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**Friends of the Temple Public Library**



# **Labor Day Used Book Sale**

Temple Public Library  
100 W. Adams Street  
Temple, Texas 76501

**Members' Preview**  
**Tuesday, 08/27; 2 p.m. - 8 p.m.**

**Wed. 08/28; 10 a.m. - 8 p.m.**

**Thur. 08/29; 10 a.m. - 8 p.m.**

**Fri. 08/30; 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.**

**Sat. 08/31; 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.**

**Memberships available  
at the sale!**

20% Teacher Discount on 8/29

*Remember to donate your used books!*

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Dear

Friends,

Being the president for the Friends of the Temple Public Library has been a joy. All the board members use their talents and energy to make the book sales fun and successful. We then support the library's programs.

Reading keeps life interesting. Let's feed our hungry minds by taking advantage of the best bargains in the state by shopping at the Friends of the Temple Public Library Labor Day Sale!

Norma Swaim, President

## **Our Volunteer Board of Directors**

*By Carol Hodge, Past President*

Twenty- four people volunteer their time to manage our non-profit Friends of the Temple Public Library. Diversity is our goal, and we have representatives from many walks of life, either active or retired.

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Among the professions are college professor, nurse, social worker, school counselor, public school teacher, CPA accountant, park manager, and newspaper executive. Others have wide experience in the business community, the social service community, or tech areas that are vital to our success. We have four members that have elementary age children.

Each Board member gives his/her time and talent to making our organization tick! The result is a smooth operation that makes our gift to the Temple Public Library and the community at large so valuable. When you see these people at the sale, give them a high-five for a job well-done.

Thank you to:

Alicia Winegar Dunn, Amanda Carter, Amy Longfield, Andrea Hankins, Carol Hodge, David Trahan, Debbie Trahan, Deidre Dawson, Diann Anderson, Evonne Manear, Glenn Schwanke, Gretchen Reilly, Jevon Westmoreland, Jocylin Francis, Marilyn Tarter, Mary Schwanke, Millie Henn, Murray McCarley, Nancy Mills Mackey, Nikki Morrow, Norma Swaim, Pat Pole, Petara Monroe-Woodberry, Rhonda Green

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**Teen**

*By*

*Amy*

**Volunteers**

*Longfield,*

*Teen*

**Welcome!**

*Coordinator*

Teen Volunteers for the 2019 Labor Day Used Book Sale,  
sponsored by the Friends of the Temple Public Library  
We invite you to give a few hours of your time to make a  
difference in our community on either or both of these days:

Saturday, August 25<sup>th</sup> 10 am-2 pm

Saturday, August 31 10 am-3 pm

Once you reach the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor of the Temple Public Library, you may even find a few treasures among the thousands of books and media offered. Community service forms are available at the end of your volunteer shift, or you can bring your own. We look forward to adding your energy and fresh perspective to this event.

Click [HERE](#) to Sign Up as a Teen Volunteer!

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**Summer**

**Reading**

**Program**

*By*

*Erin*

*Gaines,*

*Children's*

*Librarian*

Summer programming is wrapping up, and, at the time of this writing, 2,741 participants have attended 39 programs, and 1,523 children and teens have registered for the logging and reading incentives component of our program. Registration continued throughout July, with prizes distributed throughout August. Friends-sponsored entertainers included Puppeteers Hey Lolly Productions, Move Your Tale Improv Troupe, Singing Zoologist Lucas Miller, Mad Science, Silly

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Sparkles, Percussionist Mark Shelton, and Circus Chickendog.

Teen activities included making slime, Star Wars origami and button-making, tote bags and rock painting, a drum circle, an improv workshop presented by Move Your Tale, and a wrap-up party with a screening of the movie *Wall-E* and popcorn.

We are deeply grateful for the generous sponsorship of the Friends and other community sponsors as well as 27 dedicated youth volunteers who contributed to the program's success.

### **Ongoing**

### **Programming**

Heroes in History Book Club continued throughout the summer. Upcoming titles include *Girls Think of Everything*; *Maya Lin: Artist-Architect of Light and Lines*; and *Alexander Hamilton: The Hero Who Helped Shape America*. Copies of titles are available at the Children's Reference Desk.

Junior Scientists Club (JSC) resumes September 19. Fall themes will include "Slime Time," "Our Solar System," "Grow Your Own Crystals," and "All About Bats." JSC meets the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday at 4:30 pm.

STEAM Team will resume September 3, featuring themes

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“Bubbles,” “Autumn Mosaics,” and “Color-Wheel Clocks.”  
STEAM Team meets on Tuesdays at 4:15 pm.

Family Story Time takes place each Saturday at 10:30 am and  
is open to all ages.

A new program, “Makerspace Hour” will begin August 3, and will  
incorporates STEAM concepts and allows individual exploration  
as well as group activities.

