

Friends of the Temple Public Library



Mid-Winter Newsletter

February 2020

A Note from the President

Jocelyn Francis, FTPL President

It's hard to believe it's time for another book sale. We've had a busy six months. We had fun at the Annual Member meeting in October 'passing the baton' and hearing Kristen Henn talk to us about the lifelong impact of reading. The Holiday Pop-Up sale held in early December is a continuing success. This year the library crochet group contributed some super cute handmade gifts. I can't wait to see what they have for next year.

One sobering part of being in our 54th year as a nonprofit is having to say goodbye to prominent members. In the fall, we lost long

term board member Rose Anne Brasher and our founding president Sammie Marshall. Their passion and dedication to the community is the foundation of our current success.

We've been challenged over the last few months as well. It's been a lot of extra work, but we've managed to move from all cardboard boxes to a reusable plastic crate system. We're still learning how to make them work, which adds some extra excitement to this sale.

Another change for this sale involves our volunteers. On February 22nd we are holding a Book Sale

Volunteer Training session at 9 am. It will be held in the McLean Room, where we have the sale. This is an opportunity for volunteers to see the room beforehand and learn how to handle the new book crates. It'll be 30 min at most, and we encourage anyone who is working the sale to come.

I'm really looking forward to the Mid-Winter 2020 sale. I hope to see you there!



Norma Swaim (right) passing the Presidential baton to Jocelyn Francis (left), October 2019



Rose Anne Brasher with Kevin Lightfoot in TDT news article April 8, 2018

A Look Back at Our Friends...

Annual Meeting October 19, 2015 50th Anniversary of Friends of the Temple Public Library

From Left to Right:
Carol Hodge, Marilyn Wilson, Madiene Gibson, Susan Howe, Millie Henn, Barbara Walsh, Sammie Marshall, Nancy Mills Mackey, Diann Anderson, Carole McCall



From the Library

Leigh Gardner, Library Director

The Temple Public Library staff is extremely grateful for the support we get from the Friends year after year!

The Library has a new Technical Services Supervisor and her name is Lisa Puhala.

The Adult Services Department has created new programs: "Short Story Book Club" which had its organizational meeting on January 21, 2020; and "Game Day", which began in November. Game Day is for patrons of all ages and is held on the 2nd Sunday of every month from 1p.m. to 5 p.m. Patrons are welcome to bring their own games (card, board, etc.) or they can use games that the Library supplies.

The Library will also host a "Medicare 101" event in April. This is a very informative presentation for those individuals that are at or getting close to the Medicare age and have questions about the many plan options.

Other ongoing Library events include:

The first Monday of every month, the Library hosts the "1st Monday Book Club". The book club has interested new and old patrons and the attendance continues to grow.

The 2nd and 4th Monday of every month, The Library hosts the "Great Books Club" at 6:30 pm.

Each month, the Library co-hosts, with the Temple Literacy Council, 'Books for Lunch'. A local author speaks and attendees are free to bring their lunch and dine while listening.

The 2nd and 4th Saturday of the every month, the Library hosts the "Crochet Group". If you have ever wanted to learn how to crochet, please come join us!

Every Wednesday, there is a "Coloring Group" that is held at 1:30 pm and 6:30 pm.

Thank you so much for all you do, from the time and energy spent making the Book Sales such a success and to the support you give the Library Staff with your kind words and time in the Library!

Thank you to our FTPL Book Sorters! You give your time each week and all year to prepare for the FTPL sales.

Pictured Left to Right:

Emilie Tischler, Amanda Carter, Bonnie Asbury, Carol Hodge, Jocelyn Francis, Diane Cooney, Diane Anderson, VeAnne Stowell, Evonne Manear, Norma Swaim, David Trahan, Debbie Trahan



So Many Choices...

Davis & Debbie Trahan, Book Sale Co-Chairs

The 2020 Mid-Winter Used Book sale is fast approaching. There will be a large selection of fiction and nonfiction books for all ages from adults to children. Categories will include westerns, mysteries, romance, science fiction, poetry, art, music, automobiles, crafts, history, politics, large print and more. Browse through the vintage

"Sometimes, you read a book and it fills you with this weird evangelical zeal, and you become convinced that the shattered world will never be put back together unless and until all living humans read the book."

— John Green,
The Fault in Our Stars

book and picks sections where you may find a treasure!

The book sale is more than just books. Vinyl records, CDs, DVDs, audiobooks, puzzles, and games will also be available.

