

Temple Public Library
100 West Adams Avenue
Temple, Texas 76501

Be a Sale Volunteer

By Diann Anderson, Volunteer Coordinator

Volunteering to actively participate in the Friends' Mid-Winter book sale is easy and rewarding. Simply sign up for two-hour shifts between 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. Your choice of jobs includes totaling purchases, helping customers carry out their treasures, and replenishing sales tables. To get your choice of jobs and times, sign up now using the QR code.

Alternately, watch your email from the Friends of the Temple Public Library for an invitation to volunteer.

As a sale volunteer, you'll be surrounded by thousands of books, new and old friends, and good feelings for supporting literacy in our community. See you soon!

**QR code to
volunteer**



Skip the Line...Join Online Now!!!

By Lana Shields, Membership Chair

Friends of the Temple Public Library has been promoting curiosity for 60 years. If you would like to join this vibrant group and work to promote literacy, build a better Temple Public Library and a stronger community, we welcome you. We need energetic members who are enthusiastic about books, reading, the library, and people.

The Mid-Winter 2026 Used Book Sale is coming soon, and it's easier than ever to enjoy the perks of membership. Skip the line on Members Preview Day (Monday, February 23) and renew or join online by scanning the QR code on the front page of the newsletter or by going to our website <https://friendsofthetemplepubliclibrary.org/> to sign up. After completing the membership form online, remember to go back one page to the form and add the payment information to complete your membership application. If you prefer, pick up a membership form at the Library's Circulation Desk and bring the completed form with you to the upcoming sale.

Please sign up or renew your membership, recruit a friend or business, and shop the Mid-Winter book sale, open to the public February 25-28.

2026 MID-WINTER Newsletter



Mark your calendars for the Upcoming Mid-Winter Used Book Sale

Members' Preview

Monday, 2/23
10 a.m. - 7 p.m.

Open to Public

Wed. 2/25, 10 a.m. - 7 p.m.
Thur. 2/26, 10 a.m. - 7 p.m.
Fri. 2/27, 10 a.m. - 7 p.m.
Sat. 2/28, 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



It's the beginning of another year with your Friends of the Temple Public Library – and what better way to start than with another Book Sale! Our 2026 Mid-Winter Sale begins Monday, February 23 with our Members only Preview Day. We invite all FTPL members to take advantage of this membership benefit to shop on a day exclusive to members. It's just one of the ways we can say "thank you" for your continued support of our mission, which is to support the many programs the library provides.

As members, you always are welcome to participate in the life of the Friends. Opportunities include book sorting on Mondays and Tuesdays, working our two annual sales weeks, and volunteering to serve on our board. While at the sale, talk to one of our workers to explore these opportunities.

In 2025, we entered into a formal partnership agreement with the City of Temple. This agreement is beneficial to our goals and enhances our day-to-day operations at the library facility. The Friends and the city benefit greatly from this arrangement, which we are in the process of renewing.

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
friendsofthetemplelibrary@gmail.com

SAVE THE DATE

2026 Labor Day
Used Book Sale

Members' Preview Only
Monday, August 31, 2026

Open to the Public
September 2 - 5

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



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

Becoming a Friend is Easier Than Ever!

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



This last year, the Friends of the Temple Public Library has been hard at work 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 to our website and followers on our social media pages. We count on our friends to help spread the word about our sales and having up-to-date resources and posts to share help to make communication 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-round 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 Instagram at <https://www.instagram.com/friendsofthetemplepubliclibrary/> to get updates and reminders about book sales, special pricing, book nook sales and other important announcements!

Light Up for Literacy Winter Reading Kickoff

By Virginia Campbell, Board Member, Book Sorter

There is nothing as rewarding as witnessing young parents introduce their children to the joys of the library, especially at the holiday season. So much excitement awaits through the joys of reading! Watching adults make this discovery is special. Friends of the Temple Public Library members Kathy Harrington, Kjirsten Hyatt, and Virginia Campbell had the pleasure of experiencing the excitement at Light Up for Literacy, the library's Winter Reading Kickoff on December 5.

We passed out bookmarks reminding everyone of future book sales and information on becoming a Friend of the Temple Public Library. We also participated in the fun! We made ornaments along with the families, sipped hot chocolate and apple cider, munched on candy canes, and picked up our Cozy Up with a Good Book Challenge bingo cards. Other activities included making cardboard gingerbread houses, felt book ornaments, a Holiday Story Stroll, storytelling, and live entertainment provided by Joe McDermott. Favorite holiday songs could be heard throughout the library!

We can't wait for the Summer Reading Program Kickoff beginning June 2.

Left to Right: Kjirsten Hyatt, Kathy Harrington, Virginia Campbell



A Legacy in Motion: The First Year of the Library Bookmobile

By Elizabeth Page, Director, City of Temple Libraries and Museums

One of the most visible and impactful examples of how the Friends of the Temple Public Library have expanded access to learning is now traveling throughout neighborhoods, school campuses, and community events across Temple: the library's bookmobile, called the Exploration Station. Launched just over a year ago, the bookmobile reflects a shared commitment between the Friends and the library to reduce barriers to access and deliver library services directly to the community.

Celebrating its 60th anniversary last year with an official proclamation from the Temple City Council in December, the Friends have served as steadfast champions of literacy, lifelong learning, and community connection since its founding. From its earliest support of library collections and programs to its most recent investment in the bookmobile, the Friends consistently have strengthened the library's ability to serve residents across Temple.



The investment in the bookmobile is already producing measurable results. During the last fiscal year, library Outreach staff facilitated more than 230 visits to organizations and Homebound patrons. The majority were visits to schools, childcare centers, senior living facilities, recovery programs, and housing communities throughout the city. A key highlight was the expanded use of the Exploration Station at Temple ISD's Bilingual Summer School, where staff served more than 70 students and generated over 500 checkouts—many from the library's growing Spanish and bilingual collections.



In addition, the Homebound Program continued to provide vital services to residents unable to visit the library in person. Through 46 service stops, staff reached 91 participants and facilitated 1,217 checkouts, ensuring continued access to books, information, and meaningful human connection for some of the community's most vulnerable neighbors.

As library circulation, programs, and visitation continue to grow citywide, the bookmobile stands as a clear reminder that Friends' support delivers lasting impact. Together, the Friends of the Temple Public Library and library staff are ensuring that literacy and learning extend well beyond library walls and into the heart of the community.

Extra! Extra! Extra! Read All About It!

By Virginia Campbell, Board Member, Book Sorter

The Friends of the Library is offering free books and magazines in the library's basement, directly in front of the elevators. There are various genres, CDs and DVDs. Please stop by and enjoy, courtesy of the Friends!