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NEWSLETTER

The Friends of the Spring Branch-Memorial Library

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY PLANT AND BOOK FESTIVAL QUIZ



- 1) What **SPECIAL EVENT** do you eagerly await every spring?
 - a. Arrival of tax season
 - b. **The Friends of the Library Plant and Book Festival**
 - c. The Ides of March

- 2) What do you **EXPECT TO FIND** at this Special Event?
 - a. **Plants for your home and garden, books galore and valuable coupons from neighborhood retailers**
 - b. Halloween decorations
 - c. A swimming pool

- 3) What **MORE** can you do at this Special Event?
 - a. Run in a three-legged race
 - b. Sweep the library parking lot
 - c. **Join/renew your membership with The Friends of the Library to support OUR WONDERFUL LIBRARY year around!**

ANSWERS: 1(b), 2(a), 3(c) YOUR SCORE: 100% ...but you knew that!



Inside This Newsletter...



- Annual PLANT AND BOOK FESTIVAL is coming right up!
- The Friends and the kids...
- FAQs about the PLANT AND BOOK FESTIVAL
- Opera Week at the Library!
- Thank you to ...

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.org
or contact us at friends.sbm@hotmail.com

Plant and Book Festival

SEE *You* THERE

FRIDAY, MARCH 24—10am to 5pm
SATURDAY, MARCH 25—10am to 4pm

A library outranks any other one thing a community can do to benefit its people. —Andrew Carnegie



Kid Happenings

Tickets to Kid Happenings events are **free** 30 minutes ahead of most events—and the Friends of the SB-M Library contribute funds to provide occasional snacks and cooking and crafts supplies.

Baby Time is every Wednesday at 10:00-10:30AM or 10:45-11:15AM for infants 0-15 months and parents/caregivers.

Toddler Time is each Wednesday 11:30AM to noon and Thursdays 10:00-10:30AM. 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.

School-Age Children enjoy regular programs on Wednesdays at 4:00-5:00PM in a monthly rotation of recurring activities.

Teens and Tweens come on Fridays at 4:00-5:00PM to enjoy playing chess with peers. *Especially note* the Library's sponsorship of MHS' participation in *Battle of the Books* in which high school teams read 20 books between October and March and "battle" each other in trivia contests! **Go, MHS!**



"Check out" the Library—every **third Saturday** at the Farmers' Market at First Congregational Church at 10840 Beinhorn! Check out books, learn about its programs—CATCH A STORYTIME!

People ask about the Plant and Book Festival....

- **Where do the books come from?** They are specially selected from books donated by library patrons throughout the year. Many thanks to those who have brought them this year! *(Please note: We regret that we cannot use encyclopedias or textbooks, but thank you for thinking of us!)*



pons is a significant contribution to what we can provide to the Library. The Festival provides almost 20% of the funds we offer the Library! Full value of the coupons makes a huge difference in what we can offer.

- **Why are the coupons not discounted?** All funds raised by the Friends go to support our own Library, its special needs and its programs. Attendance at Library programs has SOARED—almost doubling from last year, serving 1,000-1200 people a month (of ALL ages) in programs alone. The Friends help fund those programs. The full value of the cou-

- **Why should I join or maintain my membership in the Friends?** Memberships alone constitute about 22% of our available funds we contribute to the library. The Library is an incredible community resource and the Friends is proud of being part of its relevance and outreach that provides so much to so many! We DO make a difference! YOU CAN AND DO TOO!

• BE A FRIEND!



Join us!

...and

ask a

friend

to be a

Friend!



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.



to...

- **Marianne** who is retiring from our Library on March 17th after 14 years of service in several capacities. We wish her joy in her years of retirement. She will be missed!
- The **County Friends** who gave a \$100 grant to our OWN Library for Legos to support our children's programs
- Our **Buy-A-Book campaign participants!** Between Buy-A-Book and donations throughout the year, your donations provide about **more than one-third** of our available funds that support our Library. You make a HUGE difference to our Library as you honor, remember and recognize family members and friends at holiday times—AND THROUGHOUT THE YEAR!

Special Events during Spring Break for Adults AND Children



Opera Week at the Library March 13-17

Monday, March 13, 7PM

"Music and Politics"

Wednesday, March 15, 4PM

"The Character of Music"

Thursday, March 16, 4PM

"Music, Magic and Natural Science"

Friday, March 17, 4PM

"Music, Literature and the Human Experience"

...in conjunction with the Houston Grand Opera!

See MORE on the Library's or The Friends' websites! (Find on page 4 of this newsletter)

