit with him at the Annual Meeting on April 6, 2025, 2:00 pm in the George Mahon Library Community room.

About Thomas J. Nichols

Thomas J. Nichols brings a rare blend of law enforcement expertise and storytelling prowess to his literary works. His journey as a writer began with bedtime stories for his children in the 1970s, spinning tales beneath the starlit Santa Catalina Mountains of Arizona. While serving as Chief of Police for both Tucson and Lubbock Police Departments, Nichols honed his writing skills crafting policies, procedures, and groundbreaking research on Community Oriented Policing.

After a distinguished career in law enforcement, Nichols channeled his deep understanding of criminal justice and national security into crafting compelling fiction. A master of fact-based fiction, Nichols weaves real-world events and law enforcement expertise into page-turning narratives that blur the line between reality and fiction. His Border War series, including *Color of the Prism* and *We Were Young Once...*, tackles the complex issues of drug and human trafficking along the U.S. border, demonstrating his commitment to addressing contemporary challenges through the lens of compelling storytelling.

Nichols resides in Lubbock, Texas, where he continues to craft meticulously researched thrillers that draw from his decades of experience in law enforcement and his natural gift for storytelling.

From the President...

by Timothy Ebelthite

2024 was a record-breaking year for FOL. We had great sales and found new homes for a large number of books. This is our reward for all the hours and efforts spent in preparing for the sales.

January 2025 Bookstore sales were excellent, and we look forward to another great year at FOL.

I checked out a gentleman about my age on Saturday as he bought about 20 children's hardback "Little Golden Books". I commented that someone's grandchildren are going to be happy. He said "Oh, no. I give these away to my neighborhood kids."

That was my reward for the day!

Thanks for volunteering.

Book donations are welcome!

Donations of books (less than 6 boxes) can be made **anytime** at the following free-standing sheds:

Groves Branch Library
5520 19th St.

Godeke Branch Library
5034 Frankford Ave.

United Supermarkets
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.

Slate of Officers

Please join us at our annual meeting. The nominating committee consists of Lillian Arzagli, Brian Beauchamp, Desiree Freyburger, Lynne Strickland, and Larry Valdez.

The committee presents the following nominees for election at the Annual Meeting April 6, 2025:

Vice President: Walter Wilhoit
Treasurer: Open position
Recording Secretary: Becky Moonen
Online Director: Tony Kite
Publicity Director: Susan Stack

Each of these officers will serve until the office's next election term. Nominations may also be made from the floor. The proposed candidate must agree to the nomination, be a member of FOL, and be deemed qualified by the nominating committee.

From the Recording Secretary...

by Lynne Strickland

Friends of the Lubbock Public Library has two areas for travel in the BookStore. One is in Better Books located adjacent to the Texana shelves on Aisle 101. This area has the more valuable international and national oversized books and atlases. You will also find specialized books for various travel regions.

The other is located adjacent to history in the regular book section on Aisles 30-31. Here, a traveler will find more general books about travel in various regions. Looking for a specific travel author? This is the place, along with specific sections for USA travel, National and State Parks, European travel, and world travel. There are also many maps for states, cities, counties, and countries.

There is a vintage section in both areas. See the world from the viewpoint of the past traveler.

For the home schoolers and all teachers, often there are \$1 grab bags with four books from specific countries or regions which could easily be used for posters or other study.

From the Online Sales Director...

by Susan Stack

Online is once again hanging out the "HELP WANTED" sign. We have been fortunate to receive many books that should be listed for sale in our eBay store. To make them available to our customers, we need more volunteers interested in joining the online team to list them. If that means you, please contact Susan, Dianne, or Tony.

2024 was a wonderful year. FOL online sold 1,636 items to 1,518 customers while maintaining a customer satisfaction rating of 100%. We shipped throughout the U.S. and to over 20 foreign countries.

2025 is already looking like a banner year, showing strong sales, with shipments to eight foreign countries.

Thank you to all the volunteers who identify books for potential addition to our inventory, and to the dedicated Online team for listing and shipping items to our customers.

We ♥ our volunteers!

In 2024, our 168 volunteers put in 24914 total volunteer hours.
We also had 64 student volunteers who put in 268 hours!

