

Temple Public Library
100 West Adams Avenue
Temple, Texas 76501

Good Books to New Homes

By Diann Anderson, Book Sale Co-Chair

Even though the popular "Bag Day Saturday" helps numerous books find new homes, sadly, some orphans remain. These nice orphans could sell in a future sale, but there's no room to store them.

We know that opportunities abound for placement of unsold books. The challenge is to get them to their new locations.

Children's books are limited, but all other genres, including media, may be available. Typically, after each sale, around 250 boxes of books remain. These can be packed and labeled by genre or format.

If you have an idea for book placement or a charity that would love our orphans, please send an email to friendsoftemplibrary@gmail.com. We cannot deliver, but arrangements can be made for pickup.

Please consider where our book sale orphans can go, and give the gift of literacy to appreciative readers.

Visit Our Updated FTPL Website and Social Media Pages

Nikki Morrow, Past President and Website/Social Media Coordinator



The Friends of the Temple Public Library has a new look on our website <https://friendsofthetemplepubliclibrary.org/home-page>. Bookmark and visit our website to learn about upcoming book sale dates, ongoing year-round book nook special sales, volunteering opportunities and other ways to support the Friends.

Follow the Friends on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/FriendsOfTempleLibrary> and Instagram at <https://www.instagram.com/friendsoftemplibrary/> to get updates and reminders about book sales, special pricing, book nook sales and other important announcements!



2025
MID-WINTER
Newsletter



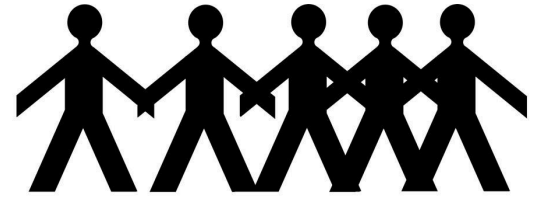
Mark your calendars for the Upcoming Mid-Winter Used Book Sale

Members' Preview
Monday, 2/24
10 a.m. - 7 p.m.

Open to Public
Wed. 2/26, 10 a.m. - 7 p.m.
Thur. 2/27, 10 a.m. - 7 p.m.
Fri. 2/28, 10 a.m. - 7 p.m.
Sat. 3/1, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

20% Teachers' Discount EACH DAY except Saturday!

Friends of the Temple Public Library



Update from the President

By Al Waite, President



I am humbled to represent and lead the Friends of the Temple Public Library this year and next. Eager and hard-working volunteers are the life blood of any successful non-profit organization; our volunteers are great examples of these qualities. Your support – in the dues you pay, the hours you volunteer sorting books and setting up the sales and working many hours during their week-long book sales – allow us to continue to provide valuable service support to the Temple Public Library.

2025 brings the Friends new challenges and opportunities. The big news is the arrival of the library's state-of-the-art bookmobile that the Friends help underwrite.

We also have helped the library purchase STEM kits for families to check out and have supported several reading programs.

The Friends also have secured a long-term formal partnership with the library and the City of Temple that will ensure continued access to our third-floor facilities. The partnership formally permits the library to transfer book donations to the Friends, and I believe it reflects the value we provide and the trust the city has in us.

We also look forward to upgrading our electronic capabilities to better communicate with our membership and the public. This effort should make it easier for members to sign up for and track various Friends' activities. Please continue to support our efforts through volunteering.

Scan with your phone camera to go to the Friends of the Temple Public Library webpage.



Visit us at friendsofthetemplepubliclibrary.org

or
Email us at friendsoftemplibrary@gmail.com

SAVE THE DATE

2025 Labor Day Used Book Sale

Members' Preview Only
Monday, August 25, 2025

Open to the Public
August 27- 30

Scan here to access Temple Public Library's calendar of programs and events



or click on <https://www.templelibrary.us/calendar.php>

Keep Warm with a New Stack of Bargain Books!

By Norma Swaim, Membership Chair



As the cold weather blankets much of the country – even Central Texas – we look forward to staying warm inside and reading a book! Snug by a fireplace, under a quilt or throw, kept company by a beloved cat or dog, we can let our minds escape to other climates and other worlds revealed through bargains we've found at the twice-a-year Friends of the Temple Public Library used book sales. If you need to replenish your to-be-read stack, you don't have to wait much longer. The Mid-Winter 2025 Used Book Sale, featuring thousands of bargains for \$2 or less, begins with a members' preview from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Monday, February 24.

As a Friend, you are invited to preview and purchase books and other offerings before the public. If you are not a member but would like to come to the preview, you may join at the door! Individual memberships are \$10; Household memberships are \$20; Patron memberships are \$100; Benefactor memberships are \$250; and Lifetime Memberships are \$1,000. Business memberships range from \$500 to \$1,500. Cash, checks, and credit/debit cards are accepted.

