

Best Members-Only Get-Together in Central Texas

By Membership Chair Jocelyn Francis and President Nancy Mills Mackey



Nancy Mills Mackey Jocelyn Francis

Twice a year, the Friends of the Temple Public Library host the best members-only get-together in Central Texas. And anyone can join! Our two annual used book sales and their member previews attract many new members and those looking for bargains (most books are \$2 or less). Some come from far away, but most are from Central Texas. Currently, the Friends have 220 members, including 21 patrons and nine Lifetime Members.

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. Friends' contributions have included building renovations, two bookmobiles, furniture and equipment, programs, and services.

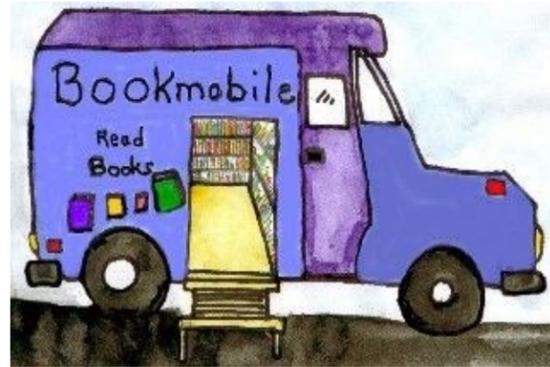
The Friends accept donations of gently used books, CDs, and DVDs all year at the library. Volunteers, working year-round, sort and prepare the items for two major fundraisers -- used book sales in February/March and August/September. Proceeds usually are over \$25,000 per sale.

As a Friend, you are invited to preview and purchase books and other offerings before the general public, from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Tuesday, August 30. 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.

In addition to sorting books and volunteering at book sales, members volunteer at the library, help with children's programs, and serve on Friends committees and the board.

If you'd like to join this vibrant group and work to build a better Temple Public Library and a better community, we'd love for you to join us. We need energetic members who are passionate about books, reading, the library, ideas, and people. Please renew or upgrade your membership, recruit a friend or business, and shop the Labor Day Book Sale, August 31-September 3. Remember, the special Members' Preview is August 30.

If you have any questions, please contact us at friendsoftemplibrary@gmail.com. We look forward to seeing you in a few weeks!



Friends Donate \$60,000 for New Bookmobile

Friends of the Temple Public Library voted in July to donate \$60,000 toward the purchase of a new van to be retrofitted as a new bookmobile. The library's current bookmobile is not running and is 23 years old.

"The Friends have been saving many years for a new bookmobile," said Friends President Nancy Mills Mackey. "The Friends provided the library's first bookmobile, and this donation has been a long time in coming. It is the culmination of many used book sales and the work of many volunteers and past boards. We are excited to be able to purchase a second library bookmobile."

Plans are to purchase a brand-new Dodge Ram ProMaster® 3500 Cargo Van, according to Library Director Natalie McAdams. The van is 13 feet long, with an extended wheelbase and high roof. It will have twice the space of the current bookmobile.

McAdams said it could take up to nine months to get the van, since vehicles being ordered by government entities are lagging behind individual vehicle purchases. The van would then need to be retrofitted by the city to include signage, ramps, shelving, flooring, and air conditioning.

The bookmobile will be used to serve patrons in Temple parks and in school visits.

Remembering Two Best Friends

By Nancy Mills Mackey, President

As we prepared for our Labor Day sale, we learned that two former Friends presidents had passed away. Carol Hodge, 79, who served as president from 2015-2017, died of cancer on July 10. Susan Howe, 77, who served twice as president in 1991-1992 and again in 2005-2007, died on July 8. Susan suffered a stroke in 2020 and had never fully recovered her mobility or health and was living in a nursing home in Bryan near her daughter when she died.

Both Carol and Susan gave freely of themselves to support the Friends and the library and to promote literacy. Without the guidance and support of servant leaders like them, the Friends group would not be the success it is today. The Friends recognized Susan in 1993 with the Best Friend Award. The board recently voted to recognize Carol with the Best Friend Award at our upcoming annual meeting in October. The award is bestowed each year by the Friends' board upon a person who has contributed significantly to the Friends efforts.

A native of Little Rock, Arkansas, and former resident of Wichita, Kansas, Carol was outgoing and fun, always upbeat and smiling. She loved to entertain, travel with her husband, Ted, and be with her family, friends, and church family. I met Carol when I rejoined the Friends board in 2015 after moving back to Central Texas. She was encouraging, kind and energetic. After serving as president, she continued to volunteer for the Friends, revitalizing efforts to get more volunteers involved in working the twice-annual sales. Her efforts brought many new people into the Friends organization.

