

# Friends of the Temple Public Library

**Mid-Winter Newsletter  
February 2019**

## **MEMBERS ONLY PREVIEW NIGHT**

Tuesday, February 26, 2019  
2 p.m. – 8 p.m.

**Memberships available at the sale**

## **OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:**

Wednesday, February 27, 10 a.m. - 8 p.m.

Thursday, February 28, 10 a.m. - 8 p.m.

Friday, March 1, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Saturday, March 2, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

*\*20% Discount to teachers on March 1 (show school ID at check-out)*

**McLane Room, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor of the Temple Public Library**

## *Dear Friends*

At the beginning of this New Year, I would like to look back at some of the Friends of the TPL accomplishments in 2018 and look forward to our plans for 2019.

### 2018

- From our two book used book sales we grossed over \$ 50,000 in February and in September. These funds were used for programs and supplies not covered by the Library's city budget.
- At our annual meeting in October, we honored two of our members, Teri and Thomas Allen, with the "Friends of the Year Award. The Allen's were recognized for their dedication, hard work and expertise in the religious book category. They sorted and packed the thousands of books in the category.
- In June of 2018, our community lost one of its most prominent civic, church and business leaders, Errol Wendland. Mr. Wendland was instrumental in obtaining the Carpenter Plaza building for the Temple Public Library. Nancy Mills-Mackey instigated the idea of honoring the long and dedicated service of Mr. Wendland and his family to the library. Last fall, the Library suggested and the City Council designated the Genealogy Room to the Wendland family. A plaque will be provided by the Friends.

### 2019

- As in the past our efforts are focused on raising funds for the library through our interesting, fun, and well attended book sales. I am optimistic about the Mid-Winter book sale because we have already packed over 1,000 boxes with books donated by the Temple Community.



Norma Swaim

President of The Friends of the Temple Public Library

In closing, I would like to thank each of our hard working volunteers for the hard work and dedication that make achieving the friends' goals possible. See YOU at the sale!

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Find The Friends of the Temple Public Library on Facebook!**



**Wanted:**

**Youth Volunteers for Mid-Winter Library Sale**

Saturday, February 23rd: 9am-12 pm  
Wednesday, February 27: 4-6 pm or 6-8 pm  
Thursday, February 28: 4-6 pm or 6-8 pm  
Saturday, March 2: 10 am-12 pm or 12-2 pm

Community Service forms are available at the end of your volunteer shift.

Sign up here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f094aaead28a6f85-friends6>

We look forward to another great group of youth volunteers!



Volunteering at the book sale is so much fun. Not only are you surrounded by books you love, but also by friends you may have not seen for a while. A variety of jobs are available, such as counter-bagger, floor support, carry out (perfect for physically fit young adults) and more. You can sign up for daytime and evening shifts on Sign Up Genius.

Sign Up Genius allows you to schedule your preferred shift and job, receive confirmations and reminders, and cancel, reschedule or change shifts with someone else. An email notice will be sent to your email.

**To sign up for the Mid-Winter Used Book Sale, please go to the link below:**

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f094aaead28a6f85-friends6>



Assistant Youth Services Librarian, Kira Ciupek, is new to her part-time position at Temple Public Library, but she has been living in this community for over a decade. Kira first encountered Temple Public Library as a patron; she homeschooled her three now-grown children. She currently works part-time at Temple College as a writing consultant.

Kira's role at the library includes developing the STEAM Team program (for ages 10+) on Tuesdays from 4:15-5:00 pm and Family Story Time (for all ages), at 10:30 am on Saturdays. In January the STEAM Team enjoyed a "block party" with LEGO bricks and idea books. In February, two more LEGO "block parties" will occur; the other two meetings will explore the life of President Abraham Lincoln (on his birthday) and the world of America's beloved pet, the dog.

Kira believes that her library position is perfect for her background in education. She has always held a passion for children's literature, and she delights in helping families with young children find resources in the library.



**Something for Everyone at the 2019 Mid-Winter Used Book Sale**

*By Diann Anderson*

The 2019 Mid-Winter book sale promises to be bigger and better than ever. In addition to hardbacks and paperbacks, there's been a significant increase in audio and visual media donations – CDs, DVDs, vinyl records, books on CD and, new this year, TV series seasons. The popular vintage genre has been expanded to include a new category, "Best of Vintage". Donations of puzzles and games have also increased providing entertainment for the entire family. Check this website for detailed pricing information. <https://booksalefinder.com/TX.html#X7149>

Do try to come often as items are replenished as space allows. At \$.25 to \$2.00 per item the Friends used book sale is the best bargain in town.



**An Estimate of Sale Attendance - 2018**

In 2018, it felt as sales attendance was up, but numbers have been so hard to estimate. The Friends Treasurer, Marilyn Tarter, is an expert at crunching numbers and loves to do so. Here is her estimate of the number of visits based on our sale slips purchases.

Midwinter 2018 sale: 1,548 customer visits  
Labor Day 2018 sale: 2,061 customer visits

It appears the Friends bi-annual book sales have become a popular, not-to-miss event.



