



Best Friend 2021
Marilyn Maples Tarter
October 5, 1949 ~ March 10, 2021
By Carol Hodge

A lifelong love of books and reading drew Marilyn to the Friends of the Temple Public Library. At first, she sorted books and worked at the book sales. With her accounting background Marilyn was a natural choice for treasurer for the Friends organization beginning in 2016. She was instrumental in developing new processes and policies for this non-profit and streamlined the accounting procedures for the book sales. Marilyn was given the Best Friend Award for 2021 posthumously for her dedication to the Friends.

How did Marilyn achieve these accomplishments? She had a strong will to succeed at whatever she tackled. She was her high school valedictorian in 1968, graduated in accounting with Honors from Texas Tech University in 1971, had an illustrious career as a Certified Public Accountant for national firms such as Arthur Andersen & Company, First International Bancshares, and PFG. Marilyn also had a career in the Air Force Medical Service Corps, proudly serving her country in uniform. Retiring to Temple, their favorite of all their home towns, Marilyn and husband Richard found the Temple library, with Richard working part time in the Circulation Department.



Marilyn is survived by her husband of 48+ years, a brother, two children, and five grandchildren. Please remember that she is also survived by many friends, and especially the Friends of the Temple Public Library. We miss her so much.

Take a Look at the Book Nook!

By Deidre Dawson

As a reminder, patrons don't have to wait until our Labor Day Sale to purchase used books! Look to your left as you enter the library, and you will find the Book Nook, where hardbound books can be purchased for \$2 and, if you like surprises, a bag of books for \$5! The shelves are replenished regularly, so make a stop at the Book Nook a part of every visit to the Temple Public Library!



We Are Looking Forward to Seeing You Aug. 31!

By Nancy Mills Mackey, Membership Chair



After a year of no large book sales due to COVID-19, the Friends of the Temple Public Library are excited to hold our Annual Labor Day 2021 Sale, Aug. 31 through Sept. 4. Our volunteer sorters have been hard at work over the past year, and we have more books than ever for our members to browse during the members-only preview from 2-6 p.m. on Aug. 31.

To allow our valued 279 members to take advantage of two book sales per membership year, as usual, we extended memberships. If your membership was due to be renewed at the Labor Day 2020 sale, it now renews at the Labor Day 2021 sale. Those with memberships normally renewing Mid-Winter 2021, will now have until Mid-Winter 2022.

The support of our members is essential to us, and we hope we can count on you again. Those with expiring memberships should have already received an email or mail renewal notice. Renewals may be made by mail prior to or in person at the Aug. 31 preview sale.

If you have not been a member before, you can pick up a membership application at the library's circulation desk, print a form online or become a member at the sale on Aug. 31. Memberships start at \$10 per individual and \$20 per family. All money derived from memberships goes to support the Temple Public Library and its programs.

If you have a membership question, please contact me directly at (254) 913-3890 or nancymillsmackey@gmail.com

Membership Forms www.friendsofthetemplepubliclibrary.org

Pruitt Davis Memorial Writing Collection

By Susan Long and Chris Boldt

The Temple Public Library has established a memorial collection in the memory of Pruitt Davis. Books related to the art of writing will be included in the collection and a memorial plate naming Pruitt will be affixed to the cover plate of each volume.

Pruitt was a dedicated member of the Friends of The Temple Public Library. He worked tirelessly with the weekly book sorting team. This team sorts, catalogs, and packs all the books destined for the Friends Book Sales. Pruitt was extremely instrumental in advancing the idea of more detailed sorting and categorizing prior to the sale thus helping customers more easily find specific items.

The "Sorting/Packing Team" misses Pruitt and all of us are grateful for his ideas and hard work. In addition to volunteering at the library, Pruitt volunteered with the Alzheimer's group at St. Francis Episcopal, and taught a writing class at the Sammons Community Center... That writing class created an anthology last year just about the time Pruitt passed away. Class members wrote tributes to Pruitt and included them in the anthology. Leslie Little the Adult Services Librarian has a copy of that anthology, called "Writing Together."

The Pruitt Davis Memorial Collection will be funded by donations through the Friends of the Temple Public Library.

A New Look at the Library

By Natalie McAdams, Temple Public Library Director

On June 4, the Temple Public Library launched their new logo with a Brand Launch Party. This event was held during the First Friday celebration downtown and was an opportunity to showcase all of the exciting things happening at the library, especially the Summer Reading Program that is sponsored by the Friends of the Temple Public Library. This event took place from 4 PM to 6 PM at the library and included music, raffles, giveaways, new Library cards, snow cones, and Summer Reading sign-ups. At the event, the 271 members of the public attended, with 197 upgrading their Library card to the new logo and 29 opening their first Library card account.

In attendance were several members of the Friends of the Temple Public Library, City Council representatives, the Mayor, representatives from the City Manager's Office, and reporters from the Temple Daily Telegram who wrote an excellent article on new branding.