After retiring as a social worker for the State of Texas, Carol worked for Girling and Standards Home Health.



Susan Howe

After her second retirement, Carol was active in many organizations, including the League of Women Voters and Daughters of the American Revolution (Betty Martin Chapter). We mourn Carol's passing with her husband, sons John and Ben, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

Susan, who was honored by the Friends with a Lifetime Membership, also continued volunteering at Friends sales until her stroke. You might have seen her at the cashier's table or sitting with me at the membership table. She, Millie Henn, and I staffed that table together, off and on, since the 1980s.

Susan grew up in Belton but lived most of her life in Temple. She worked at the Temple Chamber of Commerce and was a reporter at the Temple Daily Telegram. In 1976, Temple Junior College (now Temple College) hired Susan as its first director of college information, a position she held until her retirement in 2010. When I met Susan in 1978, I was a Temple Daily Telegram reporter. She had been in my shoes before and was kind and helpful to me. Later I joined her as a Friends board member, succeeding her eventually as publicity chair, and we also were members of Bell Communicators for more than four decades. Her laid-back manner and sweet smile belied her ability to get things done.

After she retired, Susan was active in several groups, including Newcomers Club of Bell County and the Temple Literacy Council. She also loved to travel and play Canasta and Bunko with friends. We mourn Susan's passing along with her daughter, Julie.

We miss Carol and Susan, and we are incredibly grateful to have known them and counted them among our Best Friends!



Carol Hodge

Friends, Flowers & Food

By Natalie McAdams, Library Director

Last year, the Friends of the Temple Public Library provided funding for the creation of a Seed Library at the Temple Public Library. That funding went to the retrofitting of an old card catalog and the purchase of labels, packaging, and seeds for the newest addition. Contained within the Seed Library is a variety of seeds for flowers, fruits, vegetables, and herbs. These items are selected for their ability to grow in Central Texas and labeled as Easy, Medium, or Difficult to grow in our climate. Since its inception in late April of 2022, over 6,018 seed packets have left the Seed Library to find new homes in the kitchens, gardens, and lawns of Temple residents.



As part of the Seed Library, staff developed a page for the website that provides information on how to use the Seed Library, the fact that this service is provided by the Friends of the Temple Public Library, and what seeds we currently have available for "check out." To review the Seed Library page online, visit <https://bit.ly/TPLSeedLibrary>.

Along with the Seed Library, the Temple Public Library hosted Pippa Hill Farms for a Gardening 101 Class, which was attended by 52 participants. Many of those who could not make the event requested that we video and share the program; the Library is working with the Marketing Department to publish that video online.

With this huge interest in gardening, Temple Public Library staff is sending a staff member to Master Gardener training so that the Library can provide on-site assistance and have an in-house programmer related to all things Central Texas Gardening. We are grateful to the Friends of the Library for providing the funding for the Seed Library, which has spurred on additional programs here at the Library, and we hope it is something the Friends decide to fund for years to come.



Expanded Donations and Services

At the Labor Day Sale

By Diann Anderson

The 2022 Labor Day sale is going to be the best sale ever! In addition to over 35,000 like-new books and media, the sale will feature special hours and services.

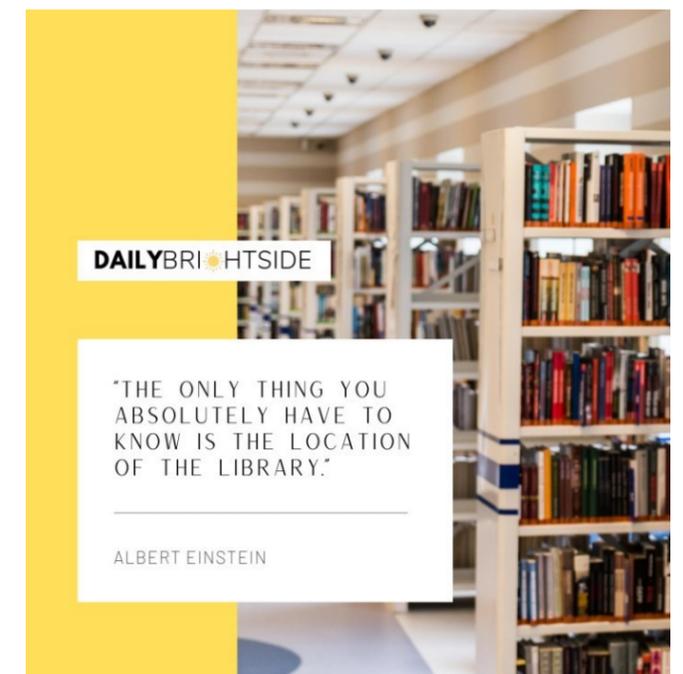
Donated this year is a large selection of Chilton auto manuals. Also donated are large selections of teen and children's books. Thank you, donors!