Fall Story Times will resume September 3: Baby Bookworms for  
infants (Tuesdays at 11 am); Toddler Story Time for ages 1-3  
(Wednesdays and Thursdays at 10:15 am); and Preschool Story  
Time for ages 3-5 (Wednesdays and Thursdays at 11:15 am).

Thank you, Friends, for all the hard work and support you  
contribute year round to help us serve the children and families  
in our community.

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*Pictured is Lindsey Shelton of Academy with her children. "My kids keep talking about their books they got from the library! They had so much fun there! Can't wait until the next one!"* says *Lindsey.*

**A Lifetime of Membership Support**  
*By Nancy Mills Mackey, Membership Chair & Past President*

Friends of the Temple Public Library are fortunate to have the longstanding support of some of the community's leaders and forward-thinking citizens. Many families have been active in the Friends and volunteered at the annual books sales for

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generations. Recently, the Friends Board added new membership categories that offer our loyal and longtime members a way to increase their support and also provide area businesses a way to support the Friends and its work on behalf of the Temple Public Library. New individual levels are \$250 Benefactor (paid annually) and \$1,000 Lifetime Membership (paid one-time only). Three new business sponsorship's are \$500 Bronze, \$1,000 Silver and \$1,500 Gold (all paid annually).

In the past, the Friends acknowledged significant contributors with an honorary Lifetime award. In future we expect to continue doing so. The new paid Lifetime memberships are simply another way for members and supporters to contribute. For some, it's a way to memorialize a lifetime of support with a final, one-time \$1,000 contribution that ensures their names will remain on our membership lists forever. For others committed to the Friends, it may simply be an economical choice.

We already have our first paid Lifetime Membership! Now we're hoping to attract more paid Lifetime Members and Business Sponsors.

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For those wondering why they should consider joining, here are a few reasons why:

- **Stay connected** with like-minded people who understand the importance of books, libraries and lifetime learning. We are a fun group! In addition to volunteering at sales, members sort books all year, volunteer at the library, help with children's programs and serve on Friends committees and its board. Our newsletter goes out to members twice a year before each sale;
  - **Pay it forward** for young people who find the library feeds their imaginations, expands their discovery of the world and launches their dreams of the future. Give a child the gift of a library card, frequent trips to the library and a \$10 Friends membership;
  - **Keep our library strong** and relevant and serve as a library advocate. The Friends raise and contribute **as much as \$50,000 a year** to meet library needs not funded by the city. Major contributions have included building renovations, a bookmobile and furniture, children's programs, and books.
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- **Take a tax break!** Hey, it's not all about the money, but why not take a tax deduction as allowed by the IRS,
- **Get first crack at the bargains** at the two annual sales. Members are invited to preview the sales the day before they open to the public. The preview this year is from 2-8 p.m. on Tuesday, August 27, and memberships may be purchased at the door.

Friends of the Temple Public Library, a 501(c)3 charitable organization formed in 1965, began with the efforts of those who established Temple's first public library in 1900. The Friends organization has labored for six decades to extend the library's capacity through volunteers, program support and outreach, awareness building, and fundraising.

The Friends' major fundraisers are its two annual used book sales, with proceeds usually ranging upwards of \$20,000 per sale. The library accepts book donations all year, and volunteers pre-screen and sort the books into categories for the Friends' Labor Day and Mid-Winter sales. As many as 90,000 gently pre-read books are included in the sales on the third floor of the library. The next sale is August 28- 31.

Currently the Friends have 294 members, including 25

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patrons, seven honorary Lifetime Members and one paid Lifetime Member. We invite you to join this vibrant group and put your efforts to work building a better Temple Public Library and a better tomorrow. If you have any questions, please contact me at [www.friendsoftemplelibrary@gmail.com](mailto:www.friendsoftemplelibrary@gmail.com)

Click **HERE** to Join or Renew  
Your Membership!



*Pictured is Amy Longfield with her children, Ewan and Kate*

**My**

**Bookends**

*By*

*Amy*

*Longfield*

We walk beneath a clear blue sky. The gnarled oaks trail crinkled orange and brown leaves. I skip from one sidewalk square to another, gaze at the green poking through cracks, and follow the uneven pavement buckled by tree roots.

We are downtown, following an annual family tradition. We bring tote bags and cash, quarters and ones mostly. We enter the stone building etched with the words *The Indianapolis Public Library*. Taller, older, more hush-inducing than our branch library closer to home.

This is where we go to buy books with glossy protective covers and Dewey Decimal codes on the spines. Some have the word "Withdrawn" stamped in black ink on the title page. We trace the blue ink of cursive inscriptions. A snapshot of a holiday, a relationship. A shared moment in time.

