

Temple Public Library
100 West Adams Avenue
Temple, Texas 76501

Volunteer Now!

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

The Friends of the Temple Public Library is holding the Labor Day 2025 used book sale August 25 to August 30. Please consider volunteering for this special event by going to the link or using the QR code to the right. After registering with your name and email, you will be taken to a page with various jobs and shifts.

Donations of your 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.

Article Submissions/ Questions

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

Scan the QR code to go to the Friends of the Temple Public Library webpage.



Visit us at
friendsofthetemplepubliclibrary.org

or

Email us at
friendsoftemplelibrary@gmail.com

If you would like to volunteer to work at the Labor Day Book Sale, scan QR code.



[Labor Day 2025 Book Sale](#)

Save the date 2026 Midwinter Used Book Sale

Members' Preview Only

February 23, 2026
Open to the Public
February 25 - 28

2025 LABOR DAY NEWSLETTER

FTPL Annual Meeting

Tuesday, October 7th @ 5:30 p.m.

Temple Public Library
McLane Room

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THE UPCOMING LABOR DAY USED BOOK SALE

Members' Preview

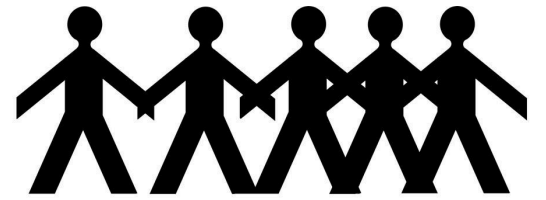
Mon. 8/25
10 a.m. - 7 p.m.

Open to Public

Wed. 8/27, 10 a.m. - 7 p.m.
Thur. 8/28, 10 a.m. - 7 p.m.
Fri. 8/29, 10 a.m. - 7 p.m.
Sat. 8/30, 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,



Hard to believe we are ready to conduct our second book sale of 2025! Friends and patrons of the book sales may believe the sales seem to happen effortlessly. But, as many of you know, that is because of the tireless dedication of many behind-the-scenes volunteers:

- *Book sorters who come in week after week to sort, categorize, and crate;
- *Membership and volunteer Friends who organize workers for the sale and check people in each day;
- *Newsletter contributors and publicists who get news and updates to members and the public;
- *Selfless and often-nameless volunteers who make this biannual event a success;
- *And, of course, the entire membership that supports our endeavors on behalf of the Temple library system.

I heartily thank all of you.

The Friends board recently approved the purchase of two Square "terminals" to make credit or debit card payments a better experience for all. In addition, we bought four new book carts to make life a bit easier for our sorters.

If any members are interested in serving on our board, we welcome your participation. While at the sale, just reach out to any worker with your request. Thank you all, and happy shopping!

The Friends welcome Elizabeth Page as the Interim Director of library services. As you may know, our good friend and ally Natalie Alvara is pursuing other challenges, and we wish her the best. We look forward to assisting Elizabeth in making the Temple library experience special.

Friends Have Been Serving Our Community for 59 Years!

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



Starting this year, the Friends of the Temple Public Library (FTPL) has made becoming a member much easier and saves you a stamp, too! We now have a fillable online form and payment links to pay using a credit card.

You can visit our website at <https://friendsofthetemplepubliclibrary.org/>. Go to the tab "Join the Friends" to find the link for the online form and select "Become a Member". Make sure to select "Submit" at end of online form. The online payment links for the membership types are listed at the bottom of the form and should be selected to complete membership steps. If the membership payment links are bypassed or missed in the online form, you also can find the payment links on our website or in the email response sent to you after submitting the form online.

The information requested on the online form is the same as completing a paper form, which can still be found at the circulation desk of the Temple Public Library or available at each of the book sales. A downloadable version of the membership form also is available if you want to print it and mail the form and payment.

Reasons to Attend the Book Sale

By KJ Hyatt, Book Sale Co-Chair

As our book sale draws near, many of us are asking, "What is the best way to motivate the masses to flock to the book sale?" Some of the ways we already are encouraging the community include billboards, posts on social media, and posters and bookmarks with sale details. We have one of these posters in the basement of the library near the free books.

Some of the Friends are making sure people know that our book sale is coming up by announcing it to large groups attending the library for other programs, especially the large groups of parents and children attending the Summer Breakfast and Lunch programs. We even had a table set up at the start of the Summer Reading Program where we passed out bookmarks with sale details and individually told the patrons the book sale prices.

One of the biggest reasons for people to attend our book sale include our low prices for great books. Books range from 50 cents to two dollars. Another, huge motivating factor is the number of books we will offer. Since the last sale, we have received a very large amount of donations, including one donation of approximately 3,000 books. We receive donations almost every day, and we are thankful for the community's support.

Patrons of the Friends' book sales appreciate that our books are organized by genre. For example, popular areas include Romance, Gardening, Holidays, Home Décor and Home Remodeling. The ability to offer popular books from all genres is a great reason for people to come to the book sale. We have many popular memoirs, non-fiction, sports, history, animals, art, science, and math.

Tell your friends to come and enjoy the book sale!

Library Celebrates a Summer of Growth and Community Engagement

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

I am grateful for the opportunity to step into the role of Interim Director of the Libraries and Museums Division for the City of Temple. I have had the privilege of working in libraries, archives, and museums – including holding leadership roles at the UT Harry Ransom Center, the Bullock Museum, the Kansas Historical Foundation, and Haskell Indian Nations University – for more than 20 years.

Throughout my career, I've seen how powerful libraries and cultural institutions can be in shaping and strengthening communities. As we move through this transitional period, I am committed to clear communication, transparency, and steady progress on the work that matters most.

One success story is this year's Summer Reading Program that drew strong interest from the community, with more than 1,500 readers signed up as of early July. The season kicked off with a major celebration that welcomed more than 1,300 visitors in just one morning of activities. The event was made possible through the efforts of library staff, volunteers, and key partners, including the Temple Railroad & Heritage Museum, Temple Police Department, Summit Recreation Center, and the Friends of Temple Public Library – all helping to make it unforgettable!

In addition to the summer reading program, the library continued its partnership with Temple Independent School District's Summer Meals Program. As of early July, the program had served more than 2,550 meals to local children. This vital service ensured that children throughout the area had access to free, healthy meals all summer.

Library services also extended beyond the building. The library's Outreach team brought the Exploration Station to TISD's bilingual summer school, offering more than 400 book checkouts – many from the library's expanding collection of Spanish and bilingual materials. The visits provided valuable literacy resources to students and educators alike.

Behind the scenes, the library is preparing for a major technology upgrade with the implementation of the new Polaris Integrated Library System. When launched later this year, the new system will enhance staff tools and improve customer experience.

Looking ahead, the library will celebrate Library Card Sign-Up Month in September. As always, please encourage your friends, neighbors, and family members to get a card and unlock everything the library has to offer. Thank you for your ongoing support and advocacy. It's truly an honor to work alongside such a dedicated community!



Patrons enjoying the Staci Gray performance at the Summer Reading Program.



Family at the Summer Reading Program kickoff.

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

