

## Summer Starts Off Strong

By Natalie McAdams, Library Director

Summer is a time of fun, relaxation and exploration for children. Amidst the excitement, libraries play a vital role in keeping young minds engaged and enriched through summer reading programs. These programs contribute to the development of children's literacy skills and imagination and create a lifelong love of learning. They prevent the summer slide, encourage independence and choice, and cultivate curiosity.

Each year, the Temple Public Library hosts a Summer Reading Kick-Off Party to get families excited about another summer full of reading activities and exploration, and this year was no exception. On May 27, the library hosted a two-hour party sponsored by the Friends of the Temple Public Library. It featured oversized games, a bounce house, a mobile gaming company, bird ornaments, face and flower pot painting, pizzas and sno cones, and an appearance by Pete the Cat. During the event, 876 members of the public stopped in to celebrate and 581 signed up for summer reading.

Library reading programs offer a gateway to a world many children visit first through books; they shape young minds, instill a passion for learning and reading and build stronger communities.



Erin Gaines assists children with signing up for Summer Reading.



Families lined up to sign up for Summer Reading.



Children play oversized tic-tac-toe.



Katie Stewart paints faces.



Children meet Pete the Cat.



Family makes flower pots.

## New Members' Preview Monday

Diann Anderson and Kathy Harrington, Book Sale Co-Chairs

Members' Preview is **Monday**, August 28, 10am-7pm. Please save the date.

In the past, Members Preview was on Tuesdays. The Members' Preview has been moved forward in order to offer Friends Members the freshest and most complete offerings possible.

Not a member or need to renew? Membership forms are available at the Circulation Desk or on the Friends website <https://friendsofthetemplepubliclibrary.org/join-the-friends> or click on the QR code. Memberships will be available at Members Preview, August 28 and throughout the sale.



## Friends Donate \$83,000 for New Bookmobile

By Nancy Mills Mackey, Past President and Past Membership Chair

The Friends of the Temple Public Library has donated \$83,000 to the City of Temple for the purchase of a new bookmobile. "The Friends have been saving many years for a new bookmobile," said Friends President Nikki Morrow. "The Friends provided the library's first bookmobile, and we are excited to be able to purchase a second library bookmobile. This donation is made possible by the work of many volunteers, Friends members and past boards and the community's outstanding support of our used book sales."

The bookmobile will be used to serve customers at pop-up visits, schools and daycares, senior centers and churches, with festival and event visits and city/county/partner functions in the works. The Temple Public Library's Outreach Division operates the bookmobile and provides the same services as the library: card creation, check out and return of materials, programming, reference services and notary services.

While the Library Master Plan, completed in April of 2023, calls for the addition of branch libraries, Library Director Natalie McAdams believes "the bookmobile is the lowest cost way to ensure that we meet our community members where they are."

"While we may build branches over the next 10 years," she added, "that does not mean we can wait to provide service to our neighbors across the city. The bookmobile will help the library reach children, low-income families, seniors, and individuals with disabilities who are unable to travel to the downtown library or a future branch."



From left: Uche Ogwudu, Kathy Harrington, Jocelyn Francis, Bernice Winkler, Norma Swaim, Bonnie Asbury, Millie Henn, Diann Anderson, Nancy Mills Mackey, Al Waite and President Nikki Morrow

## Friends, Books & Bargains!

By Nancy Mills Mackey, Past President and Past Membership Chair



Nancy Mills Mackey

Twice a year, the Friends of the Temple Public Library hosts the best used book sale in Central Texas, featuring thousands of bargains for \$2 or less. The event draws repeat customers from near and far, booklovers looking for bargains, collectors hunting for a hard-to-find title in great condition, and Friends members delighted to see longtime pals. Friends members may preview books for the Labor Day 2023 Used Book Sale on Monday, August 28, from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

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 included building renovations, two bookmobiles, furniture and equipment, services and programs, such as the children's summer reading program. Currently the Friends have 224 members, including 17 patrons and nine Lifetime Members.

The Friends accept donations of gently used books, CDs, and DVDs all year at the library. Volunteers, working year-round, prepare the items for two major fundraisers: 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 a roomy, air-conditioned setting on the Temple Public Library's third floor. Proceeds from each sale generally are upwards of \$25,000.

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.

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 Board of Directors. If you would like to join this vibrant group and work to build a better Temple Public Library and community, we would love for you to join us. 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 Labor Day 2023 Used Book Sale, August 30-September 2. Membership forms are available at the library circulation desk, at the preview sale and on our website at [friendsofthetemplepubliclibrary.org](https://friendsofthetemplepubliclibrary.org).

If you have any questions, please contact us at [friendsoftemplelibrary@gmail.com](mailto:friendsoftemplelibrary@gmail.com) We look forward to seeing you soon!



