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NEWSLETTER

The Friends of the Spring Branch-Memorial Library



Follow your own Yellow Brick Road to the Library for...

The Annual Friends' Plant and Book Festival! Friday, March 27, and Saturday March 28



You will want to be there for this once-a-year event where you will find

- **plants** to revive and renew your gardens,
- carefully selected **books** to replenish your home library,
- and a wide range of **coupons** offered by local retailers for your enjoyment

—and support our own Spring Branch-Memorial Library *at the same time!*

It doesn't take brains or courage to support OUR library at the Festival. Join the Friends or renew your membership! Bid for great books at the Silent Auction—or just buy wonderful books, plants and coupons. You get your **heart's desires** and the Library gets the additional support! And enjoy the FREE coffee and treats from Sweet Tomatoes!

Plants, and Books, and Coupons! Oh, my!

No ruby slippers will be needed to find your way home with **plants, books, and coupons** to fulfill your fondest dreams!



Festival hours:

Friday: 10AM to 5PM

Saturday: 10AM to 4PM

This event is a highlight of the Library year!

Friendly *Friends* will help you with your choices and you will be supporting your Library!

Don't miss it!

Inside This Newsletter...



- The Annual Plant and Book Festival—
Come early for the best selection!
- Events for your calendar
- Meet our new Librarians!
- Support the Friends when you shop...

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

Between newsletters, keep up with the Friends at www.friendsofsbml.com

A library is not a luxury but one of the necessities of life. —Henry Ward Beecher



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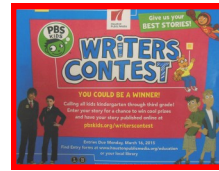
Kid's Korner These programs are free. The Friends of the SB-M Library contribute funds to provide occasional snacks and crafts. **Babytime!** is every Wednesday at 10:00AM for infants 0-15 months. Babytime! is a story time highlighting songs, bouncy rhymes, lullabies and playtime.

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 may be followed by a craft project.



For Kids K-3



Monday, March 16

Last date for PBS KIDS Writers Contest submission. Complete rules and entry form are available at the Information Desk or online at [Houston Public Media](http://HoustonPublicMedia.com).

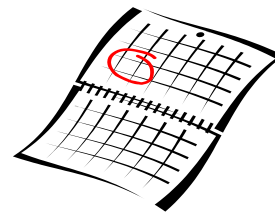


Thanks to Sweet Tomatoes for again supporting the Friends' Annual Plant and Book Festival by providing FREE coffee and FREE baked snacks both Friday and Saturday. WE APPRECIATE THEIR ONGOING SUPPORT!

WATCH FOR A COMPLETE LISTING OF FESTIVAL SPONSORS IN OUR NEXT NEWSLETTER—

For Your Calendar!

- Computer Continuing Education Series—all at 3:30PM:
 - Thursday, March 12—Beginner Email, Part 1
 - Thursday, March 19—Beginner Email, Part 2
 - Monday, March 23—How to Use Facebook
- Tuesday, March 10, 6:30PM: The **Page Turners Book Group** will discuss John Grisham's *The Confession*. All are welcome! The Page Turners meet on the second Tuesday of each month. Follow the Page Turners at the Library website or on the Friends' website. (See page 4 for website addresses.)
- Tuesday, March 17, 6:30-8:30PM : Free tips and practical advice as part of the **Green Thumb Lecture Series** on how to document your garden to improve your garden year by year. Part of a monthly series on the third Tuesday of each month. (Get ready for the Plant and Book Festival!)
- Thursday, April 2, 5:00PM: The Library will close early for Good Friday and Easter holidays and will remain closed on Friday and Saturday. It will reopen on Monday, April 6, at 1:00PM as usual.



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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 \$_____.

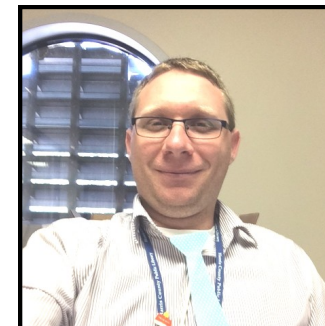
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Join us!
...or
ask a
friend
to be a
Friend...

Meet Our New Librarians—



Bryan Kratish, our new Head Librarian, was the Children's Librarian at the Katy Branch Library for the past two years. Prior to that position, he was a Young Adult Librarian for the Alachua County Library District in Gainesville, FL. Bryan is excited to bring his youth programming background to the Spring Branch-Memorial Library as well as his love of technology and, of course, reading. His favorite genres are Science Fiction and Fantasy.

Wendy Nielsen has joined the staff of Spring Branch Memorial Library as Children's Assistant. Wendy previously worked in youth services at the M.S. Kirby Library in Mountain Top, PA, which also entailed shoveling some snow. Her favorite genres are memoir and children's literature and picture books. In her spare time, Wendy enjoys paddle boarding, bicycling and board games.



Support the Friends of the Library while you shop! Sign up and shop through [Amazon Smile](http://smile.amazon.com/ch/74-6067318) (<http://smile.amazon.com/ch/74-6067318>) and loyalty cards with Randalls (Sign up with cashier and use code 2194) and [Kroger](http://www.krogercommunityrewards.com) (www.krogercommunityrewards.com. Sign up with code 84579.) It costs you nothing and you support the Friends in our mission to support our Spring Branch-Memorial Library!

Google can bring you back 100,000 answers; a librarian can bring you back the right one.
—Neil Gaiman