Sale hours have been expanded to 7 p.m. Tuesday through Friday. Also, 20% teacher's discounts are being given every day except Saturday. On Saturday from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., you can fill an unlimited number of large grocery bags for only \$5 each.



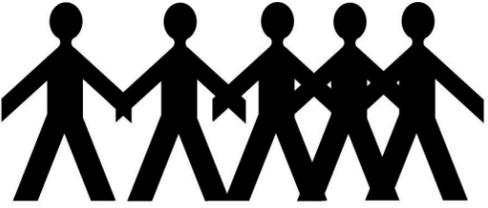
Most sale items are \$.50 - \$2.00. During these inflationary times, the 2022 Labor Day sale is the best deal in town.

Dedicated sorters (left to right): Andrea Hankins, Evonne Manear, Mary Murray, Teri Allen, Kathy Harrington, Sandee Middleton



2022 Labor Day Newsletter

Friends of the Temple Public Library



Temple Public Library
100 West Adams Avenue
Temple, Texas 76501

FTPL Annual Meeting

October 10 @ 5:30 pm
Temple Public Library
McLane Room
The public is invited to attend.

Friends of the Temple Public Library
100 W. Adams
Temple, TX 76501



2023 Mid Winter USED BOOK SALE

Member Preview Tuesday,
February 28th 10-7 pm

Wed. 3/1 - 10 am-7 pm

Thurs. 3/2 - 10 am-7 pm

Fri. 3/3 - 10 am-7 pm

Sat. 3/4 - 10 am-4 pm

Teacher's Discount every day
of the sale except Saturday!



If you would like to submit an item for the next newsletter, have a request or questions, please email us at friendsofthetemplelibrary@gmail.com.

Nikki Morrow
FTPL Newsletter & President Elect

Visit the Friends' Book Nook
By Johnye Harriman, Book Nook Coordinator

An opportunity to browse and purchase books year-round can be found at the Book Nook on the first floor near the Circulation Desk.

New Sign. Thanks to the efforts of Library Director, Natalie McAdams, and the City Marketing Department, the Book Nook has a new sign. The sign features the Library's new colors and creates a brighter spot in the Book Nook corner. Bags of books fill in the lowest shelves and the Book Nook selections are refreshed often. Sales this summer have been good, especially in History and Self-Help.

Thanks to the Circulation staff for collecting the Friends' book sale funds.

Spotlights. Each month, a new subject or author fills the top two left-side cubicles of the Book Nook. The first selections began with Gardening and included decorations of small pots of flowers and gardening tools. In April, James Patterson's fiction was featured. Next, beach reads and decorations were displayed (beach towel, bag, water, sunglasses and a flamingo). Currently spotlighted is Danielle Steel, who, like Patterson, is another prolific author. Short bios of featured authors are displayed on top of the bookcase.

If you have suggestions for future "spotlights", please let the Circulation Desk know.

Bundles. Ribbed bundles of small children's books and cookbooks are popular. Children's books are in a red tub on the floor in front of the Book Nook and the cookbooks are in a separate basket.

Visit the Book Nook often and find surprises to satisfy your reading cravings.

ADULT/TEEN FICTION & NONFICTION		CHILDREN'S FICTION & NONFICTION	
Hardback book	\$2.00	Hardback book	\$1.00
Paperback book	\$1.00	Paperback book	\$0.50
Bag of books	\$5.00	Book bundle	\$0.50

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20% Teacher's Discount each
day except Saturday!

Lots of book \$1-\$2 and many only 50c!

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"I RANSACK PUBLIC LIBRARIES AND FIND THEM FULL OF SUNK TREASURE."
VIRGINIA WOOLF

Goodreads 100 Books You Should Read in a Lifetime....How many have you read?

