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**Friends of the Temple Public Library
Host Annual Labor Day Used Book Sale
Starting August 25**

Friends of the Temple Public Library will host its annual Labor Day Used Book Sale at the Temple Public Library starting with a preview for Friends members at 10 a.m. on Monday, August 25.

“Starting this summer,” says Friends Website/Social Media Coordinator Nikki Morrow, “the Friends have made becoming a member much easier by adding online membership forms and payment links.”

Memberships start at \$10 for individuals and can be purchased online, in advance, or at the preview sale door. Membership forms are available throughout the year at the library circulation desk or on the Friends website <https://friendsofthetemplepubliclibrary.org>. The Friends group has 195 members.

The sale opens to the public at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, August 27. Most items are sold for \$2 or less, however, some vintage and selected books are priced higher.

“One of the biggest reasons people attend our sales is because of the low prices for great books,” says Book Sale Co-Chair K.J. Hyatt. “Most books range from 50 cents to \$2. Another motivating factor is the number and variety of books we offer. Since the last sale, we have received many donations, including one donation of almost 3,000 books.”

Throughout the year, volunteers have sorted more than 40,000 books for the sale,” estimates Book Sale Co-Chair Kathy Harrington. Books and other items included in the sale are donated by Temple area residents and sorted year-round, she adds. Volunteers may sign up to work the sales or sort books by visiting the Friends website or contacting Volunteer Chairs Diann Anderson, Mary Murray or Dorothy Ruben at friendsoftemplelibrary@gmail.com.

“Bargain hunters love our sales,” notes Harrington. “Some come every day of the sale because we are constantly adding new items.” The sale continues through Saturday, August 30, when all remaining items can be purchased for \$5 a bag (provided by the Friends). Teachers receive a 20 percent discount every day of the sale, except Saturday.

Books are sorted into categories – fiction, mystery, biography, history, romance, children’s books, etc. – and displayed on tables filling the McLane Room on the library’s third floor.

Vintage books, record albums, DVDs, CDs, classic fiction, religious books, textbooks, non-fiction and cookbooks also are included in the sale.

Book sale hours are: members' preview, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., August 25; open to the public, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., August 27-29; and \$5 bag sale, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., August 30.

The Friends of the Temple Library held its first meeting in 1965 and its first used book sale 20 years later at the Temple Mall over the Labor Day weekend. That annual sale, now expanded to twice a year, is the Friends' primary fundraiser.

Over the last 40 years, says Friends President Al Waite, the used book sales have made it possible for the Friends to donate funds for library renovations, children's summer reading programs, the library's first bookmobile and \$83,000 for its recent replacement. Each year, the Friends provide up to \$35,000 to fund the library director's wish list. Last year, he adds, the Friends contributed funds for reading programs and STEM kits for families to check out.

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