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# NEWSLETTER

The Friends of the Spring Branch-Memorial Library



## The Plant and Book Festival Game! Play and Win!



**START HERE**  
Friday, April 1,  
or Saturday,  
April 2,  
**OR BOTH!**

**Advance  
1 square**

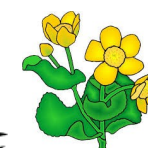


**You found excellent  
plants for your  
garden!**

**Advance 1 square**

Head into the  
Library

**Advance 3  
squares**



**Lose 1 turn**  
while you **GAIN**  
some wonderful  
books to own!  
**Then advance 1  
squares**

The Library can  
wait! Visit the  
amazing Book  
Room for real  
deals! **Advance  
1 square**



You missed the  
Coupon Board!  
**Go back  
1 square**

**Coupon  
Board**  
Treats!  
Treasures!  
**Stop here!**  
**Then advance  
3 squares**

Keep going...

**Time to pay for all  
your  
TREASURES!**  
**Then advance 2  
squares**



...while you are  
here,  
**Join The  
Friends!**

**BE A**



Sure...THEN  
go into the  
Library!!!



## Inside This Newsletter...



- The Annual Plant and Book Festival—  
*Come early for the best selection!*
- Where your contributions go
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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 FOR EASTER—FRIDAY, MARCH 25 AND SATURDAY, MARCH 26**

**Spring Branch-Memorial Library Website**

**[www.hcpl.net/location/spring-branch-memorial-branch-library](http://www.hcpl.net/location/spring-branch-memorial-branch-library)**

Between newsletters, keep up with the Friends at [www.friendsofsbml.org](http://www.friendsofsbml.org)

**Game Times: Friday—10 am-5 pm and Saturday—10 am-4 pm**

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

...good libraries build services, great libraries build communities. —R. David Lankes



## The Friends of the Spring Branch-Memorial Library

### 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 enjoy rotating programs of weekly activities on Wednesdays from 4 to 5PM. Programs include reading to therapy dogs, cooking and crafts, exploring and experimenting, and "visiting" different countries.

Teens come on Tuesday afternoons from 4 to 5PM to Hack the Planet or for Wii-U gaming.

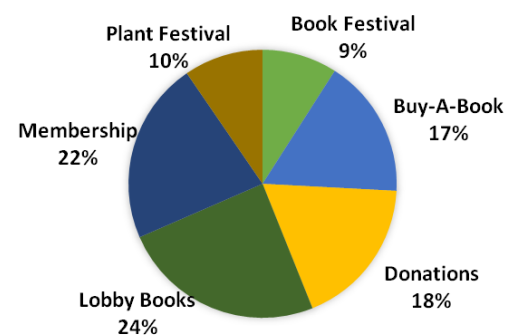
**The Friends of the SB-M Library contribute funds to provide occasional snacks, and cooking and crafts supplies.**

**Thanks to Our Snack Sponsors!** Sweet Tomatoes will again support the Friends' Annual Plant and Book Festival by providing cookies and bottled water on Friday. Saturday, we look forward to the return of **HEBuddy!** WE APPRECIATE THEIR ONGOING SUPPORT!

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

### Friends' Contributions— Where They Come From/What They've Done Lately

#### YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS



This Contributions chart shows clearly how important the **Plant and Book Festival** is to the Friends support of our Library. Our head librarian, Bryan Kratish, reports that since our last newsletter, he has spent about \$1,000 of the Friends' funds. Most of that amount went to programming such as the 40th Branch Birthday Party, Santa's visit in December and the African Drum and Dance group in February. They also purchased sight and sound tubes for Baby Time. The Library's programs are growing in presence

and popularity! In January alone, over 1,000 people came to the scheduled programs! The funds we contribute go a long way to making these programs happen—and to making OUR library a true community center! **As you see—your support from the Plant and Book Festival is especially significant! Come! Benefit yourself AND the Library!!!**

In addition, at the beginning of March, Bryan will submit an order for \$4,000 in books for Adults and \$4,000 for children that are largely dedicated from our **2015 Buy-A-Book** campaign. **The funds we collect are working!!!**



## 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.**

### Membership Matters—

*"I thought I WAS a member of the Library. I have a library card!"*

The Friends hear that a lot, but there really IS a difference between having a library card and joining the Friends. ANYONE in Harris County can have a library card, use all the facilities, and attend all the Library programs. Taxes pay for a lot of that—but not for ALL we offer at our Library! Programs and materials are free to us, but not free to the Library; the Friends' funds enrich them and/or make them happen! Of course, we make additional book purchases possible. We also provide funds to hire paid interns/contract workers at our very, very busy facility. **As a Friend, you are MORE than a user;** you are a CONTRIBUTOR who makes our Library better for our whole community! Be PROUD that you have joined us! Encourage others to join too!

**We can do great things for the Library TOGETHER!**



### We Were Lost—But Now We're Found!

#### DOMAIN NAME



We sincerely regret any difficulties you may have experienced with our website for about three months. We were surprised to have lost our domain name and even more surprised when we could not get it back. We now have a new domain name that is good for at least ten years! Please find us at [www.friendsofsbml.org](http://www.friendsofsbml.org).

**Look there for news of the Friends and for more information on the great Library programs that our Friends funds help to support.**

### SNAIL mail to Email!



In the interests of ecology and to make more of our funds available for Library programs, the Friends will be shifting communications from primarily USPS bulk mail to primarily email. Those of you for whom we have email addresses, after this newsletter you will get your newsletter and other notices by email. To provide your email address or to update your information, you may email the Friends ([friends.sbm@hotmail.com](mailto:friends.sbm@hotmail.com)) or go to the Join/Update/Renew tab on our website ([www.friendsofsbml.org](http://www.friendsofsbml.org)). To continue to get mail from us by USPS, please contact us electronically or fill out and return the form above with that request.

**See you online!**

*As always, we do not share any of your information with anyone outside our organization.*