Members get first choice during Member's Preview: Tuesday, February 25, 2 – 8 pm.

Children's Department

Erin Gaines, Youth Services Librarian

Early literacy programs resumed January 7 after the holiday break: Baby Bookworms for infants (Tuesdays at 11AM); Toddler Story Time for ages 1-3 (Wednesdays and Thursdays at 10:15); Preschool Story Time for ages 3-5 (Wednesdays and Thursdays at 11:15); and Family Story Time for all ages (Saturdays at 10:30).

Sparkles the Elf entertained children and families with puppets, magic, and balloon magic on December 23.



Our Winter Reading Program ran from December 16 through January 24, with 162 participants. Those who completed the program received a book, a book bag, and a coupon for a book from the Friends Midwinter Sale.

Comics Club, a new monthly program, kicked off January 8. Participants will learn the elements of a comic and create their own to be printed in May.

Sensory-friendly Story Time is another new program, designed for

children with special sensory-processing needs. This program runs on a six-week cycle and incorporates literacy elements that emphasize rhythm, movement, and social interaction.

The Youth Services Department is currently planning our Summer Reading Program—this year's theme will be "Imagine Your Story."

Many thanks to the Friends for all you do for our library and community.

"A children's story that can only be enjoyed by children is not a good children's story in the slightest."

— C.S. Lewis



Appreciation Plus!

Andrea Hankins

One of the most satisfying aspects of volunteering with the Friends is helping with the book-sale. Why? Because of our customers. It is fun, educational and enriching to interact with the customers. Our customers are special. Not only do they help us support the Temple Public Library, they promote literacy. Our customers are lovers of books, they are readers, and they are interested in a multitude of things and frequently engage us in a variety of conversations. Seeking help, talking about a particular book or topic, recommending interesting reads are just a few of them. But, it is not only that. One of the nicest things about our customers is their willingness to shower us with appreciation for what we do.

"Thank You", "Thanks for putting on this sale", "I love this sale", "I'll be back", "I've been coming to this sale for years" and such are heard by those working the sale throughout the day. Yet, thanks to technology, our customers no longer thank us only verbally for putting on the sale. After paying via Square they follow up using the Square's "feedback to the merchant" feature to express their appreciation to us. Organization, Environment and Timeliness in particular received positive remarks. "Great Deal" and "Book sale has new arrivals each day, and I found more treasures- esp. in children's books and religion section!" are just two examples of comments sent in addition to the smiley faces received.

Seeing this makes one feel good; it's just wonderful. Yes, we have observed that our book sales seem to have gotten bigger and better throughout the years. And the appreciation of our customers seems to have grown along with the sales. Therefore, not only a thank you from the Friends to the customers for supporting the book sale, but also thank you for showing us your appreciation verbally plus in "high tech" way, via the Square.

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BOOK SALE

A small illustration of a stack of books with colorful spines, positioned to the right of the 'BOOK SALE' text.

2020 Mid-Winter Used Book Sale

MEMBERS ONLY PREVIEW NIGHT

Tuesday, February 25, 2020

2 p.m. – 8 p.m.

Memberships available at the sale

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:

Wednesday, February 26, 10 a.m. - 8 p.m.

Thursday, February 27, 10 a.m. - 8 p.m.*

Friday, February 28, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Saturday, February 29, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

**20% Discount to teachers on February 27*

(Show school ID at check-out)

McLane Room, 3rd floor of the Temple Public Library

This Community

Amy Longfield, Youth Volunteers/Newsletter Support

Books provide links to identity, like the rare Synodic text a Russian Orthodox woman found among Library Book Sale offerings. She will treasure it always.

The Library Book Sale, created to support the Temple Public Library's programs and further the literacy goals of our community, forms a shared identity of individuals from Temple, Belton, Salado, Moody, and beyond. This community, crafted through years of service and nourished by committed leadership, remains open to all

who join this circle of literacy and library care: volunteers, library staff, patrons, and return customers.

Former board members, past board presidents, and long-time Friends return to be part of this semiannual celebration. Neighbors, friends, spouses, and families work side by side as soft Classical and Celtic melodies play overhead. The volunteer kitchen overflows with homemade cookies and soups. Garden-fresh fruit and vegetables line the counters. Cut flowers fill jars.

Join the circle of literacy, of library care, of community. Find a link to your identity at the Book Sale.

“Books are the quietest and most constant of friends; they are the most accessible and wisest of counselors, and the most patient of teachers.”

— Charles W. Eliot