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NEWSLETTER

The Friends of the Spring Branch-Memorial Library

December 2014



Looking for gift ideas for this holiday season?



Looking for 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. Visit our

THE LOBBY BOOKS

You are sure to find something for booklovers on your list!



For the book-loving friend or family member who has everything, consider a contribution to the

BUY-A-BOOK CAMPAIGN

in that person's honor for a gift that will last longer than a lifetime! *(See page 2 for more details.)*



...and when you look for gift ideas on Amazon, join us on

AMAZONSMILE

On your first visit to AmazonSmile (smile.amazon.com), select Friends of the Spring Branch-Memorial Library to receive donations from eligible purchases. They will remember your selection, and then every eligible purchase you make at smile.amazon.com will result in a donation. A gift to the Friends is a gift to the Library, so do sign up to support the Friends when you shop for family and friends on Amazon!

Happy Holidays~



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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

Between newsletters, keep up with the Friends at www.friendsofsbml.com

...books are the greatest gift one person can give another. —Bono



Kid's Korner Tickets are free 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 at 11:00AM and Thursdays at 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 Program
for
All
Ages**



On Tuesday, December 9, from 4:00PM to 5:00PM, **Santa is coming!**

Remember your camera!



Why is **BUY-A-BOOK** a good buy?

With new library-quality books costing \$15-\$50 and new, increasingly popular eBooks, audio books, DVDs and CDs costing \$25-\$80, the Library is happy to be able to supplement its collections above its budgeted County funds.

Contributing to Buy-A-Book during this annual campaign is an outstanding way to extend the joy of the holiday season throughout the year as it benefits our Library and all of us. Especially at this season, consider "gifting" the Library by honoring your book-loving friends and buying a book in their names!

The Buy-A-Book program is also suitable for memorials, birthdays, anniversaries and other commemorations throughout the year.

If you did not get a brochure in the mail, ask about it at the Library!



'Tis the season...for children's books!

Come to **The Page Turners** book group on Tuesday, December 9, at 6:30PM at the Library for a lively discussion and comparison of children's picture books. Some children's books are ageless and some of us are never too old for children's books, whether for ourselves or for others! This is not a "shopping" event, but you will enjoy a good discussion and might even get some gift ideas.

The Page Turners meet monthly at the Library. Consider this your invitation to join them!

...we are better throughout the year for having, in spirit, become a child again at [holiday]-time.
—Laura Ingalls Wilder



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 \$_____.

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Join us!

...Or

ask a

friend

to be a

Friend...

LIBRARY STAFF NEWS



Goodbye to **KAREN HAYES**



On October 30, Karen Hayes retired after almost 23 years in the Harris County Library system and almost 18 years as head librarian of our own Spring Branch-Memorial Library. She has no immediate plans for her retirement, but will just ENJOY!

She was a gift to us all. We appreciate her many years of service to our Library and wish her well!

Congratulations to Maria Madrid who celebrated her 40th year as a librarian with the Harris County Library system in November!

...and welcome to Giovanni Guillen, our new part-time shelver.

Library Holiday Hours

All Harris County Libraries will close at 5:00PM on Wednesday, December 24, and will resume regular hours Monday, the 29th. They will also close at 5:00PM on Wednesday, December 31, resuming regular hours on Friday, January 2.

Happy Holidays!

Blessed is the season which engages the whole world in a conspiracy of love. —Hamilton Wright Mabie