Volunteer Corner: A Heartfelt Thank You and a Call to Action!

Uche Ogwudu and Kristin Childress, Volunteer Coordinators

As we approach the much-awaited Labor Day weekend, the excitement at the Friends of the Temple Public Library is palpable. We have an extraordinary event in the works – our annual Labor Day Used Book Sale! This cherished tradition is not only an opportunity for book lovers to discover hidden gems but also a chance for us to come together as a community and support our literacy. And you know what makes this event truly special? It's the incredible volunteers like YOU who make it all possible!

First and foremost, I want to extend a heartfelt thank you to all the wonderful souls who have dedicated their time, energy, and passion to volunteer at our previous events. Your unwavering support has been the backbone of our success, and without you we couldn't have accomplished all that we have.

Now, as we gear up for this year's Labor Day Used Book Sale, we once again seek your valuable assistance. Your presence and enthusiasm make a world of difference in creating a vibrant and welcoming atmosphere at the event. Whether you're a seasoned volunteer or someone considering lending a helping hand for the first time, we warmly invite you to join us and be a part of this incredible experience.

Volunteering at the book sale is not just about arranging books on shelves or assisting customers. It's about fostering a sense of togetherness, promoting literacy, and strengthening the very fabric of our community. Every hour you dedicate, every smile you share, and every book you recommend leaves a lasting impact on the lives of others.

From organizing the vast collection of books to helping patrons find their next literary adventure, there are plenty of roles for volunteers to fill. No matter your age, background, or expertise, there's a place for you in our vibrant team of volunteers.

Moreover, volunteering at the Labor Day Used Book Sale is not just a way to contribute—it's also an opportunity to make lasting friendships and be a part of something meaningful. You'll connect with fellow book enthusiasts, share stories and recommendations, and build memories that will stay with you for years to come.

So, mark your calendars, Monday, August 28<sup>th</sup> to Saturday, September 2<sup>nd</sup> for the upcoming Labor Day Sale and be prepared to embark on a rewarding journey with the Friends of the Temple Public Library. Together, we can make this year's book sale an unforgettable experience for everyone involved.

To sign up as a volunteer go to <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f094aaead28a6f85-labor2#/> or scan the QR code.

Once again, thank you, dear volunteers, for your incredible support and dedication. Let's come together, celebrate the joy of reading, and make this year's Labor Day Used Book Sale the best one yet!



2023  
Labor Day  
Newsletter

FTPL Annual  
Meeting

Tuesday, October 10 @  
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Temple Public Library  
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2024 Mid-Winter Used  
Book Sale

Members' Preview Monday,  
February 26, 10 a.m.-7 p.m.

Memberships available at the  
sale

Wed. 2/28, 10 a.m.-7 p.m.

Thur. 2/29, 10 a.m.-7 p.m.

Fri. 3/1, 10 a.m.-7 p.m.

Sat. 3/2, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

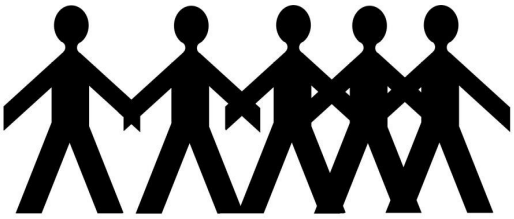


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Jamie Metting,  
FTPL Newsletter

# Friends of the Temple Public Library



Update From The President

By Nikki Morrow, President

Dear Friends,

Please join us for this year's annual Labor Day book sale. It is a great way to get out of the Texas summer heat and cool down with a great book! Our board members and sorting volunteers work all year long to organize and prepare for our annual sale. It takes a village and many dedicated volunteers to get ready for the sale. It is wonderful to see the efforts of volunteers make a significant impact on the Temple Public Library and the services it provides our collective community.

We are excited to announce the Friends of the Temple Public Library's recent donation of \$83,000 to the library for a new bookmobile. The Friends purchased the library's first bookmobile several decades ago, and we have been planning and looking forward to replacing it for years. We have worked hard to ensure we could provide these funds to the library. We had earmarked \$60,000 for the bookmobile last year and in April added another \$23,000, bringing the total bookmobile donation to \$83,000.

I want to thank our volunteers and our entire board for the hard work that is put into each sale, including publicity, sorting, signage, volunteer shifts coordination, website updates, membership lists, and newsletter distribution. I also want to thank the Temple Public Library and the staff. Their support and partnership enable the Friends to maximize both effort and funds for library programming and other needs.



Nikki Morrow

As always, we will have a tremendous selection of books, cookbooks, book sets, records, CDs, and videos at the sale. We invite you and your friends to the sale.



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

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**Friends of the Temple Public Library**

## Labor Day Used Book Sale

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