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NEWSLETTER

The Friends of the
 Spring Branch-Memorial Library
 proudly presents
OUR ANNUAL...

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 Festival FAQs



PLANTS

Indoor plants... Outdoor plants... Bedding plants...
 Garden color...
 Plants from green thumb neighbors...
 Plants from local nurseries...

**Plants abounding... Plants galore....
 Come over early—then come back for more!**

...Plant and Book Festival

BOOKS

Of course, the festival will have its usual wide selection of hardcover and paperback mysteries and fiction, quality cookbooks, children's books, and a great selection of history books. **Great books! Great prices!**

The Auction will have some great (and valuable) books about Texas (first edition copies of *This Here's a Good'un*, by Bill Brett, *Trails and Trials of a Texas Ranger* by William Warren Sterling, *Out of the Old Rock*, by J. Frank Dobie, and *Father of Texas Geology* by Robert T. Hill) as well as a **first edition copy of John Steinbeck's *Of Mice and Men***, a play in three acts, printed in 1937.



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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

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

COUPONS TOO—

For gifts for others or for you!

Offered by generous, neighborhood vendors!



SEE *You* THERE

FRIDAY, MARCH 23—10am to 5pm
 SATURDAY, MARCH 24—10am to 4pm

If you have a library and a garden, you have everything you need. —Marcus Tullius Cicero



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 OR 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 4:00-5:30PM to enjoy playing chess and other board games with peers. Regular programs also include a Teen Book Club the last Tuesday of each month.

Watch The Friends' and/or the Library's websites for updates on additional special programs for all! (See p. 4)

Did you know? Circulation statistics at OUR Library are **up 25%** from last year! The Library is always a BUSY place!

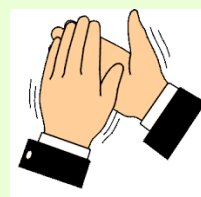
The Friends appreciate our wonderful Library Staff and the services and programs they provide!

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 contributed books this year! (Please note: We regret that we cannot use encyclopedias or textbooks, but thank you for thinking of us!)
- **Why are the coupons not discounted?** The coupons represent donations to The Friends by the merchants who have contributed them. People who buy the coupons then use them the same as cash and the Library gets the benefit of the in-kind donation. All funds raised by The Friends go to support our own Library, its special needs and its programs. The Festival provides almost 20% of the funds we can offer! Full value of the coupons makes a huge difference in

what we can offer to the Library for books, programs and special uses—AND you can enjoy using or gifting the coupons at favorite venues—or discover new favorites!

- **Can I pay with a credit card?** YES! We can now accept payments by credit card as well as checks and cash.
- **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.

FRIENDS Contribute!

Recent Events—

The Friends contributed to these with both volunteers and /or some funding! Hope you didn't miss them!

Some Special Programs...

Trek the Galaxy

The Library hosted a special Saturday program for school-age patrons in February. About 100 participants came to make space food, build structures to protect "astronauts", test heat and more!

Da Camera with Sam Dinkins, III

A special after-hours Jazz concert and neighborhood gathering in February celebrating African American History month.

Read Across America/Dr. Seuss event

A children's event that entertained 100-150 people on a Saturday afternoon.

Looking Ahead—

As well as additional book purchases and one-time events, The Friends help keep our Library vibrant with funds and volunteers.

Summer Program Announced...

The theme is "Libraries Rock" and will focus on geology and music. As always, **The Friends** provide funds for the the related children's programming.

Some Library improvements ahead...

Lobby Books area updated

Thanks to a very generous contribution to **The Friends**, the Lobby Books area will have a new, updated look with new carts, new shelves, new Friends Information Station. Watch for it!

Community Meeting Room décor

The Harris County system plans to replace the carpet with special flooring and **The Friends** expects to work with the Library on wall decoration for a new look.