*Pick A Volunteer*

*By Carol Hodge*

Our sorters have varied tasks. Just imagine the volume of books that are individually handled, placed in the proper category, and then boxed and labeled for the trip from the basement to the McLane Room for the sale. Many times, we have 1100+ boxes packed. Estimating 60 books per box, that means we handle at least 66,000 books per sale. This excludes audio and video media, which is plentiful this year.

One of the most interesting volunteer sorting jobs is to choose books that might peak interest or are more valuable than the standard \$2 for hardbacks. Shortly before the sale, several volunteers again look at the "picks" category and decide the price for these treasures which go on a special display starting on Members Preview Day. Another reason to be a member, as these books go fast.

Thanks to these volunteer sorters. L to R: Millie Henn, Bonnie Asbury, David Trahan





# Children's Program News

By Erin Gaines, Children's Librarian

Programs resumed January 8 after the holiday break: Baby Bookworms for infants (Tuesdays at 11AM); Toddler Story Time for ages 1-3 (Wednesdays and Thursdays at 10:15); and Preschool Story Time for ages 3-5 (Wednesdays and Thursdays at 11:15). We're happy to announce that we have introduced a Family Story Time for all ages on Saturdays at 10:30, which has been well attended thus far.

We offered several activities for youth during TISD's winter break. Sparkles the Elf entertained us with puppets and magic on December 22. Other programs included a "Buddy the Elf" scavenger hunt, and a passive program whereby participants could help to assemble a Unicorn sticker mural.



Our Winter Reading program ran from December 17 through January 19. Those who completed the program received a book bag, stickers, a library card holder, a coupon for a book from the Friends Midwinter Sale, and reading certificate.

Junior Scientists Club continues to be popular. Upcoming programs will include "Magnetic Slime" on February 21, "Build-a-Bridge Challenge," on March 21, and "All About Bees" on April 18. Junior Scientists meets the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday at 4:30 in the McLane Room.



Forthcoming titles for Heroes in History Book Club include *Twelve Days in May: Freedom Ride 1961*, and *Hidden Figures: the True Story of Four Black Women and the Space Race*, and *Moonshot: the Flight of Apollo 11*. The program meets the 2<sup>nd</sup>

Wednesday of each month at 4:15.

We are excited to be offering a new program for teens and tweens—S.T.E.A.M. Team—on Tuesdays at 4:15. Participants will enjoy variety of activities involving science, technology, engineering, arts, and/or math.

Therapy dog Li'l Red visits the library weekly for "Paws to Read" on Wednesdays at 11am.

The Youth Services Department is currently planning our summer reading program—this year's theme will be "A Universe of Stories."



## Staff news:

Kira Ciupek was hired to fill the new Assistant Youth Services Librarian position in November.

A heartfelt "thank you" to the Friends for all you do year round for the children and families we serve.



## The Library Card: A Magic Key to Discovery By Nancy Mills Mackey

The other day my four-year-old grandson announced that he now has his very own library card! He was so excited and proud. And I was proud for him and of my daughter, who takes him to the library twice a week and, along with her husband, reads to him every night. His library card is more than just laminated paper; it is a magic key of discovery!

When my mother introduced me to the library, she gave me the same magic key that could unlock any world I wanted to explore – real worlds full of different cultures and places far away, imaginary worlds that were exciting and scary, and past worlds where history came to life. It ignited in me a lifelong love of books, libraries and learning, and it was one of the best gifts I've ever received.

If you'd like to make sure every child has a magic key that helps him discover his place in the world and who he wants to be, I encourage you to join the Friends now!

Friends of the Temple Public-Library volunteers have supported the Temple Public Library for more than 50 years. An independent 501(c)3 organization, the Friends group sprang from the efforts of those who established Temple's first public library in 1900. The Friends organization was formally established in 1965 and has worked since then to extend the library's capacity through volunteers, program support and outreach, awareness building, and fundraising.

The Friends have raised approximately \$700,000 to meet library needs not funded by the city. Major contributions have included building renovations, a bookmobile and furniture. For the past 15 years or so, the Friends have given as much as \$40,000 annually to fulfill the Librarian's Wish List.

The Friends' major fundraisers are two annual used book sales. The library accepts book donations all year, and donations not chosen for the library collection go into the Friends' Labor Day and Mid-Winter sales. Proceeds, which usually range upwards of \$20,000 per sale, support library needs. They also give the community a way to recycle books and buy them at bargain prices.

Friends' members are invited to a preview sale, allowing them to purchase books before the general public. Memberships, ranging from \$10 to \$250, are available at the preview sale and throughout the public sale. Individual memberships are \$10; Household memberships are \$20; Patron memberships are \$100, and Benefactor memberships are \$250.

New membership categories added this year include: Lifetime memberships at \$1,000 per individual or couple and business memberships at \$500 Bronze, \$1,000 Silver and \$1,500 Gold.

Currently, the Friends have 256 members, including 28 patrons and seven Lifetime Members.

We can always use more members eager to make a meaningful contribution to our community. Please join us, renew or upgrade your membership, recruit a friend or business, and shop the Mid-Winter Book Sale, kicking off with the Members' Preview on February 26 and opening to the public February 27 through March 2. We look forward to seeing you at the sale, and please bring your children, grandchildren or a friend's child!



