

The BOOKMARK



WINTER 2025

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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KRIS KRINGLE BOOK SALE DECEMBER 5-6

9AM - 2PM
(Shop until 3pm)

Friday - Members Only*
Saturday - Open to the Public
*Memberships available at the door.



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Supermarkets
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at Frankford Ave. &
82nd St. and
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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-12pm
Fri.	12pm-3pm
Sat.	10am-2pm
Sun.	Closed

From the Editor...

by Tony Kite

The Netherlands: Sinterklaas

Germany: Der Weihnachtsmann,
Heilige Nikolaus, and
Christkind

France: Père Noël

Russia: Dedt Moroz

Turkey: Noel Baba

England: Father Christmas

Italy: Babbo Natale and La Befana

Poland: Święty Mikołaj

Japan: サンタさん or Santa-san

United States: Santa Claus and
Kris Kringle

Hawaii: Shaka Santa

That Jolly old Elf has many names around the world but has common meanings. His story of gift-giving is universal. He's associated with the greatest gift ever given.

How do you celebrate the gifting season? We suggest books, but think thrift to make the greatest impact. Within this newsletter we have suggestions from our members as it applies to our holdings to fill your gift list.

Read on for ideas for everyone on your Christmas list — and for yourself, of course — available at the Friends of the Library Kris Kringle Bookstore.

Don't keep this a secret — tell your friends and neighbors!

From the Book Sale VPs...

by Linda Muehlbrad
and Walter Wilhoit

Do you need any stocking stuffers or presents under the tree this Christmas season for the children in your home? Or for the children at heart? Books are best! Not only is the Lubbock Friends of the Library BookStore the best source for affordable books in Lubbock at \$1 per hardback and 50 cents per paperback, but the children's section is even better — 50 cents per hardback and a quarter per paperback.

The FOL BookStore has every category and genre covered, from board books to picture books to chapter books — fiction and non-fiction. While most fiction books are shelved by the author's last name and nonfiction by category or topic, there are also special sections featuring bestselling authors, award winners, books-to-movies, holidays, and biographies. For those who are children at heart, check out the vintage and classic sections. Consider rebuilding that childhood collection of Nancy Drew, Hardy Boys, Magic Tree House, or Boxcar Children, or picture books by Eric Carle, Margaret Wise Brown, Richard Scarry, or Barbara Cooney.

According to *The Guardian* (2018), the number of books early readers have in their home directly impacts their success in literacy, as well as later academic success. A young reader should have a collection of at least twenty books in their home from which to choose. When children have access to a home library and can choose their own books, their motivation and attitude towards literacy improves. Let the FOL BookStore put your early reader on the road to success!

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 Monday and Thursdays ONLY, from 9:00am to 12:00pm. Please email us at fol@lubbockfol.org for any other times. Our ability to accept donations is dependent on having volunteers available to accept them.

From the President...

by Tim Ebelthite

It Takes a Village...

My wife and I have volunteered with the Friends of the Lubbock Library for many years. I tried to number the various volunteer jobs which FOL uses to accomplish its goals.

I started off with donation shed workers, book transportation from the sheds to the main library, sorters, section chairs who stock the shelves, price researchers for our online books, computer input people posting our online offerings, office people, any of the above who help with sweeping the floors and other tasks needed before a sale or assisting buyers during BookStore days, ... and quickly realized that it really does take a village to make and keep the FOL humming along.

We have just had three very successful monthly sales, setting some new records. So it is a big thank you to all of you for your dedication and volunteerism which makes FOL the success it is. With all the opportunities we have, you can find a place to help us support the Lubbock Public Library in their mission to serve the community.

Upcoming Changes at FOL

As you are probably aware, the FOL has grown substantially since its humble beginnings in 1967. We started with a handful of volunteers and a few donated books, having occasional small sales to help fund the library. Since that time, we have grown to over 130 volunteers, approximately 225,000 books shelved at any one time, and BookStores 10 times a year. We also began selling books in online stores in the early 2000s, moving exclusively to eBay in 2014.

When FOL began, we had just a handful of directors focusing on raising money for the library by selling donated books at occasional book sales. The board has undergone several changes and configurations since that time, all resulting in changes to the organization's bylaws. The current Board feels the continued growth and size of current operations calls for the next change in supervision and oversight.

