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## Lubbock FOL Annual Meeting Sunday, April 12, 2026

Mahon Library Community Room

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

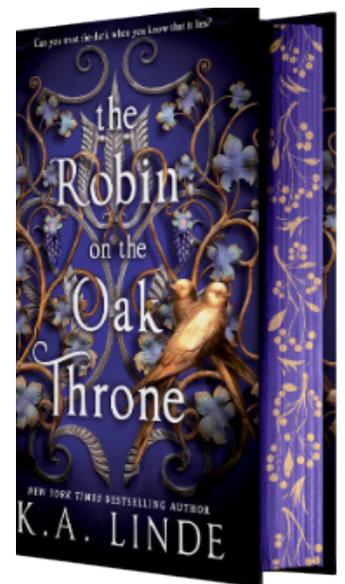
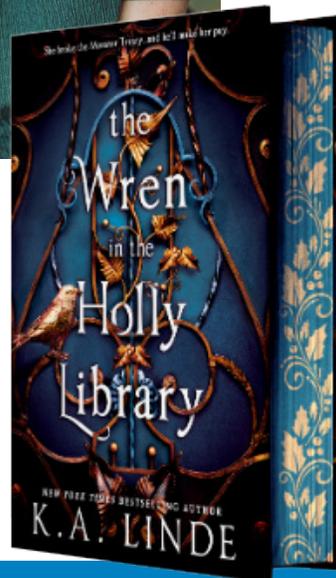
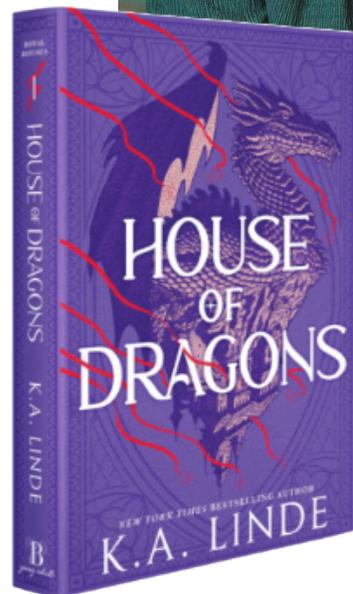
Guest Speaker

**K. A. Linde**

*FOL memberships  
are available at  
the door.*



New York Times, USA  
Today, #1 Sunday Times  
bestselling author of *The  
Wren in the Holly Library*,  
*The Robin on the Oak  
Throne*, and *House of  
Dragons*



### 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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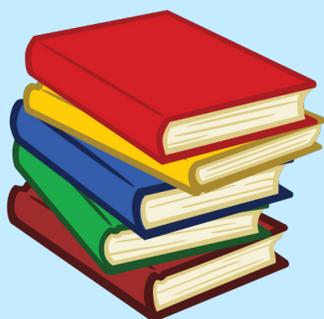


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All of our  
wonderful  
patrons who  
donate items  
for us to sell.  
Without you we  
wouldn't exist!



### 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 Special Events Director... by Diane Acebedo

### Friends of the Library Annual Meeting April 12th, 2026

#### Speaker: K. A. Linde

This year's speaker for the FOL Annual Meeting is K. A. Linde. Ms. Linde is the New York Times, USA Today, #1 Sunday Times bestselling author of *The Wren in the Holly Library*, *The Robin on the Oak Throne*, and *House of Dragons*. She has more than fifty published novels in both romance and fantasy and loves the blend of the two.

She has a Masters degree in political science and bachelors in philosophy from the University of Georgia. In her previous life, she was a head campaign worker for a presidential campaign and the coach of the Duke University dance team. She loves reading fantasy novels, traveling to far-off destinations, and dancing in her spare time.

She currently lives in Lubbock, Texas, with her husband, son, and super-adorable puppy.



## Slate of Directors

Please join us at our annual meeting. The nominating committee consists of Tony Kite, Becky Moonen, Lillian Arzagli, Desiree Freyburger, and Chris Valdez.