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

FOL VOLUNTEER HOURS - 2024

40 plus

Beth Carlberg
Katelyn Donaldson
Roxanne Edwards
Wade Estep
Penn Ezra
Jane Fehr
Kitty Gage
Cooper Gray
Mary Ann Hogan
Katie Logan
Lesley Logan
Madison McKenzie
Dena Mathews
Richard Meyer
Becky Moonen
Patricia Ramsey
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James Smith
Leslie Smith
Lukas Smith
Nancy Tarwater
Jessie White
Sandra Witt

100 plus

Sheila Carlson
Janet Carson
Cindy DeRoeck
Charity Donaldson
Ellen Dunaway
Ron Dunaway
Gina Duran
Brooks Ezra
Kari Ezra
Kathy Faulk
Wesley Ingram
Nickolas Kellogg
Jerry Matthews
Sandra Mulsow
Julie Parker
Genaro Perez

Gretchen Scott
Suzanne Tilley
Tom Trost
Beth Trostle
Sebastian White
Jamie Whittenburg
Piper Whittenburg

150 plus

Sally Brown
Tess Trost
Danny Kennedy
Kristina Kohl
Linda Muehlbrad
Louise Ramsay

200 plus

Bonnie Akard
Bonnie Aycock
La Fonda Gerhart
LuNell Gribble
Glenna Kite
Gina McCasland
Gayle Modrall
Jennifer Morris
Kathy Nale
Terry Ramsay
Cathy Syper
Walter Wilhoit
Terry Wilson

250 plus

Diane Acebedo
Ginia Davis
Connie Nugent
Gale Richardson
Carolyn Moreno
Sarah Stubbs

300 plus

Bill Ackors
Loraine Oglesby

Sharon Ryan
Connie Teague

350 plus

Shirley Boyce
Y. David Cho
Susan Ebelthite
Desiree Freyburger
Susan Matchett
Carla Moore
Christine Valdez

400 plus

Terri Coffey
Larry Valdez
Tim Ebelthite

500 plus

Maxine Asmah
Brian Beauchamp
Arla Jo Gideon
Sandi Harper
Kathy Heppert

600 plus

Marjorie Malek-Ahmadi
Lynne Strickland

700 plus

Tony Kite

750 plus

Dianne Ivy

950 plus

Marit Dubois

1487 plus

Lillian Arzaghi

1721 plus

Ron Hays

Volunteer!

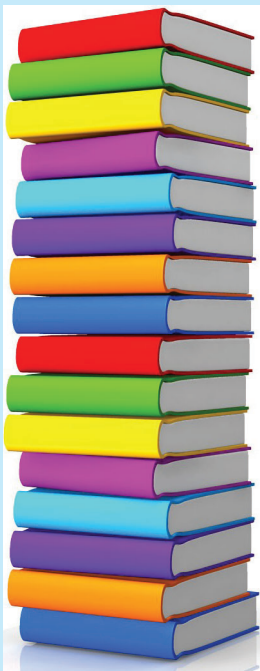
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Benefits of Volunteering:

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



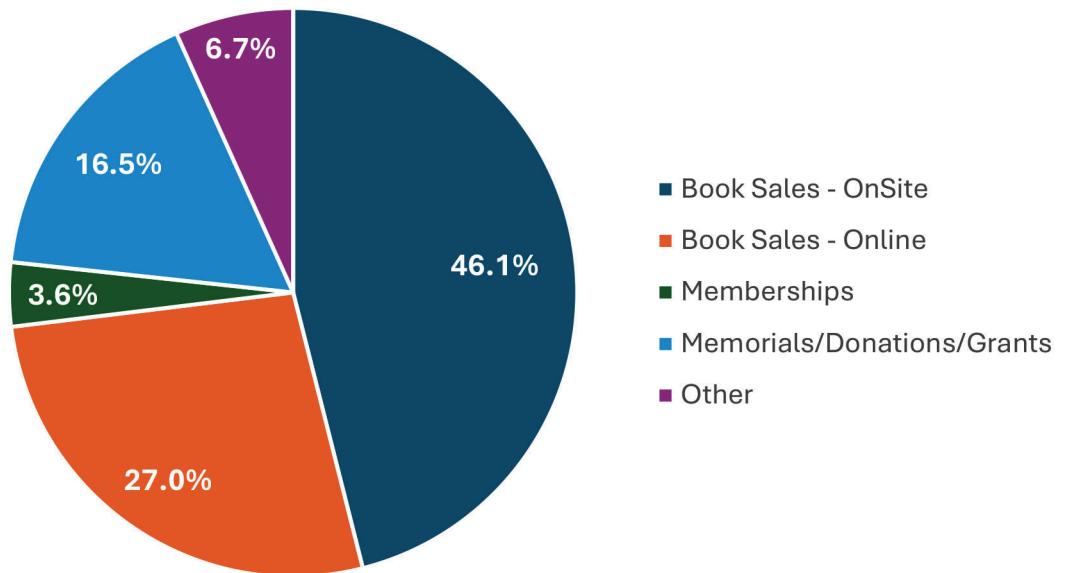
From the Treasurer...

