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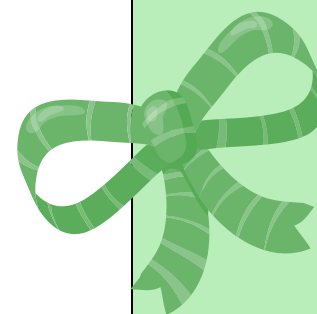
NEWSLETTER

The Friends of the Spring Branch-Memorial Library

December 2015



Gifting Others Can Be a Gift to the Library...



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

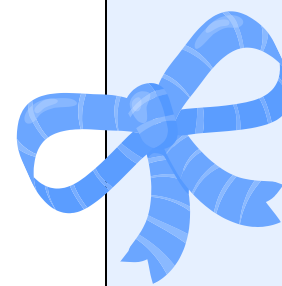
You are sure to find something for booklovers on your list!



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!

Inside This Newsletter...

- Holiday shopping at and for the Library
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REGULAR LIBRARY HOURS

SUN	CLOSED	MON	1PM - 9PM	TUES	10AM - 9PM	WED	10AM - 6PM
	THUR	10AM - 6PM	FRI	1PM - 6PM	SAT	10AM - 5PM	

Spring Branch-Memorial Library Website

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

When you give somebody a book, you give him [sic.] the possibility of a whole new world. —Christopher Marley



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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.

Baby Time is every Wednesday at 10:00-10:30AM or 10:45-11:15AM for infants 0-15 months and parents/caregivers. Come for a stories, rhymes, songs, and social time.

Toddler Time is each Wednesday 11:30AM to noon and Thursdays 10:00-10:30AM. These story times feature stories, songs, rhymes, finger plays and fun for children ages 16 months to three years.

Preschool Storytime & Craft for three to six year olds is scheduled each Thursday at 11:00-11:30AM. Enjoy stories, songs, rhymes and a craft project.

**Special Program
for
School-Age
Children**



Holiday Craft Corner

Wednesday, December 9, from
4:00PM to 5:00PM

Come have fun
making holiday goodies
and a winter craft!

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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 for our Library 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!

Graphic from <http://content.mycutegraphics.com/graphics/book/bunch-of-books.png>

Visit Our NEW Friends' Corner!

- Want more information about the Friends?
- Want to join the Friends?
- Want to renew your membership?
- Want an additional Buy-A-Book form?
- Misplaced your newsletter?

This is the place to come!



Graphic from <http://www.cityofcalabasas.com/library/books.gif>

Join us!

*...Or
ask a
friend
to be a
Friend...*



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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.



We need **MORE Friends like YOU!**

Our Spring Branch-Memorial Library is truly becoming a COMMUNITY CENTER! Right in our

neighborhood we can attend Yoga classes, join a book group, have teen coding classes and computer classes for adults. We have had gardening classes taught by master gardeners and amazing summer programs for the children of the area. We have holiday celebrations and special craft events for school-age children. We have had service dogs come to promote confidence in early readers. We have added computers and computer tables to the available equipment of the Library. Many of these programs are augmented by the funds provided by the Friends of the Library. We provide additional funds for books that are

beyond the county systems' book allocation...and our head librarian, Bryan Kratish, has many more plans for our future and making our Library increasingly relevant to the neighborhood! **AND** we need more Friends to help make all this happen! Talk to your friends! Talk to your neighbors! Clip the form above and give it to a friend—or send it on your own behalf if you haven't joined yet or renewed! Just having a library card isn't enough to make our Library GREAT! Be a Friend! It takes so little to help so many!

Your membership in the Friends is a GIFT to the whole community!

Join us!

Graphic from <http://catoosalibraryfriends.files.wordpress.com/2012/08/fol-reading-worm-friend.jpg>

Library Holiday Hours

All Harris County Libraries will close at 5:00PM on Wednesday, December 23, and will resume regular hours Monday, the 28th. They will also close at 5:00PM on Thursday, December 31, resuming regular hours on Monday, January 4. **Happy Holidays!**

Whatever the cost of our libraries, the price is cheap compared to an ignorant nation—Walter Cronkite