

(Mid)winter is Coming!

Heather Rodke, Diann Anderson, and Kathy Harrington, Book Sale Co-Chairs

"In the midst of winter, I found there was, within me, an invincible summer." – Albert Camus

The Friends of the Temple Public Library is honored to present our annual Mid-winter Used Book Sale from February 26 (member preview) through Saturday, March 2 (bag day!). With modest prices on thousands of books and other media in almost 100 categories, this event is a standout in Central Texas, drawing customers from all over the state and beyond.

The Heart of the Booksale—Donated Books: Over 90% of books and media available for sale come directly from private donations, and we are grateful for the generosity of our community. Your gifts support literacy throughout the Temple area and provide the library with funding for special projects and programs. While we prefer gently used materials, **we gladly accept all book and media donations in virtually any condition.** Don't worry, we will sort them and dispose of any that are too badly damaged to include in the sale. Just bring your donations to the Circulation Desk and we will do the rest. If items are usable but not in good selling condition, we make many items available for free between our semiannual sales events. (Check the table in the ground-floor foyer for giveaways.)

Members and Volunteers Get First Choice: The first day of the sale is dedicated to members of the Friends of the Temple Public Library. Your membership directly supports the library's mission and, as a thank you, we invite you to join us on Monday, February 26, before the sale is open to the general public. Individual and family memberships are available at the sale preview.

Games, Media, Textbooks, Medical Reference, and More: In addition to books, we accept and offer games, computer programs, CDs, audiobooks, puzzles, and other materials supporting literacy at every sale. You can even donate electronics!

Featured Category: Military History: We've received several generous community donations from military history buffs. If you're interested in the heritage of the US armed forces, the history of conflict from ancient times through the present, or biographies and memoirs of notable military leaders, you won't want to miss the Mid-Winter sale this February and March.

Super Low Prices: With an average price of just over \$1.00, you cannot beat the sale prices. Throughout decades of sales, we have rarely raised prices because we want every book to find a home. Children's books range from \$0.50-\$1.00; most adult paperbacks are \$1.00 and hardbacks \$2.00. Saturday is bag day: just \$5.00 for all the books you can fit in a large paper grocery bag. Bibles are always free.

Teachers and Educators Get 20% Off: We thank our community educators with a 20% discount every day of the sale except during the Monday Member Preview. This is a great opportunity to stock up on your favorite children's books, classroom giveaways, and reading program incentives at the lowest prices you can find anywhere. Yes, homeschool teachers, educational aides, and other instructional staff are eligible for the discount – just let us know at check-out.

Special Pricing for Sets, Selected "Picks," and Vintage Books: If you wish you still had the set of encyclopedias that was on your bookshelf at home when you were a kid, be sure to check out the sets area at the sale. We might just have what you need.

The Best-Kept Book Sale Secret: If you are a weekly volunteer sorter, you can buy books year-round at regular sale prices. Email the book sale coordinators at friendsoftemplibrary@gmail.com for more info on how to join one of our three sorting teams (Monday evening, Tuesday morning, or Thursday morning) to take advantage of this special perk!



Book lovers browsing the inventory for their next adventure.

Scan on your phone to see the different categories of books at the sale.



Keep Warm with a New Stack of Bargain Books!

By Nancy Mills Mackey, Past President and Membership Co-Chair

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Nancy Mills Mackey

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 2024 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 26.

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 event draws repeat customers from near and far – booklovers looking for bargains, collectors hunting for hard-to-find titles, and Friends members excited to see one another again. The sale is open to the public February 28 through March 2.

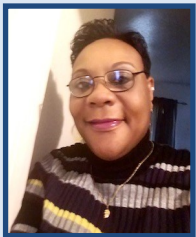
The Friends of the Temple Public Library, a 501 (c)3 charitable organization formed in 1965, has labored for seven decades to extend the library's capacity through volunteers, program support and outreach, awareness building, and fundraising. The Friends give \$35,000 to \$55,000 annually to fulfill the Librarian's Wish List, which includes needs not funded by the City of Temple. Friends' contributions have included building renovations, two bookmobiles, furniture and equipment, and services and programs, such as the children's summer reading program. Currently, the Friends have 252 members, including 16 patrons and 10 Lifetime Members.

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's third floor. 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 2024 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 friendsoftemplelibrary@gmail.com We look forward to seeing you soon!



Membership Co-Chairs
Dorothy Ruben and Jocynlin Francis

Calling All Friends!

By Mary Murray and Kristin Childress, Volunteer Co-Chairs

Member volunteers are needed for the Mid-Winter Used Book Sale.

