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NEWSLETTER

The Friends of the Spring Branch-Memorial Library



A Successful Plant and Book Festival!



The sun shone; the weather was FINE; and the Festival was a tremendous success!
Hope you were there!

We raffled a Kindle Paperwhite E-reader to those who gave us their email address. The happy winner was a frequent Library patron, Aryelle H.
Congratulations to you, Aryelle!

Bryan (our head librarian) and Wendy (our children's librarian) led an enchanting song and story time on the Library steps on Saturday during the Festival.

HEBuddy was a great success and Sweet Tomatoes brought refreshments on Saturday!

**This year's Festival raised
\$6900
ALL for OUR Library!
THANK YOU!**

Thanks to our Plant Festival Donors:

Ambius Nursery
Blossoms Floral
Brookwood Community
In the Garden
Ruby Lewellyn
Tall Plants
Tanglewood Nurseries & Garden

Thanks to our Coupon Donors:

Bags & More
California Pizza Kitchen
Carraba's
Ciro's Italian Grill
Collina's Italian Café
Corner Bakery & Café
Egg & I
Escalante's Mexican Grille
Firehouse Subs
Goode Co. Restaurants
Guadalajara Hacienda
Jonathan's Rub
Longhorn Steakhouse
Mason Jar
Nails & Spa of Bunker Hill
Pappy's Grille
PDQ
Ruggles Green
Russo's Coal-Fired Italian Kitchen
Southwell's Hamburgers
Taste of Texas Restaurant
TJ Beck
Villager Gift Shop
Yoga One Uptown

...and THANKS to all our wonderful volunteers!

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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

THE LIBRARY WILL BE CLOSED —MONDAYS, MAY 30 AND JULY 4. 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

SUMMER READING PROGRAM FOR ALL AGES!—JUNE 6-AUGUST 6

It starts with a special sign-up event on June 6 from 6:00-7:30 pm (but you can sign up any time)! A new format this year counts activities as well as books read!

Come for your log sheet! Come get questions answered!

Come for the start of a GREAT summer of reading and summer fun!

When we give cheerfully and accept gratefully, everyone is blessed. —Maya Angelou



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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.

School-Age Children and Teens' school-year programming is on hiatus through the summer. Special summer programming for school-age children will be on Tuesdays. Attendance is limited at many programs, but all programs are free. See the Friends website or the Library website for details on specific programs. (See page 4.) Watch for special Teen programming there too!

In addition, **School-Age Children and Teens** are **ALL** encouraged to take part in the **Summer Reading Program!** (See page 1.)

The Friends of the SB-M Library contributes funds to provide occasional snacks, and cooking and crafts supplies.

Why Your Contributions Matter!

The Plant and Book Festival cannot fund it all!



Since the beginning of this calendar year the Friends has

- provided the Library with just over \$1600 for **children's programming and supplies**. These categories include special events, cooking supplies, art and music supplies, and equipment as mentioned above. The costliest time of year for children's programming lies just ahead with a full schedule of engaging activities for children through the eight weeks of summer vacation and culminating in a Summer Reading Program Closing Party.
- provided \$7,750 from our annual Buy-A-Book drive to buy **new books** for children and adults.
- funded the **adult yoga (now Pilates) classes** on Tuesdays at lunch time.
- given the Library almost \$10,000 to provide the Library with **additional staff support**.
- given \$538 to provide **continuing education** at a local conference for staff as well as in-house training events.
- AND contributed to a new "seed library" to encourage the exchange of garden seeds.

Our Librarians are constantly working to improve and upgrade the resources and programs our Library offers. The attendance at the various programs for children and adults has increased exponentially. The Friends works closely with the staff to make this wonderful neighborhood institution the "Go-To" place that responds to a wide variety of needs and interests! **Join us!** How? Fill out the form on page 3 OR go to [our website](#) OR [email us!](#)

If You Got This Newsletter by Email—THANK YOU! IF NOT....

For the past several years, the Friends has budgeted \$650-750 just for mailing the newsletter by USPS! We think the money can be better spent by reducing this cost. PLEASE provide us with your email address and we will happily send you communications. The Library will have more funds available and **YOU** will get a more appealing newsletter! Contact friends.sbm@hotmail.com or visit our website to update your information! www.friendsofsbml.org **We will all benefit!**

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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 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!

WHO are "The Friends?"

The Friends is a nonprofit organization that has as its mission to promote the Spring Branch-Memorial Library by raising funds, communicating the activities and benefits of the Library to local residents and supporting the Library as a cultural and educational asset to the community.

We have a Board of dedicated volunteers comprising an Executive Board and TEN standing committees. In May we re-elected officers to continue for a one-year term: President, Fran Serena; Vice President, Claudia Wilkinson; Recording Secretary, Janet Harrison; Treasurer, Ben Hulsey. We have **200** current members in the community! We are your neighbors and friends. We love the Library! We know you do too—and we welcome YOUR participation as a Friend as well!



Graphic from: <http://www.greentree library.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/10/Friends-of-the-Library-Hands-Resize-300x167.jpg>

"So how can I participate as a Friend?" —Let's start with LOBBY BOOKS!

- Lobby Books are the books shelved in the Community Area before entering the Library proper. These are books that have been donated by readers who are ready to give them a new home. **Donate books you no longer need in your personal library to the Library!**
- On Friday mornings throughout the year, a great group of volunteers sort out the books patrons have generously donated. Some are saved for the annual Plant and Book Festival; others are designated for the Lobby Books. **Join them!**
- The books need to be reorganized and replenished at least twice a week. **Talk to the Friday morning volunteers to get included on the shelving schedule!**
- Lobby Books are lots of wonderful books available for a suggested donation and account for about **24% of our funding**. **Pay at the Library desk and add some great books to your home library!**



Volunteer a little or participate a LOT! YOU make a difference!