- To Kill a Mockingbird by Harper Lee
- Pride and Prejudice by Jane Austen
- Anne Frank: The Diary of a Young Girl by Anne Frank
- 1984 by George Orwell
- Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone by J.K. Rowling
- The Lord of the Rings by J.R.R. Tolkien
- The Great Gatsby by F. Scott Fitzgerald
- Charlotte's Web by E.B. White
- Little Women by Louisa May Alcott
- The Hobbit by J.R.R. Tolkien
- Fahrenheit 451: A Novel by Ray Bradbury
- Jane Eyre by Charlotte Bronte
- Gone With the Wind by Margaret Mitchell
- Animal Farm by George Orwell
- The Catcher in the Rye by J.D. Salinger
- The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn by Mark Twain
- The Help by Kathryn Stockett
- The Grapes of Wrath by John Steinbeck
- The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe by C.S. Lewis
- The Hunger Games by Suzanne Collins
- The Book Thief by Markus Zusak
- Lord of the Flies by William Golding
- The Kite Runner by Khaled Hosseini
- Night by Elie Wiesel
- Hamlet by William Shakespeare
- A Tale of Two Cities by Charles Dickens
- A Wrinkle in Time by Madeleine L'Engle
- The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy by Douglas Adams
- A Christmas Carol by Charles Dickens
- Of Mice and Men by John Steinbeck
- The Secret Garden by Frances Hodgson Burnett
- Romeo and Juliet by William Shakespeare
- The Handmaid's Tale by Margaret Atwood
- Brave New World by Aldous Huxley
- The Little Prince by Antoine Saint-Exupery
- Where the Sidewalk Ends by Shel Silverstein
- Wuthering Heights by Emily Bronte
- The Giver by Lois Lowry
- Anne of Green Gables by L.M. Montgomery
- Macbeth by William Shakespeare
- The Adventures of Tom Sawyer by Mark Twain
- Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows by J.K. Rowling
- Frankenstein by Mary Shelley
- The Holy Bible: New King James Version by Thomas Nelson
- The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo by Stieg Larsson
- The Count of Monte Cristo by Alexandre Dumas pere
- The Fault in Our Stars by John Green
- The Color Purple by Alice Walker
- East of Eden by John Steinbeck
- A Tree Grows in Brooklyn by Betty Smith
- Catch-22 by Joseph Heller
- In Cold Blood by Truman Capote
- The Stand by Stephen King
- Alice's Adventures in Wonderland & Through the Looking Glass by Lewis Carroll
- Watership Down by Richard Adams
- Anna Karenina by Leo Tolstoy
- Ender's Game by Orson Scott Card
- Great Expectations by Charles Dickens
- Rebecca by Daphne du Maurier
- Memoirs of a Geisha: A Novel by Arthur Golden
- The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes by Arthur Conan Doyle
- Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban by J.K. Rowling
- The Old Man and the Sea by Ernest Hemingway
- Game of Thrones (A Song of Ice and Fire Book 1) by George R.R. Martin
- The Princess Bride: S. Morgenstern's Classic Tale of True Love and High Adventure by William Goldman
- Charlie and the Chocolate Factory by Roald Dahl
- Life of Pi by Yann Martel
- The Pillars of the Earth by Ken Follett
- Les Miserables by Victor Hugo
- The Scarlet Letter by Nathaniel Hawthorne
- Dracula by Bram Stoker
- Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince by J.K. Rowling
- Catching Fire (The Hunger Games Book 2) by Suzanne Collins
- Water for Elephants: A Novel by Sara Gruen
- The Raven by Edgar Allan Poe
- The Secret Life of Bees by Sue Monk Kidd
- Outlander by Diana Gabaldon
- One Hundred Years of Solitude by Gabriel Garcia Marquez
- The Poisonwood Bible: A Novel by Barbara Kingslover
- The Good Earth by Pearl S. Buck
- The Time Traveler's Wife by Audrey Niffenegger
- The Odyssey by Homer
- Celebrating Silence: Excerpts From Five Years of Weekly Knowledge 1995-2000 by Sri Sri Ravi Shankar
- A Prayer for Owen Meany by John Irving
- And Then There Were None by Agatha Christie
- The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks by Rebecca Skloot
- The Thorn Birds by Colleen McCullough
- The Glass Castle: A Memoir by Jeannette Walls
- Mockingjay (The Final Book of the Hunger Games) by Suzanne Collins
- The Things They Carried by Tim O'Brien
- The Road by Cormac McCarthy
- Cutting for Stone by Abraham Verghese
- The Brothers Karamazov by Fyodor Dostoevsky
- Siddhartha by Hermann Hesse
- Beloved by Toni Morrison
- Helen Keller: The Story of My Life by Helen Keller
- The Phantom Tollbooth by Norton Juster
- From the Mixed-up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler by E.L. Konigsburg
- Gone Girl by Gillian Flynn
- Crime and Punishment by Fyodor Dostoyevsky

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