The committee presents the following nominees for election April 30:

Alina DeToledo  
Lynne Strickland  
Larry Valdez

Each of these Directors will serve a 2-year term. Nominations may also be made from the floor during the Annual Meeting, with the consent of the nominee.

## Proposed Changes to Bylaws

In 2025, the Board proposed to separate operational manager positions away from elected Board positions. Going forward, Board positions would continue to be elected annually, by FOL membership at large, while operational, day-to-day manager positions will be appointed and approved directly by the Board. This proposed change is intended to make it easier to fill operational positions in a timely fashion.

Please see the following link for the Board-approved Bylaw changes that are being presented for membership approval.

[tiny.cc/BylawsUpd](https://tiny.cc/BylawsUpd)

## 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.

### TWO NEW LOCATIONS TO COME!

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](mailto: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 Timothy Ebelthite

After volunteering at FOL for about 15 years, I find that the most commonly asked question to many of us is, "Where do all these books come from?" Indeed, our books come from our generous patrons and the public. These donations are the heart of the Friends, so we share that among ourselves and with others.

People have a love affair with books, collecting them for themselves or to give them away or sell them. We have been blessed with two years of record sales and attendance at our FOL BookStore, so we can all say "Thank you" and look forward to even better sales. Since our patrons continue to thank us for what we do, we can honestly say we serve our community with the best value in used books in town.

Thank you for volunteering and supporting FOL.

## From the Publicity Director...

by Tony Kite

We have been amazed at the way the monthly FOL BookStore has flourished. By approaching sales and attendance records practically every BookStore weekend, our average sales per event is continually rising. This is not due to brilliant promotion and publicity. Rather, it is due primarily to you sharing the existence and sales of the FOL BookStore with others.

Whether you share the posts on our Facebook page, or direct people to LubbockFOL.org online, or simply share your excitement and enthusiasm for the BookStore verbally, we are seeing the results. This makes our efforts effortless! (Is that irony or an oxymoron?)

Be sure to get one of our bookmarks at the sale that has the BookStore dates for the rest of the year listed. Keep on telling others and we'll keep supporting the Lubbock Public Library and others that benefit from what we do.

## From the Online Sales Director...

by Susan Stack

The year 2025 was stellar for the Online Sales group, furnishing 28 percent of the total sales revenue for FOL. It was overall the best sales year since its inception in 2002.

Many thanks for the forward-thinking people who in 2002 decided to join the Internet world by selling books on AbeBooks, fast forwarding to the vibrant operation it has grown to in 2025 utilizing the eBay platform.

Using books identified by various sources within FOL, the best candidates are selected and added to the inventory, allowing a fluid inventory of some 7,500 items.

Without the support of the entire volunteer organization, the work of Online would be overwhelming. Thanks to the volunteers that work within the Online team as well as all the other FOL volunteers and others who donate their books for sale.

# We ♥ our volunteers!

In 2025, our 186 volunteers put in 25,100 total volunteer hours, including 268 student volunteer 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 - 2025

### 40 plus

Alina Detoledo  
Katelyn Donaldson  
Ellen Dunaway  
Ron Dunaway  
Gina Duran  
Toddy Koch  
Sarath Kumarasinghe  
Katie Logan  
Lesley Logan  
Chris Lonngren  
Richard Meyer  
Jennifer Morris  
Patricia Ramsey  
Suzie Rather  
Gretchen Scott  
Nancy Tarwater  
Jackson Ward  
Sebastian White  
Jamie Whittenburg  
Piper Whittenburg  
Sandra Witt

### 100 plus

Bonnie Aycock  
Sheila Carlson  
Roxanne Edwards  
Brooks Ezra  
Penn Ezra  
Kathleen W. Faulk  
Jane Fehr  
Ann Hodges  
Mary Ann Hogan  
Wesley Ingram  
Nicholas Kellogg  
Jerry Matthews  
Rodney Muller  
Julia Parker  
Sharon Ryan

