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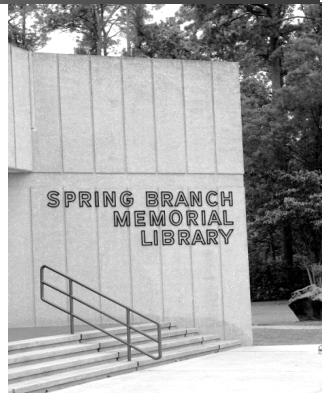


NEWSLETTER

The Friends of the Spring Branch-Memorial Library

March
2012

“Spring has sprung, the grass is riz....” (Anon.)



Celebrate Spring at our
Annual Plant and
Book Festival at our Library!
March 23th and 24th

Spring is the season of renewal! If you are wondering where the FLOWERS “is,” come to the Friends Annual Plant and Book Festival. Our winter was mild this year but our summer was SIZZLING and many landscape plants suffered. The Festival is the perfect place to renew your enthusiasm and your garden! Local nurseries, plant stores and neighborly green thumb gardeners donate a variety of plants. Renew your garden from here!

Festival hours:
Friday: 10AM to 5PM
Saturday: 10AM to 4PM

Spring is the season of growth! You can grow your home library at the Festival too. From the books that people donate throughout the year, Friends volunteers sort and select desirable books to offer at the Festival. There is a wide selection of gently-used books. Consider gifting book-loving friends with great finds! Grow libraries, friendships, minds...!

Spring is the season for discoveries! Check out more than library books when you come to the Festival. While you are there, check out the **Coupon Board** for gift certificates and coupons from local businesses! Come early for a great selection!

Spring is the season for eating outside! Sweet Tomatoes is coming back! They provide FREE coffee and FREE baked goods while you bargain hunt and visit with friends. Thank you, Sweet Tomatoes!

Spring is the season of love! Love the Library! Love the plants! Love the books! Love the coupons! Love the coffee and treats! LOVE THE FESTIVAL and enjoy a double benefit—perfect plants, excellent books and coupons galore for you AND the satisfaction of supporting our Library with your contributions. ***Spring to it!***

Spring has returned. The Earth is like a child that knows poems. —Rainer Maria Rilke

Inside This Newsletter...

- Spring into spring at the Plant and Book Festival!
- How we support the Library
- Keeping up with what's happening
- Holiday hours

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

*There's a lot going on
at the library.
Don't miss out!*



Kid's Korner

There is **no registration fee** 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 is followed by a craft project.

Special Programs for School-Age Kids



Kite Day
Thursday, March 21 at 4PM

and

An Easter Party
Thursday, April 5 at 4PM
Happy Easter!



Mark your calendars NOW!

Keeping Up through Facebook!



It's all too common a problem! We see that something we want to attend is coming up, but life overtakes us and, before we know it, the event has come and gone. We missed it because we forgot to recheck our calendar or the website or we just plain forgot to write it down. The Library itself has many events that are too good to miss! The Kiosk in the Lobby is full of flyers about cultural events throughout Houston area. Tutors offer their services. If you only come to the Library every couple of weeks, you might not notice or you might miss an interesting opportunity entirely. The Friends' Facebook page will update you of a special event at the Library a few days before the event so you won't miss out. **Friend us at Friends of Spring Branch Memorial Library** and you will see a reminder on *your* Facebook page. As for the other terrific events around the city or local services, well, you will just have to stop by the Library and check the Kiosk—and check out some books or CDs while you are there too! ***You will be glad you did!***

Snippets

- **Thanks to all who contributed to Buy-A-Book.** Your gifts to the Library are an amazingly valuable contribution! (See page 3 for additional information on how your contributions benefit the Library.)
- **The Library has all the usual tax forms** you may need to complete your income tax this year. Stop by and pick up what you need.
- **The Page Turners Book Club** meets the second Tuesday of each month at 6:30PM in the Library. Book clubs help expand one's reading repertoire. Check the Library website (See page 4) or the Friends website (See page 3) for the current book each month.
- **Check out Book Hunters!** Are you interested in branching out in your reading interests on your own? Go to our Library's home page and click on the link to Book Hunters (Top of left column). Fill out a questionnaire and this county library site will provide you with a customized suggested reading list. Your responses and your list remain completely confidential. **Enjoy!**

Join us!

...or

ask a

friend

to be a

Friend....



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

☐ I want to increase my membership to \$_____

☐ I am interested in volunteer work for the "Friends" ☐ Please change my address

Please make checks payable to: *Friends of the Spring Branch-Memorial Library*

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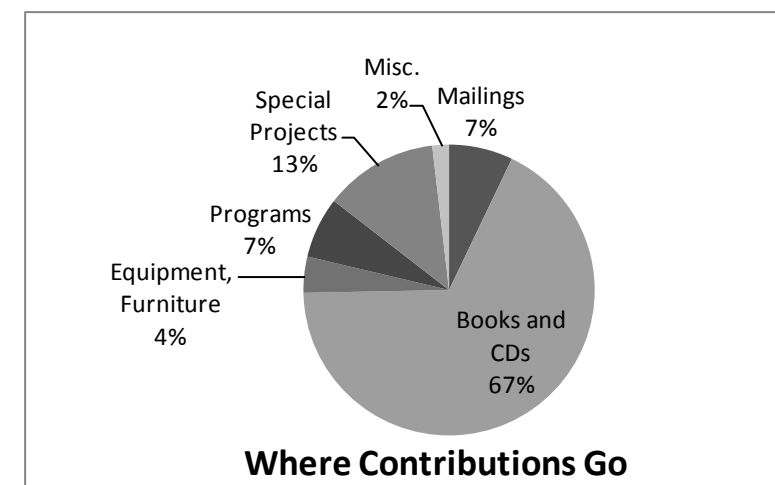
Contributions are tax deductible.

Where Do Your Contributions Go?

Over the past 10 years, the Friends of the Library has made good use of your contributions. As you can see, we have given most of the funds collected to the Library to purchase needed new **books and CDs**. The Board of the Friends has made a commitment to providing significant funds to purchasing audio books and ebooks for the past two years to help supply the growing demand for those kinds of media. **Special projects** have included supplementing our dedicated staff with contract labor library employees for periods of time and maintaining the gardens and plantings around the library. **Library Programs** include the summer programming for the children and contributions to the occasional snacks and craft supplies for Story Times. Through **Equipment, Furniture, etc.**, we have provided shelving, lounge and workroom furnishings and benches both inside and outside the Library. **Mailings** include this

quarterly newsletter and the annual Buy-A-Book Campaign. The Friends Board works closely with the Library staff to respond to their needs and requests that the County budget cannot meet. Circulation goes up at our Library and the Friends fill an important role in maintaining our Library's excellence. **If you are a Friend, thank you. If you are not yet a Friend, seriously consider joining us. YOUR SUPPORT BENEFITS THE ENTIRE COMMUNITY!**

For more information about the Friends, see our website: www.friendsofsbml.com



Library Holiday Hours

All Harris County Libraries will be closed on Good Friday, April 6 and Easter Sunday, April 8. Looking ahead—All libraries will also be closed on May 28 for Memorial Day.