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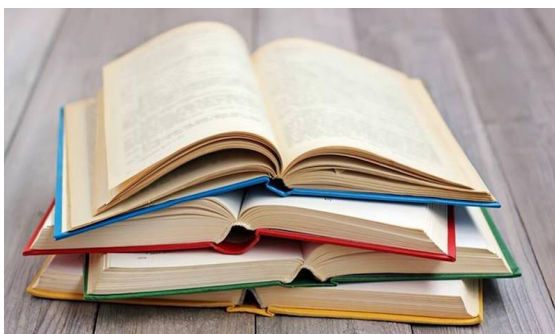
Volunteer Now!

By Diann Anderson, Mary Murray, and Dorothy Rubin, Volunteer Co-Chairs

The Friends' semi-annual used books sales are run entirely by volunteers. During the Mid-Winter 2026 sale, Friends' members filled 206 jobs totaling approximately 640 hours. Ample opportunities exist to volunteer for the Labor Day 2026 sale, at the sale from Monday, August 31, through Saturday, September 5, and on *set-up Saturday*, August 29, and *pack up* Tuesday, September 8.

Please consider volunteering for this special event by clicking on the link or QR code below. After registering with your name and email, you will be taken to a page with various job descriptions and shifts where you can choose your dates and times to volunteer.

Donations of books and time have enabled our Friends organization to support the many programs and services provided by the Temple Public Library. Thank you for your support of the Friends of the Temple Public Library, the library, and literacy in our community.



QR Code to Volunteer



<https://friendsofthetemplepubliclibrary.volunteerlocal.com/volunteer/?id=111485>



2026 LABOR DAY NEWSLETTER

FTPL Annual Meeting

Monday, October 19th
@ 5:30 p.m.

Temple Public Library
McLane Room

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THE UPCOMING LABOR DAY USED BOOK SALE

Members' Preview

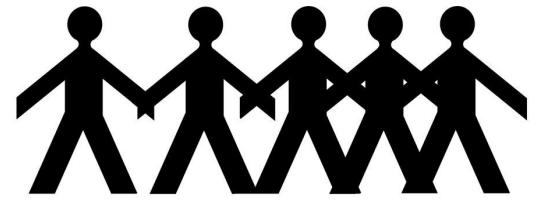
Mon. 8/31
10 a.m. - 7 p.m.

Open to Public

Wed. 9/2, 10 a.m. - 7 p.m.
Thur. 9/3, 10 a.m. - 7 p.m.
Fri. 9/4, 10 a.m. - 7 p.m.
Sat. 9/5, 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



Dear Friends,

Welcome, fellow book lovers! What kind of reader are you? Recent surveys in both the United States and Canada have discovered the following statistics.

Between 12% to 19% of the population read 20 or more books a year. Congratulations! Unfortunately, in some surveys, up to 50% have not read even one book in the last year. And, not surprisingly, book readership has slowly declined over the last two decades.

Print books remain a solid preference over digital and audio formats, with 64% of adults having read at least one print book in the last year. The survey results for genres that people have read are surprising. Amazingly, history reigns supreme, with 45% of readers having read non-fiction (including memoirs and biographies) and 21% historical fiction. Thrillers, crime, and mystery are second, with 37% of readers having read books of this genre.

When surveyed, most people would rather buy a book (55%) than borrow a book (33%). Book buyers statistically are more likely to check out books at their local library than people who prefer to borrow books. Fortunately, the Temple Public Library remains committed to a print repository philosophy lacking in many libraries today. In addition, the library maintains an extensive CD collection and offers online and download services for tablet users.

Whatever your reading preferences, I'm sure the Friends of the Temple Public Library's biannual sales provide plenty of options. Please consider supporting us in our mission by becoming a member. We will be happy to have you on board.

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



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

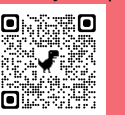
SAVE THE DATE

2027 Mid-Winter
Used Book Sale

Members' Preview Only
Monday, February 22, 2027

Open to the Public
February 24 - 27

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
friendsoftemplelibrary@gmail.com

Becoming a Friend is Just a Click Away!