Beth Trostle  
Jan Ward

### 150 plus

Bill Ackors  
Maxine Asmah  
Sally Brown  
Charity Donaldson  
Kari Ezra  
Barbara Jones  
Gina McCasland  
Damiana McGraw  
Linda Muehlbrad  
Loraine Oglesby  
Cathy Sybert  
Suzanne Tilley

### 200 plus

LaFonda Gerhart  
LuNell Gribble  
Kathleen Heppert  
Glenna Kite  
Gayle Modrall  
Carolyn Moreno  
Connie Nugent  
Louise Ramsay  
Walter Wilhoit

### 250 plus

Bonnie Akard  
David Cho  
Kathy Nale  
Terry Ramsay  
Sarah Stubbs  
Terry Wilson

### 300 plus

Susan Ebelthite  
Susan Matchett

Gale Richardson  
Connie Teague  
Christine Valdez

### 350 plus

Shirley Boyce  
Desiree Freyburger  
Larry Valdez

### 400 plus

Terri Coffey  
Tim Ebelthite  
Arla Jo Gideon  
Sandra Harper  
Leslie Smith

### 500 plus

Brian Beauchamp  
Carla Moore

### 550 plus

Marjorie Malek-Ahmadi

### 600 plus

Lynne Strickland

### 650 plus

Tony Kite  
Becky Moonen

### 900 plus

Marit Dubois

### 1000 plus

Lillian Arzaghi  
Ron Hays  
Dianne Ivy

## Volunteer!

Hours of Operation:

Mahon Library  
Basement

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Wed. 9am-3pm  
Thurs. 9am-12pm  
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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



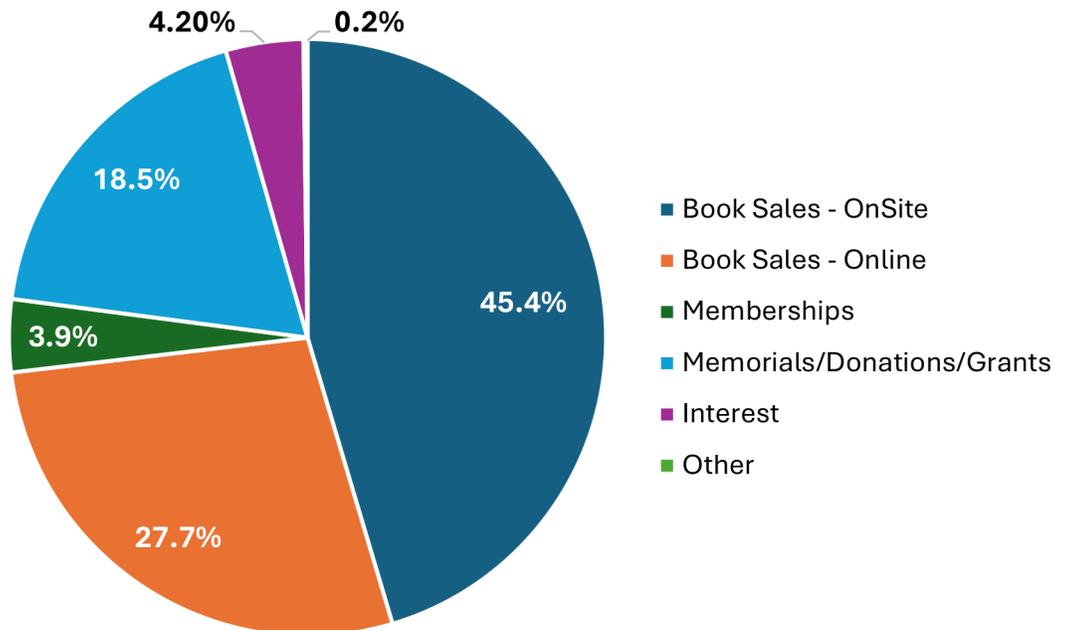
# From the Treasurer...