Sometimes my dad's parents drive over from Kansas. My grandfather likes to find volumes to add to his own library, where

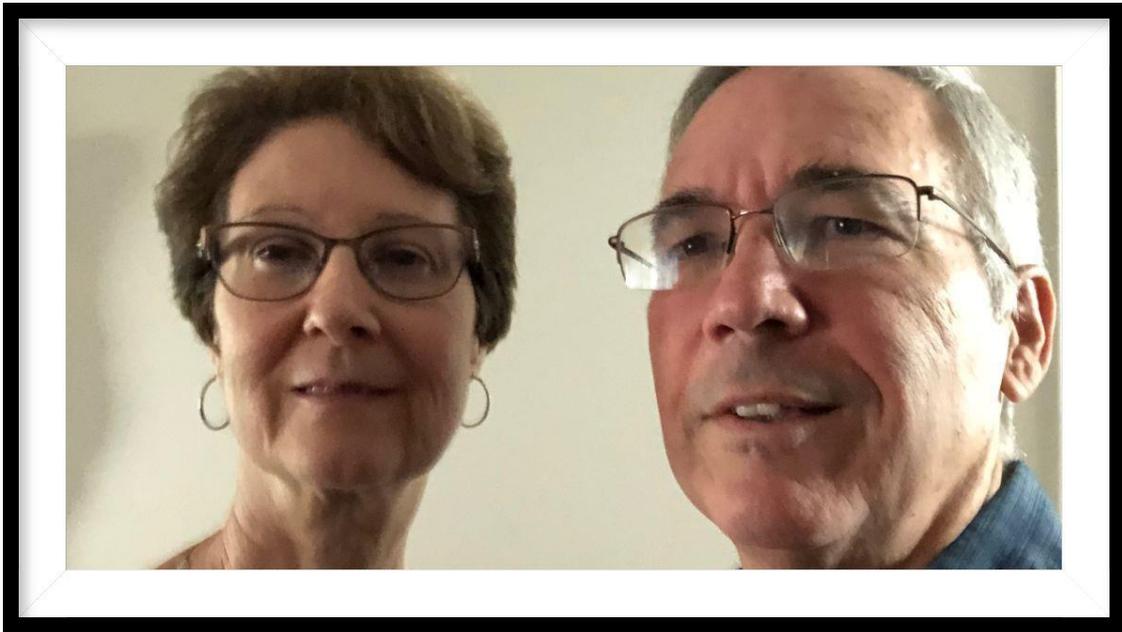
dark bookcases and posters of gnomes line the walls. My grandma's silver-ringed fingers find picture books for us to share under the goldenrod and rust-shaded patches of a family quilt.

The magical hours we spend in the library basement smell like musty pages thumbed through by my brother and me. We sit cross-legged on the cold tile floor, under folding tables the adults are perusing above us, as the stacks next to us grow. My brother finds his friends, *Frances* and *Curious George*, and cradles their stories on his lap. My dad scoops up a set of *The Chronicles of Narnia* (only missing one volume), and my mom helps him add the pastel-covered classics to a bulging paper sack. I disappear into a *Trixie Belden* mystery until the basement windows fill with afternoon light.

The day ends, and we march back the jagged sidewalk a little slower this time, arms weighed down with paper bags full of books that have felt other hands, stories that have filled other hearts. But they are fresh to us. At home, we spread them across the carpet. We drink cocoa and eat grilled cheese. My dad pulls a new-to-us record out of its paper sleeve and sets it on the turntable. The scratchy metal arm connects. Music floods the room. We read.

Thirty years later, I find myself on the third floor of another downtown public library thousands of miles away from my Midwestern hometown. I hold the hands of my own boy and girl for a moment before they break away to pull picture books off neat stacks and crawl under tables. I find myself scooping up paperbacks and hardbacks. The magic draws me in once more.

The central Texas weather remains steady. Hot. Yet, an energy fills this indoor space. As an adult, I recognize that dedicated volunteers collected, transported, sorted, boxed, transported again, and displayed these books and other materials. They did not just appear for me to find and claim as my own. While cash is still accepted, credit cards are as well. The funds raised each year sustain library programs and initiatives for our community. Inside this larger context, I see the child I was. The years have changed, but the books still wait. For all of us.



**So Many Choices....**  
*By David & Debbie Trahan, Book Sale Co-chairs*

The 2019 Labor Day Used Book sale is fast approaching and over 1000 boxes of books have been sorted and categorized for the sale. 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. Look through the vintage book section and you may find a treasure!

The book sale is more than just books. Vinyl records, CD's, DVDs, audio books, puzzles, and games will also be available.

Members get first choice during Member's Preview: Tuesday,  
August 22, 2 – 8 pm.



For the last few sales we have had a Facebook contest to help with publicity. The owners of Peggy's Coffee House and Candy and More in the mall have generously donated to us. The last sale there was a bag from each establishment full of goodies. There was a first and second place prize with the winners being chosen at random. We intend to have the contest again this next sale. Look out for it on our Facebook page a week before the sale starts. Winners are selected the first day of the sale.

There will be a special event on Facebook that you will need to share for an entry. Don't forget to like and follow us also. Good luck and see you at the sale!



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