The library's new logo is three lines of text in blue, chartreuse, and pink, colors that pop and hopefully inspire excitement in the minds of those who see it. As part of the rebranding, these colors were incorporated in the building with a change in signage, juvenile bookshelves wrapped in blue, the teen bookshelves wrapped in chartreuse, and the book drops, parking garage sign, cloud above circulation, and exterior windows wrapped with all three colors.

Along with the brand launch, the city also invested in cleaning up the exterior of the library which included power washing the sidewalks (Transform Temple), power washing the building (Building and Facilities), and sprucing up the planters around the building (Library staff, Parks and Rec, and Transform Temple). This reinvestment has made the building a more exciting and attractive part of downtown life and provides a welcoming atmosphere for residents of all ages to explore, create, and connect.



Photo from the Temple Daily Telegram.



Power washing of the building completed. Photo courtesy of the City Manager's Office.

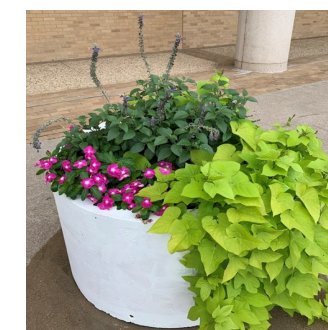


Photo courtesy of the library director.

Upcoming Programs and Initiatives at the Temple Public Library

By Natalie McAdams, Temple Public Library Director

The look of the Temple Public Library is not the only thing that is changing. Programming, especially for adults, is on the move as the adult services team looks at ways to educate and engage adults in various stages of their lives. But don't despair, the youth services team is continuing their fantastic programming such as Baby Bookworms, Pre-School Storytime, STEAM Team, and more, as well as adding two fantastic teen events this fall.

Coming up this Fall and Winter, your Temple Public Library, due to the generous support of the Friends of the Temple Public Library, will be hosting a slew of new programs for all ages.

As the Library looks toward the future, we plan to offer more programming for all ages, including in-person, online, and drive-through models/make and take models that fit the lifestyles of the residents of Temple.

Free Comic Book Day

All ages are welcome to attend (especially in cosplay) for our Free Comic Book Day event on August 14 from 10 AM to 1 PM. Join us for interesting discussions on comic book art, grab a free comic book, enter our cosplay contest, and meet other comic and graphic novel enthusiasts in the area.

Podcast Brunch Club

3rd Sunday starting in Sept.
 Time: TBD
 Location: TBD
 Join us monthly for Podcast Brunch Club. It's like book club, but for podcasts! Every month we'll listen to a themed podcast playlist that includes 3-5 episodes then we'll meet to discuss what we've heard. Find the current listening list here on the Podcast Brunch Club website.



Adult Lego Club
 2nd Saturday Starting in Oct. (October 9, November 13, December 11)
 Time: 11-12:30pm
 Location: 2nd floor Library
 Welcome Adults! Come and join us at the Temple Public Library for creative free building as well as conversation about our favorite bricks. Future meetings may include the theme and set building, but free building is always welcomed.



Adult Board Game Group
 3rd Sunday starting in Oct
 Time: 3-6pm
 Location: 3rd Floor McLane Room
 Come join us for a fun afternoon of euro-games, card games, traditional games and more! Whether you're into Settlers of Catan, Magic the Gathering or Scrabble, we've got you covered. So come on over and make new friends while you play your favorite game with us!

All Ages Board Game Group
 1st Sunday starting in Sept
 Time: 3-6pm
 Location: 3rd Floor Mclean Room
 Come join us for a fun afternoon of euro-games, card games, traditional games and more! Whether you're into Settlers of Catan, Magic the Gathering or Scrabble, we've got you covered. So come on over and make new friends while you play your favorite game with us!

Fall Extravaganza
 Oct 9th
 Time: 2-4pm
 Location: 2nd Floor
 Join us for a multi-station fall craft extravaganza. Make Leaf lanterns, fall wreaths, pumpkin decorating, and more. This is your one-stop for all your DIY fall home decorating.

Dungeons and Dragons for Beginners
 Learn more about this fun roleplay game—no experience required!
 Ages 12 and up
 1st Thursday @ 5pm

Dungeons and Dragons
 Engage with intermediate and advanced D&D players.
 Ages 12 and up
 3rd Thursday @ 5pm



Friends of the Temple Public Library

Labor Day Newsletter August 2021

Dear Friends,



Unexpected seems to be the theme for us this last year and a half with Covid, the Snowpocalypse, and now a rainy season. At least the rain won't stop us from having our Labor Day Book Sale!

I'm proud of how strong our organization has been though out this time. Together we made difficult decisions about cancelling the sales. In the meantime, our Covid Sorters have processed and figured out how to store 3 book sales worth of material. As part of the Friends community, thank you as well for your continued membership and support.