by Dianne Ivy

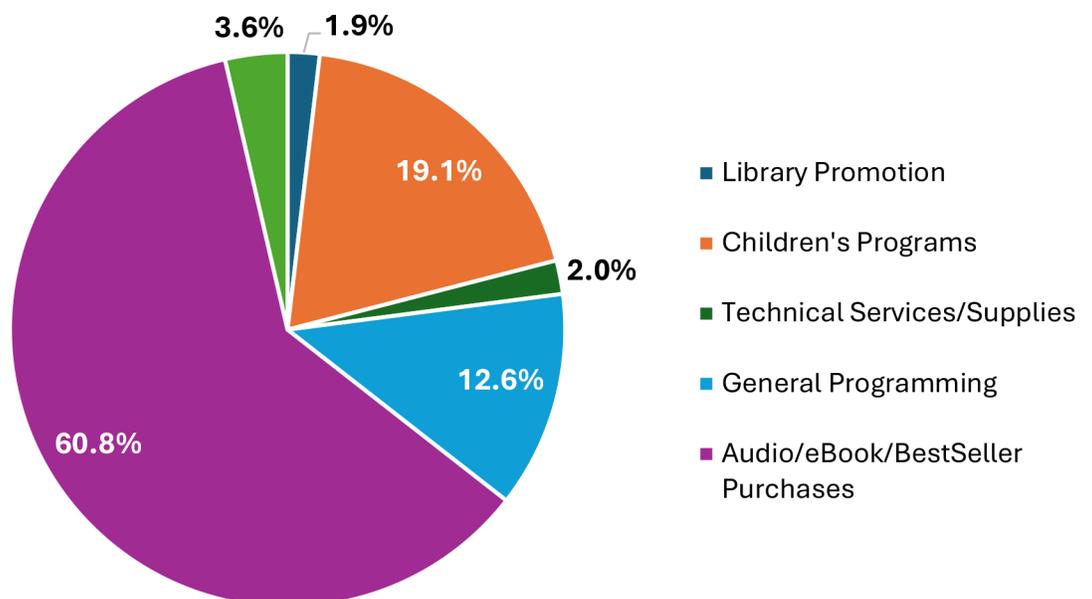
FOL experienced a prosperous year in 2025. With the steady support of our patrons, sales at our BookStores and eBay Shop remained strong. We contributed nearly \$200,000 to the Lubbock Library System for their various programs. This achievement was made possible by the dedication of our volunteers and the generosity of our members. Thank you to everyone who participated.

The two charts below illustrate FOL's income sources from 2025 and detail how the Lubbock Library System allocated our financial contributions.

### 2025 FOL Income Sources



### 2025 Library Use of FOL Funds



Friends of the Lubbock Public Library would like to extend a special thanks to the following business and groups for their support in 2025.

**United**  
**supermarkets**

82nd and Frankford; 128th and Indiana

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**IT'S A MOUTHFUL™**

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HEALTH OCCUPATIONS STUDENTS OF AMERICA

**TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY**

Vital Reads – School of Medicine – Honors College – Raiders Helping Others – Arts & Sciences



Scout Pack 536

CovenantHealth   
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# Spring BookStores

Mar. 27-28 • Apr. 24-25  
9AM - 2PM

*(Shop until 3pm)*

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

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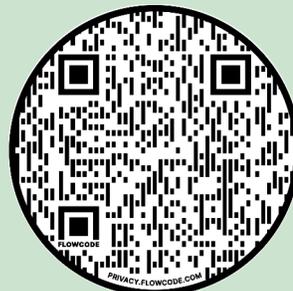
**MAHON LIBRARY BASEMENT**

**1306 9TH ST.,**

**DOWNTOWN LUBBOCK**

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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 \_\_\_\_\_

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