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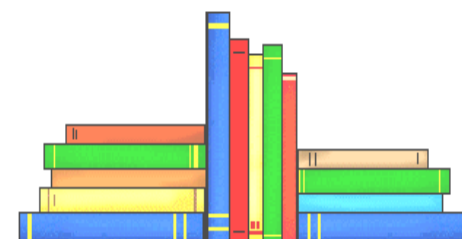
The Friends of the Spring Branch-Memorial Library

December
2016



Gifting others...Gifting the Library

With Buy-A-Book!



We hope that you will have received a brochure in the mail by this time so...

ble at the Library and they are even accessible on the Friends' website at friendsofsbml.org.

"Last year we purchased a range of materials, mostly to supplement the new books purchased by [county library money]. We did not have any areas of focus, but purchased materials from across the spectrum—adult /juvenile, nonfiction/fiction.

This year we will be focusing on updating our non-fiction collection as it is quite old and has many items that are out of date. We will be looking at subjects that are commonly used for school projects as well as summer reading titles."

—Bryan Kratish, head librarian—November 2016

- **YOU KNOW** how the Friends' Buy-A-Book program works;
- **YOU KNOW** you can gift a book-loving friend by making a contribution in their name;
- **YOU KNOW** that the cost of a library book typically ranges between \$15-\$50, an audio book—\$25-\$80, a DVD sets or Ebooks—\$25-\$80;
- so **YOU KNOW** that it also helps the Library;
- **YOU KNOW you can take part!** There are Buy-A-Book brochures availa-

You may NOT know that last year the Buy-A-Book campaign raised \$8,000 FOR OUR LIBRARY.

Honoring a special person...gifting all!

Inside This Newsletter...



- Gifting with Buy-A-Book and Lobby Books
- Santa's coming!
- "If winter comes...."
- Check out a Kindle Touch
- A lot going on! Friends make a difference!

REGULAR LIBRARY HOURS

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

THE LIBRARY WILL BE CLOSED FROM 5PM DECEMBER 22 THROUGH DECEMBER 26 AND DECEMBER 31 THROUGH JANUARY 2. ALSO JANUARY 16 FOR MLK DAY. HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

Spring Branch-Memorial Library Website
www.hcpl.net/location/spring-branch-memorial-branch-library

Between newsletters, keep up with the Friends at www.friendsofsbml.org
or contact us at friends.sbm@hotmail.com

With Lobby Books!

REMEMBER—Lobby Books at the Library entrance are always a great source of pleasure throughout the year for a small donation—and are especially a source for thoughtful giving at the holiday season! These may be seasonal books as well as fiction, nonfiction, and childrens' books. A group of **the Friends** sorts donated books weekly to provide YOU with the best selection of quality books suitable for giving. (And while you are buying for those on your lists, pick up something for yourself too!) *The librarians will happily accept your donations for these "as new" books!*





A book is a gift you can open again and again. —Garrison Keillor



Kid Happenings

Tickets to Kid Happenings events are **free** 30 minutes ahead of most events—and the Friends of the SB-M Library contribute funds to provide occasional snacks and cooking and crafts supplies.




He's making a list...
and visiting twice...
going to find out
who's **naughty** and **nice**!

Monday, December 5
6:00 p.m. or 6:45 p.m.
.....
Wednesday, December 7
4:00 p.m. or 4:45 p.m.

**Santa Claus is coming to
Spring Branch-Memorial Library!**

Enjoy holiday snacks,
a story with Santa, and
take your turn on Santa's lap for
a free photo (bring your camera!)
and sharing your list!

Space is limited in each group.
Free tickets will be available
30 minutes prior to program.



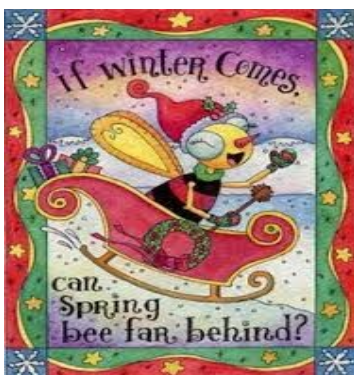
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AND

- The partnership with **Bach to Rock**, a music participation and appreciation organization, continues! Due to the holidays, the Bach to Rock program dates are Rock n Roll Toddlers (ages 9-35 months) on Tuesday, December 6 and Rock City Preschool (ages 3-6 years) on Tuesday, December 13, from 10:30-11:00AM.
- There will be a **Pajama Story Time** on Monday, December 19 at 7:00PM.



Spring may seem far away right now, but the Friends are already starting to plan for our annual spring Plant and Book Festival. The Coupon Board is a favorite! **Can you help** obtain coupons from nearby restaurants for the Coupon Board at the Festival? We really need to gather these popular items in January and February—so if you can help, please call 713-498-4412!



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 ground mail 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 Road, Houston, TX 77024

* Required entries

Contributions are tax deductible.

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

Gift YOURSELF!

Have you noticed that our Library offers a minimum of TEN programs a week for our younger library users? What a way to build a love of libraries! Adults typically have at least TWO scheduled events a week. Have **YOU** been taking advantage of all it has to offer?

...and while you are appreciating all it has to offer, remember that The Friends of the Library provides funds to supplement many of the Library's programs.

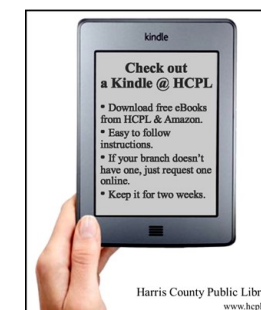
JOIN US—or renew! And encourage your neighbors and friends to join or to renew their membership with the Friends. We have a GREAT library that deserves and appreciates our support!



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