by Dianne Ivy

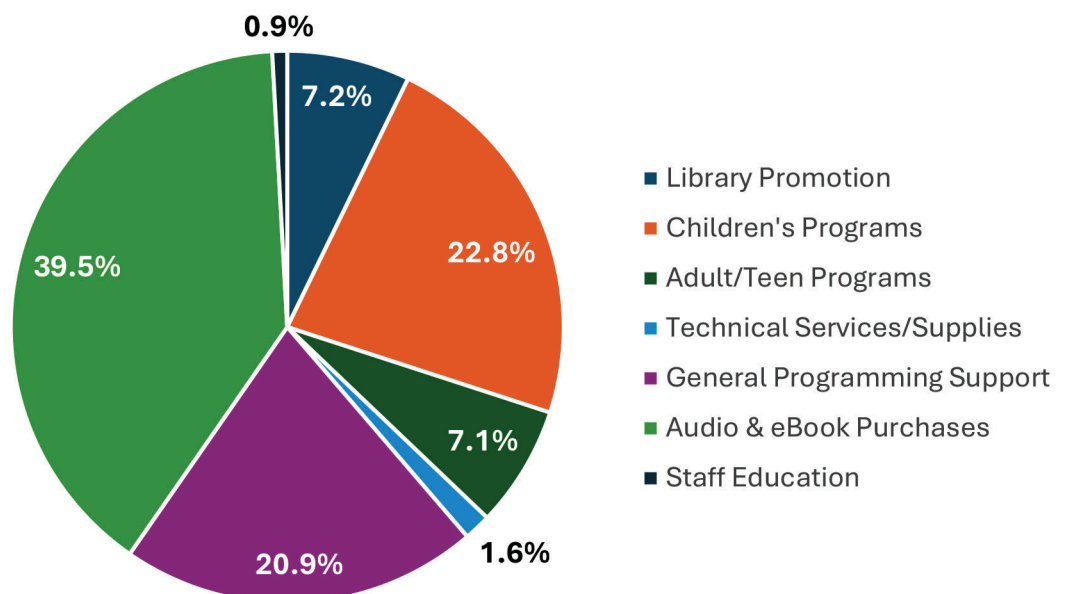
FOL had a successful year in 2024. Thanks to our patrons, our BookStores and eBay shop generated significant revenue for the Lubbock Library System. This success was made possible by the hard work of our volunteers and the generosity of our members. A big **Thanks!** to all involved.

The two charts below show FOL's 2024 income sources and how the Lubbock Library System spent our financial contributions.

2024 FOL Sources of Income



2024 Contributions to the Library System





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



“Books and ideas are the most effective weapons against intolerance and ignorance.”
Lyndon B. Johnson

Shedding Light on the FOL Donations: Part 1 Donation Sheds

The Lubbock Friends of the Library (FOL) has come a long way since 1967. With the end of the pandemic that came our way in 2020, the FOL Bookstore has gone into overdrive. Rather than the limited quarterly sales, the bookstore now operates a Friday/Saturday sale ten to eleven months out of the year. The bookstore process has become a well-oiled machine. Increased revenue and BookStores throughout the year happen because there are increased quantities of donations.

But where do all the books come from? Firstly, we receive donations from the Lubbock Public Library which have been culled from their inventory. Secondly, the Mahon Library and Patterson branch library both have public donation bins at their entrances. Thirdly, we have four donation sheds placed around the city for convenient drop-off. Books provided by FOL members and the general public through these sheds make up a vast majority of our donations.

FOL has had donation sheds at Godeke and Groves Libraries and at the United Supermarket at 82nd and Frankford for many years. Our newest shed was established at the United Supermarket at Indiana and 130th in 2023. A dedicated and committed team of eight volunteers work each day of the week to process donations at the four sheds in all kinds of weather.

The FOL donation sheds are recognizable wooden storage structures with a door for access, a small window to deposit donations, and a slanted wooden ramp under the window to receive donations, sliding them downward from the donations window to a work area. Donations which are bagged or boxed by the donor are the easiest for the donor to place through the window and the easiest for our volunteers to handle. On occasion, loose-book donations are pushed through the window, spilling off the receiving ramp to cover the shed floor. Our workers must then sift through the numerous donations to find the floor so that the actual sorting can begin. Unfortunately, there are many times when they find the books damaged by the donation process itself.

We are grateful to the general public, FOL members, and FOL volunteers who are dedicated to our mission of serving the community through the Lubbock Public Library System. Thank you for your donations and your dedication to the Friends of the Lubbock Library. Tell your friends and neighbors about our sheds and the donation convenience they provide.

Watch for future installments taking you through more of the functions of the FOL.



Friends of the Lubbock Public Library would like to extend a special thanks to the following business and groups for their support in 2024.

United
supermarkets

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Spring BookStores

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Apr. 25-26

9AM - 2PM

(Shop until 3pm)

Friday - Members Only*

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Membership Form

Please write legibly!

Name(s) _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Would you like to volunteer? YES / NO

Are you a Bookseller/Bulk Buyer? YES / NO

Annual Membership Level (Circle one):

- \$10 - Individual/Family
- \$25 - Bronze Patron
- \$50 - Silver Patron
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