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NEWSLETTER

The Friends of the Spring Branch-Memorial Library

December 2011

KINDLES, AND NOOKS, AND EREADERS, OH, MY!

OR

HOW THE LIBRARY SUPPORTS DIGITAL MEDIA



SO—

- You have an electronic reader and have lost interest in “paper” books OR
- Sometimes you like “paper” books but sometimes you want the convenience of carrying a smaller “library” with you AND
- You wonder how the Library helps YOU.

THE LIBRARY IS THERE FOR YOU TOO! Here are the steps to download an audio book from the library website. **You will need to be on your home computer or device that can download.**

- Go to the HCPL Digital Media Catalog on the main county website directly at hcpl.net or on our own library’s web page OR from our **new Friends website**—friendsofsbml.com where there is a direct link to the Digital Media Catalog (*More on the Friends website on page 3.*)
- On the Digital Home Page, there is a green button labeled “Getting Started.” There are several videos dealing with various aspects of the digital library. The “Quick Start” on that drop down menu simplifies the process if you just want to get going!
- You may need to install the appropriate software on your computer or other device. Step 2 in “Quick Start” helps you decide which is right for you. Basically, Adobe® Digital Editions works for readers; OverDrive works for mobile devices—Android phones, Blackberry, iPhone, iPad and Windows Phone 7. Follow the directions to install and activate the software.
- Explore the catalog! The sidebar down the left side has several buttons to access the media. If you know the exact title or author’s name, “Quick Search” is handy. It will open the information about your choice to tell you how many copies the library has, how many are available and how many people have requested it. It lets you put in a request or put it on your wish list. Follow the easy directions to check out.
- Some books have a “Sample” button under the graphic of the book. You may download the first chapter to your reader, even if the whole book is not currently available.
- Digital media is loaned for two-weeks. At the end of the loan period, the book becomes unavailable to your device.

YOU CAN DO IT! DOWNLOAD, EXPLORE AND ENJOY!

Many people see technology as the problem behind the so-called digital divide. Others see it as the solution. —Carly Fiorina

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REGULAR LIBRARY HOURS

SUN	CLOSED	TUES	10am - 9pm	THUR	10am - 6pm	SAT	10am - 5pm
MON	1pm - 9pm	WED	10am - 6pm	FRI	1pm - 6pm		

Spring Branch-Memorial Library Website

www.hcpl.net/location/spring-branch-memorial-branch-library



Kid's Korner There is **no registration** for these programs and the Friends of the SB-M Library contribute funds to provide occasional snacks and crafts.

Babytime! is every Wednesday at 10:00AM for infants 0-15 months. Babytime! is a story time highlighting songs, bouncy rhymes, lullabies and playtime.

Toddler Story Time! is each Wednesday from 11:00AM and Thursdays from 10:00AM. These story times feature singing and rhyming for children ages 16 months to three years.

Preschool Story Time! for three to six year olds is scheduled each Thursday at 11:00AM. The story may be followed by a craft project.

Special Programs for Kids



On December 1, from 2:00 to 4:00, Santa will be at the Library for pictures and a party. Bring your camera to have your picture taken with Santa and stay for "cool" crafts and holiday snacks!

'Tis the Season of Joyful Giving!

You can extend the joy of the holiday season throughout the year by making a contribution to

The Friends' Annual Buy-A-Book Campaign

for the benefit of our Library. The Library is there for us; and certainly, we can be there for it! You may have received a brochure in the mail filled with information about how to make a gift that will provide benefits all year long. If not, you can pick one up at the Library. There are several levels of giving suggested and all contributions of any amount are welcome and appreciated. With new library-quality books costing \$15-\$50 and new, increasingly popular audio books, DVDs and CDs costing \$25-\$80, the Library is happy to be able to supplement its collections above its budgeted County funds. Even more important—**What benefits our Library benefits us!** Gifting the Library is also a gift to yourself!

Consider sharing the blessings of the season with your contribution.
You will indeed be blessed!



Library Holiday Hours

All Harris County Libraries will be closed Thursday, December 22, at 5:00PM, reopening on Tuesday, December 27, and also closed Saturday, December 31, until Tuesday, January 3.

Happy Holidays!

Join us!
...or
ask a
friend
to be a
Friend...

The Friends of the Spring Branch-Memorial Library

Membership Application or Renewal

We do not share any of your information with anyone outside our organization.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

☐ \$10 General ☐ \$25 Family ☐ \$50 Associate ☐ \$100 Patron

☐ Please change my address. ☐ Please send my newsletter by email only.

☐ Please increase my membership to \$_____. ☐ I would like to volunteer with the "Friends."

☐ I would like to make an additional contribution of \$_____.

Please make checks payable to: *Friends of the Spring Branch-Memorial Library*

Mailing address: 930 Corbindale Rd. Houston, TX 77024

Contributions are tax deductible.

"The Friends" Goes Digital!

The Friends newsletter comes out four times a year and there is a lot of activity at our Library between publications. We have now gone digital as another way to keep you informed of Library events and Friends activities.



FRIEND US ON FACEBOOK Keep up with the latest news of the library on your phone, tablet or computer. Reminders of events you will not want to miss are posted regularly.

VISIT OUR WEBSITE It is full of more information about the Library with easy links to handy library sites as well as information about the Friends, how the Friends supports the Library and how you can join and manage your membership online. **Check us out at friendsofsbml.com. You will be glad you did!**

Holiday Shopping through the Library

Looking for gift ideas for this holiday season? **THE LOBBY BOOKS** has gift quality books including first editions, best sellers in mint condition, classics, biographies, history and children's books. Holiday-themed books, cookbooks and craft books are always popular at holiday time! You are sure to find something for booklovers on your list!

OR for the friend or family member who has everything—consider a contribution to the Buy-A-Book Campaign in that person's honor. (*See page 2 and the brochure that you may have received separately or can pick up at the Library.*) Of course, contributions in honor of or in memory of someone dear to you are welcome throughout the year, but holiday time marks a special time to let someone know you care about him or her.