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The Friends of the Spring Branch-Memorial Library

June 2013

Summer Fun for Everyone!

"Books and summertime go together." -Lisa Schroeder

Reading for fun and reading for a purpose are both good—especially when you can do both at the same time! Sign up for the Summer Reading Program that starts June 3 and ends August 10 (although you can sign up at any time during that time). There are **reading programs for babies, children**, teens and adults. EVERYONE can sign up for the fun of reading! EVERYONE can sign up to be eligible for awards and prizes based on reading done! Enjoy reading! Enjoy the Library! Enjoy summer!

Summer Programs start June 3. Most school-aged events are on Tuesdays and have two showings. Teen events are on Mondays— but **check the Library calendar or** the Friends website on the News and Events tab for details of all programs!

Weekly Fun for School-Aged Children

June — Marsha's Petting Zoo, The Magic of Reading—a magic show, Puppet Pizzazz and Storybook Opera! **July** – Hodgepodge Crafts, our annual visit from the greyhounds, Ronald McDonald's Magic Show, Imagination Station, and Life in a Pond **August**— Egyptian Exploration

Monthly Teen Programs—for ages 12 and older Monthly programs will include cookie decorating, tie dying t-shirts and an art contest!

One-Time Adult Program—Saturday, July 13

A new program for adults this year—Meditation for Healthy Living—will take place at 10:00AM.

The library in summer is the most wonderful thing.... –Polly Horvath

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Summer Volunteer Opportunity--Since you are coming to the Library anyway, why not take an extra few minutes to help with watering the outside plants. You will be making a much appreciated contribution. Ask in the Library for contact information for the person in charge of this project.

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 July 4 in observance of Independence Day.

> 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



Most school-aged events are BY TICKET ONLY. A limited number of tickets are available 30 minutes before each show. The tickets are FREE.



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 11:00_{AM} and Thursdays at 10:00_{AM}. These story times feature singing and rhyming for children ages 16 months to three years.

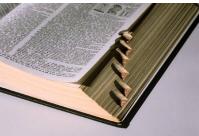
Preschool Story Time! for three to six vear olds is scheduled each Thursdav at 11:00_{AM}. The story may be followed by a craft project.

The Friends supports our future library patrons—

Spring Branch ISD has a program that donates a dictionary to every 5th grade student in the district. At the October 2012 meeting of the Friends Board, the Board voted to contribute \$100 to that project which supports literacy and learning new words among elementary school students. The money we contributed was combined with money from other donors to fund dictionaries for all the fifth graders at Shadow Oaks Elementary.

There will have been a special presentation at the school on May 20 when the students will have received their very own dictionaries!

Although the donation does not directly support our own Spring Branch-Memorial Library, it does support literacy and we hope and expect that it will create future patrons of our



Special Programs for Kids

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School-Age Children and Teens!

Babytime!, Toddler Story Time!

continue on their usual schedule

Happy Summer!

and Preschool Story Time!

during the summer months.

library. Supporting literacy and fostering a love of reading is certainly a goal of libraries and we are pleased to support this program this year.

The Friends supports e-books—and our library benefits!



With the increased interest in and use of electronic readers of all kinds, the county library system is moving as quickly as it can to purchase more books that can be accessed electronically. The average cost of an electronic book ranges between \$10 and \$30, though some may be a lot more or a little less. We are happy to contribute to making more books

available this way to our library patrons.



A Successful Plant and Book Festival!

Hope you made it to the Friends' annual Plant and Book Festival on March 22 and 23! People came to the Library and left happy with new plants for their homes and gardens, wonderful books for their personal libraries, and coupons for treats and treasures from local businesses and organizations. Sweet Tomatoes provided coffee and baked snacks both days. Many volunteers staffed the tables and had a great time helping our patrons. Several people joined the Friends and because of the interest and support from all, we are able to make significant funds available to the library that would not have been available otherwise. If you took part by volunteering or by donating in return for plants, coupons or books, thank you. If you didn't make it this year, watch for this popular event next year!

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