I look forward to our new normal as we work with our new library director, Natalie McAdams, and the programing that she and the staff are putting together. We plan to have the 56th Annual Member Meeting in person on Oct. 18th. The Holiday Pop-Up sale will also happen starting November 8th.

We want everyone to be safe at the sale, so we are encouraging patrons to wear masks. We will have hand sanitizer available. If coming to the sale isn't an option for you, consider dropping by our Book Nook on the first floor. We have an assortment of materials for sale from all our categories as well as Mystery Bags of books.

Jocelyn Francis,
President of The Friends of the Temple Public Library

The Friends Sale is Back - Better than Ever!

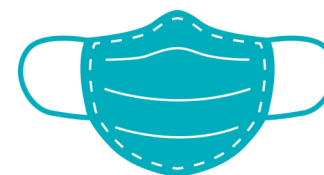
By Diann Anderson, Book Sale co-chair

It's been a long, dry spell (1-1/2 years) since the Friends last book sale, and we are looking forward to seeing you at the 2021 Labor Day sale August 31st to September 4th. The inventory for this sale is both vast and of good quality. Books and media are organized in over 90 categories. Prices are only \$1 - \$2 per item for adult selections and half that for children. Be sure to come often as tables are filled as space allows.

Because of changes in library hours, the sale will close at 6pm on Tuesday-Wednesday and 4pm Thursday-Saturday. Opening hours are 10am daily.

Be sure to renew your membership, which allows entrance to the Member's Preview and opportunities to volunteer for the sale via the software program, Signup Genius.

Thank you for all your donations and continuing support of the Friends and the numerous library programs we support.



We encourage you to wear masks while at the sale. We will have hand sanitizer available.



Tuesday, August 31*
10 am – 6 pm
**Members Only Preview Sale*

Open to the Public
Wednesday, September 1
10 am – 6 pm

Thursday, September 2
10 am – 4 pm

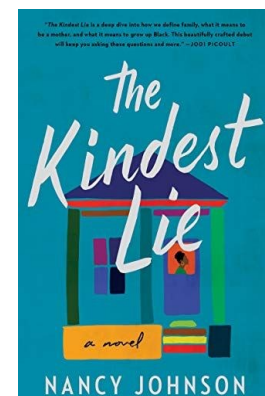
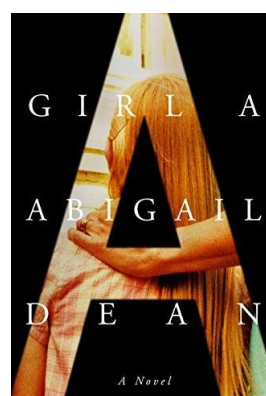
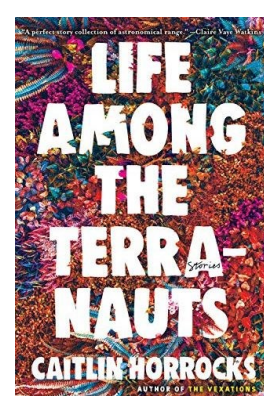
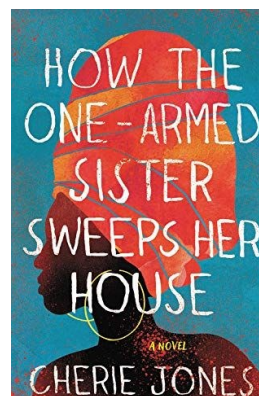
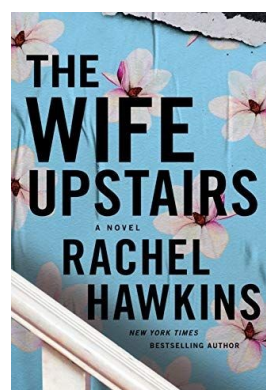
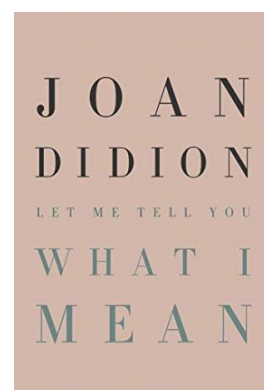
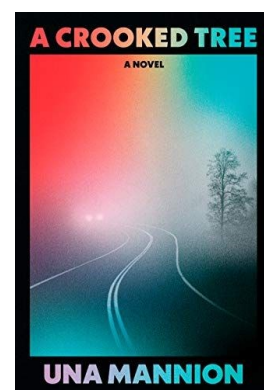
Friday, September 3
10 am – 4 pm

Saturday, September 4
10 am – 4 pm
\$5 Bag Sale Day

Temple Public Library
100 West Adams Avenue
Temple, Texas 76501

10 Best New Books to Read in 2021, so far...

Source: Good Housekeeping—40 Best Books of 2021



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