The Mid-Winter Used Book Sale is just around the corner, and it is time to ask, encourage, and cajole members to volunteer during the sale, from Monday, February 26 through Saturday, March 2. Daytime and evening hours and a variety of jobs are available. Volunteer and enjoy meeting your fellow members, interacting with book lovers, and helping customers carry purchased items to their vehicles.

Not to be forgotten, a heartfelt thank you to all of you who have worked so hard at the previous sale. Despite the shortage of workers, your energy enabled us to have a successful sale. Thank You!

See where you can help:

Special Jobs List (for Board Members): <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10COB4FACAB29AAFFC43-47195370-midwinter>

General Membership: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10COB4FACAB29AAFFC43-47196898-midwinter>

Youth: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10COB4FACAB29AAFFC43-47197073-midwinter>



See where you can help.

Scan with your phone camera to sign up!



Special Jobs List
(Board Members)



General Membership



Youth

Embracing Celestial Wonders: Temple Totality 2024

By Natalie Alvara, Director of Libraries and Museums


The City of Temple, Texas, is gearing up for an astronomical spectacle that promises to captivate minds and inspire awe—the Total Solar Eclipse on April 8, 2024. As anticipation builds, the Temple Public Library has curated a series of events designed not only to celebrate this rare celestial event but also to build wonder and educate members of the community.

Stories of the Stars (February 17 @ 2 PM - Library)
"Stories of the Stars" will be held on February 17, 2024, at 2 PM in the Library's Third Floor McLane Room. This engaging storytelling and activity event is tailored for the whole family. As the library becomes a portal to the universe, attendees will embark on a celestial journey, exploring tales of constellations and the mysteries of the cosmos. It is a prelude to the grand astronomical event, setting the stage for the wonders that await.

Solar Art in the Park (March 16 @ 11 AM - Santa Fe Plaza)
On March 16, 2024, the Santa Fe Plaza becomes the canvas for creativity with "Solar Art in the Park." From 11 AM to 1 PM, families are invited to join a delightful outdoor affair of solar and space-themed booths and activities. As the sun illuminates the artistic endeavors of the community, this event seamlessly blends science and art. Bring a picnic basket or savor treats from the food truck yard and enjoy this opportunity to learn about the solar system in a vibrant, open-air setting. Free solar eclipse glasses will be distributed (while supplies last), allowing attendees to witness the spectacle safely.


Total Solar Eclipse (April 8 @ 11 AM - Storybook Grove, park north of the Library)
The apex of the celestial extravaganza arrives on April 8, 2024, with the much-anticipated "Total Solar Eclipse", commencing at 11 AM. Stop by to pick up your free solar eclipse glasses (while supplies last). This is an occasion that transcends age, inviting the entire community to witness a rare cosmic ballet.

As Temple prepares to be bathed in the shadow of the moon, these events serve as vital platforms to cultivate curiosity, ignite imaginations, and foster a deeper understanding of our place in the cosmos. The Temple Public Library, with its lineup of celestial programs, is not just providing a glimpse into the wonders of the universe but is creating moments of shared awe and discovery that will resonate long after the eclipse has passed.



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2024 Mid-Winter Newsletter




Mark Your Calendars!


Upcoming Mid-Winter Used Book Sale

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

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.
20% Teacher's Discount each day
except Saturday!



If you would like to submit an item for the next newsletter or have a request or question, please email friendsoftemplelibrary@gmail.com.



Jamie Metting
FTPL Newsletter

Friends of the Temple Public Library



Update From The President

By Nikki Morrow, President



Nikki Morrow

Dear Friends,

As we move into the New Year, the Friends of the Temple Public Library have much to celebrate. Last year, the Friends were able to support the library and our community by donating \$83,000 to the Temple Public Library for the new bookmobile. Additionally, we were able to expand the space for the Labor Day book sale and that provided more room for patrons attending the sale as well as the opportunity for more titles to be visible.

Please join us again for this year's annual Mid-Winter book sale in February. It is a great time to replenish those bookshelves, start a new series, start a book club, find books for your classrooms, start a library for a child, learn a new hobby, or find new worlds in our many travel books. Our board members and sorting volunteers work all year to organize and prepare for our sales. We always are in need of used book and media donations. You can bring used books, book sets, and media (such as records, cassette tapes, DVDs and VHS tapes) to the Temple Public Library Circulation Desk.

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 staff of the Temple Public Library. Their support and partnership enable the Friends to maximize both effort and book sale funds to support programming and other Library needs.

We will have a tremendous selection of books, cookbooks, book sets, records, CDs, and videos at the Mid-Winter sale. We invite you to the sale – bring your friends!

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



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or
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Save the Date!

2024 Labor Day
Used Book Sale

August 26, 2024
Members Preview Only

August 28-31
open to the public