The Friends of the Temple Public Library, a 501(c)3 charitable organization formed in 1965, has labored for seven decades to extend the library's capacity through volunteers, program support and outreach, awareness building, and fundraising. The Friends give \$35,000 to \$55,000 annually to fulfill the Librarian's Wish List, which includes needs not funded by the City of Temple. Friends' contributions have enabled building renovations, two bookmobiles, furniture and equipment, and services and programs, such as the children's summer reading program.

The Friends accept donations of gently used books, CDs, and DVDs all year at the library's Circulation Desk. Volunteers working year-round prepare donations for used book sales in February/March and August/September. At each sale, more than 45,000 books are pre-sorted into over 90 categories and displayed in the McLane Room of Temple Public Library. Proceeds from each sale usually range upwards of \$25,000 and are earmarked by the Friends for library projects and needs.

In addition to sorting books and volunteering at book sales, Friends members volunteer at the library, help with children's programs, and serve on Friends' committees and the board. If you would like to join this vibrant group and work to build a better Temple Public Library and a better community, we welcome you. We need energetic members who are enthusiastic about books, reading, the library, ideas, and people.

Please renew or upgrade your membership, recruit a friend or business, and shop the Mid-Winter 2025 Used Book Sale. Membership forms are available at the library Circulation Desk, at the preview sale, and on our website at friendsofthetemplepubliclibrary.org. If you have any questions, please contact us at friendsoftemplibrary@gmail.com. We look forward to seeing you soon!

Volunteering for the Book Sale Just Got Easier

By Diann Anderson, Book Sale Co-Chair

With the Friends' new volunteer software, you easily can sign up for opportunities at the Mid-Winter 2025 Used Book Sale. Watch for an email from the Friends that will have a link for you to register and sign up for the jobs and shifts available. Another option is to click on the QR code below that takes you to the registration site. Once registered, you can download a mobile app that can provide you with more scheduling flexibility.

Apply your talents to counting purchases, re-stacking and organizing tables, and providing carryout services during the sale days. Additional help is needed Saturday, February 22, to prepare for the sale and Tuesday, March 4, to pack remaining books.

Your volunteer team appreciates your dedication to promoting literacy in our community through ensuring the Mid-Winter 2025 Used Book Sale's success. Many thanks!



Volunteer coordinators,
Dorothy Rubin and
Mary Murray



QR code to volunteer

Turning Pages, Driving Dreams in the New Bookmobile

By Natalie Alvara, Director of Libraries and Museums

The Temple Public Library is proud to unveil its newest initiative, the Exploration Station, a fully equipped bookmobile designed to bring library services directly to the community. Thanks to the generous \$83,000 donation from the Friends of the Temple Public Library, the Exploration Station will serve as a mobile extension of the library, ensuring greater accessibility to books and media and to engaging activities for all residents of Temple.

The Exploration Station will make regular stops at key locations across the city, including community centers, senior living facilities, and even schools. Stops open to the public include Country Lane & Grand Reserve (First Thursday, 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.), Friendship House (Third Thursday, TBD), Golden Haven (Fourth Wednesday, 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.), and Hilltop Recovery (Second Friday, 11:00 a.m. – Noon), among others. Additionally, the Exploration Station will make special visits to locations such as McLane Children's Hospital and Rose Hall Community Center, creating opportunities for learning and connection wherever they are needed most.



This innovative mobile library will bring not just books and media but also programs and activities to neighborhoods, schools, and community hubs, fostering literacy, lifelong learning, and a sense of connection across the city. The Temple Public Library is excited to roll out this resource and expand access to vital library services for all.

Healthy Hearts at TPL/Diabetes Workshop

By Natalie Alvara, Director of Libraries and Museums



Photo of Natalie Alvara courtesy
of Temple Daily Telegram

The Temple Public Library is proud to announce the availability of 25 blood pressure kits for checkout at no cost to library cardholders. Located on the second floor of the library at 100 W Adams Ave, the kits can be borrowed for up to three weeks. Each kit includes an A&D medical multi-user blood pressure monitor, instructions for measuring blood pressure at home, and a recording log to track readings. These kits were generously donated by the McLane Group through its sponsorship of the Bell County Heart Ball.

"This program is a testament to the power of community partnerships in promoting health and wellness," said Natalie Alvara, Director of Libraries and Museums. "By providing these kits to our residents, we hope to empower individuals to take charge of their heart health. These kits have the potential to save lives, and we're honored to play a role in fostering a healthier Temple."

The library is committed to making these resources accessible to all residents. For patrons unable to visit the library in person, a homebound delivery service is available. This program ensures that eligible individuals confined to their homes due to illness, disability, or other limitations can still receive library materials, including the blood pressure kits. Deliveries are made monthly based on city quadrants, allowing all Temple residents to take advantage of the library's offerings.

In addition to these resources, the library is hosting "Do Well, Be Well: Living with Type 2 Diabetes," a free five-week course beginning February 2 at 2 p.m. This program is designed for adults 18 and older, offering essential tools and support to help manage Type 2 Diabetes effectively. Space is limited, and registration is available online at <https://bit.ly/TPLAdultRegistration>.