By Nikki Morrow, Past President and Website/Social Media Coordinator



Friends of the Temple Public Library memberships now can be completed and renewed online. You also can make your payment online. The FTPL has been improving the user experience and information shared about events and book sales by making significant and meaningful improvements to our website, social media pages, and creating an online membership application and payment process. We have seen more traffic on our website and more followers on our social media pages, especially during the book sale weeks. We count on our friends to help spread the word about our sales; having up-to-date resources and posts to share help to make that much easier.

If you have not had the chance yet, visit the website at <https://friendsofthetemplepubliclibrary.org/home-page>. Bookmark the website to learn about upcoming book sale dates, ongoing year around 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 on Instagram at <https://www.instagram.com/friendsofthetemplepubliclibrary/> to get updates and reminders about book sales, and other important announcements!

Skip the Line...Join Online!

By Lana Shields, Membership Chairman

For more than 60 years, the Friends of the Temple Public Library has been fueling curiosity, enriching community learning, and supporting library needs that fall outside the City of Temple's budget. The impact is hard to miss – just look at the vibrant Exploration Station bookmobile, purchased in 2025 with book sale proceeds and the generosity of Friends members.

Friends members get something special: early access to the book sale. As a member, you're invited to browse (and buy!) the sale offerings—before the crowds arrive; the Members-Only Preview Day, is Monday, August 31, from 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Want to skip the membership line on preview day? It's easy. Sign up or renew your membership online at the Friends website: <https://friendsofthetemplepubliclibrary.org/home-page>.

If your membership is nearing expiration, keep an eye on your inbox – you'll receive a reminder email several weeks before the sale. Prefer paper? You also can print the membership form from the website and bring the completed copy with you on preview day.

Whether you join online or in person, don't come alone – recruit a friend and share the joy of supporting our library.



Exploration Station Bookmobile

Library Celebrates a Summer of Growth and Community Engagement

By Elizabeth Page, Director, Library and Museum Services

Thank you for helping make possible another unforgettable Summer Reading Program at Temple Public Library! Your generous support each year helps us create meaningful experiences that inspire a lifelong love of reading, learning, and discovery for families across our community.



We kicked off *Unearth a Story* on June 6 with a dinosaur-sized celebration featuring the Triassic-ally Cool Fossil Dig Adventure Show, books, a Friends prize table, the Dig Café, and hundreds of excited readers ready to begin their summer adventures. Throughout June, children enjoyed Read-Aloud Mondays with Temple ISD librarians and an energetic bilingual storytelling performance by award-winning storyteller Sue Young.

Our partnership with Temple ISD once again extended beyond books. The Summer Meals Program provided free breakfasts and lunches at the library for children ages 0-18, serving more than 2,600 meals between June 1 and July 10. This program helps ensure young minds and growing bodies are nourished all summer long.

Celebrating Summer Reading Program kickoff.

The excitement continued into July with magical fun from Silly Sparkles, a visit from The Singing Zoologist, a hands-on program with Waco Mammoth National Monument, and a grand finale with paleontologist BK Bones.

Because of your hard work and generosity, thousands of children and families are discovering that the library is a place where imagination, curiosity, and community come together. Thank you for helping every reader unearth a story this summer!

Dino Day Summer Reading Program

By Virginia Campbell, Board Member and Sorter

The Friends did a phenomenal job of promoting the upcoming Labor Day Book Sale at the Dino Day Kickoff Event on June 6. Children of all ages were excited to spin the Wheel to see what fantastic prize they landed on. Prizes included stickers, tattoos, books, bookmarks, rubber duckies, spinner rings, and slime balls!!

At the event, children registered for the summer reading program and enjoyed activities such as a Fossil Dig Adventure Show, a geode art project, and Dig Cafe Treats. There were also door prizes!

Volunteers included Lana Shields, Debbie Trahan, David Trahan, Kathy Harrington, Rebecca Arce, and Virginia Campbell. Also, a big thank you to Rebecca's daughters Rose and Jane. They are a big help and always brighten our day!

Bookmarks advertising the sale were given out to everyone waiting in line to spin and win!



Left to right: Lana Shields, Debbie Trahan, and David Trahan