At the annual meeting in April of 2026, we will be putting forth a proposal to change our bylaws to establish a **board**, elected by the membership, and a **management group**, appointed by the elected board. The elected Board would be responsible for ensuring that FOL's mission statement is met, approving budgets, and establishing policies and procedures. The appointed managers would then manage implementation of these guidelines, running FOL on a day-to-day basis, and reporting back to the Board with the results. The current board feels this would be a much more effective way to ensure FOL continues to meet its goals well into the future.

Please be on the lookout for our newsletter in early March for all the details. Also, mark your calendar and plan to attend our Annual Meeting in April. Your vote will be instrumental in changing FOL's oversight and management structure for the future.

Join Today!

Annual Membership:

\$10 – Individual/Family

\$25 – Bronze Patron

\$50 – Silver Patron

\$75 – Gold Patron

\$100 – Platinum Patron

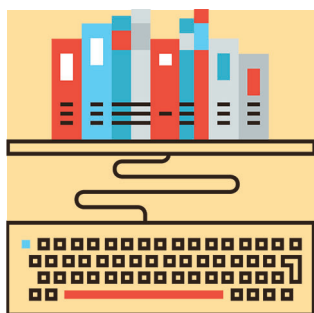


Benefits of Membership:

- Online Discount (25%)
- Entry to Members Only Sale Days
- Online Newsletter
- Email Announcements
- Special Speaker Events

General Ideas for Christmas Gifts

- Basically...don't just give cash, tuck money inside a book (but make it obvious.)
- If person is interested in a particular nonfiction subject, browse our Science, History, Crafts, Biography, and other sections.
- Make a basket for a cook with a cookbook, whisk, measuring cup, towel. Vary the contents to match their interests.
- Need several items for those church groups or bible study groups? We have a huge selection of small devotionals and an extensive religious section, along with Christian fiction.
- How about friends who get together — game players, sports enthusiasts, crafty friends? At our prices you can get something for everyone!
- How about something for a teacher, a service person, or a co-worker? Put cash or a gift card for their particular subject, or just make the book your gift.
- Do you know someone with time on their hands or who is unable to be out and about as much as they would like? We have puzzle books and a fantastic selection of fiction.
- Need a quick gift for that white elephant party? Pick up a grab bag of books with 8-20 books for \$1.00, wrap it, and you're good to go!
- Don't forget those who love reading but whose eyesight isn't what is used to be. We have large print books, along with movie DVDs, music CDs and books on CD.



Shop Our Online Book Sales Anytime!



eBay.com

<http://tiny.cc/FOLeBay>

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

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

We want to send out a big thank you to all of you! Your continued support through book donations, memberships, and participation at our BookStores has enabled FOL to meet its mission. FOL provides support for the library's many public programs, including children's summer reading, teen and adult book groups, and online/digital programming. In addition, your generous book donations allow us to meet the requests we receive from local nonprofit organizations and teachers needing books.

This year has come with added challenges. As you may be aware, the City of Lubbock froze city spending, including the library, in June of this year. Because of the public support we've received throughout recent years, FOL was able to help fill the funding gap. These funds allowed the library to continue to fill their shelves with best sellers and keep the online, digital content in Libby and Hoopla up to date.

If you haven't checked out Libby or Hoopla, you should give it a try. All you need is a library card. The card is free and can be obtained at the check-out desk at any library location. The content on both platforms is amazing, and it is all free!

Again, a BIG THANK YOU to everyone who continues to boost the FOL's mission to support the Lubbock Public Library and promote reading throughout the community. Keep those donations coming, and we hope to see you at a future BookStore.



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today!

Community
REWARDS



City Bank
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VOTE FOR **FRIENDS OF THE LUBBOCK LIBRARY!**

Cast your vote once per hour during our 25-day voting period. Your votes decide which nonprofit will be rewarded by City Bank!

November 10 – December 5, 2025

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2026 BOOK Shopping Opportunities



FOL BookStore

January 23-24

February 27-28

March 27-28

April 24-25

June 12-13

July 24-25

August 28-29

September 25-26

October 30-31

Kris Kringle December 4-5



Fridays are Members Only. Join or renew at the sale.

Saturdays are open to the Public.

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Mini BookStore

Mahon Library, 1st Floor

Store Hours:

Anytime the Library is open



eBay.com

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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
- \$75 - Gold Patron
- \$100 - Platinum Patron

OFFICE USE ONLY

Paid by:

- Cash
- Check # _____
- Credit Card

Date _____

Received by _____

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