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NEWSLETTER

The Friends of the Spring Branch-Memorial Library

March 2019



IT'S TIME!

THE FRIENDS' ANNUAL PLANT AND BOOK FESTIVAL

FRIDAY, MARCH 29, 10 A.M.—5 P.M.

AND

SATURDAY, MARCH 30, 10 A.M.—4 P.M.

Mark your calendar NOW! Open to ALL!

Neighbors and friends eagerly await this fantastic event every year to **green** up their gardens and **GROW** their own libraries. The proceeds from this annual festival will buy additional materials including books and e-books for all ages, pay for programs and supplies, and beautify our own branch library above what the county system can supply. YOU get PLANTS! YOU get BOOKS! YOU get GIFT CARDS! The LIBRARY gets the PROCEEDS! **EVERYBODY WINS!**



Inside This Newsletter...

- Our fabulous Plant and Book Festival!
- Exciting programs for our Teens
- Children's area TAKES OFF!
- Meet our new head librarian!
- ...and MORE!

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 on our website at www.friendsofsbml.org
or contact us at friends.sbm@hotmail.com



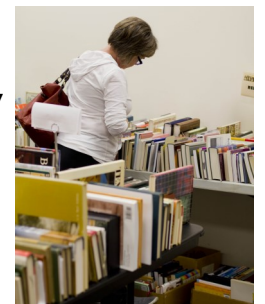
"The most lasting and pure gladness comes to me from my gardens."—*Lily Langtry*

Beauty for your garden! Bedding plants, flowering plants, exotic plants, indoor and outdoor plants, hanging baskets.... Come early for the best selection—and then come back for more!

**Coupons donated! Books "adopted"!
Plants abounding—Opportunities Galore!**

"A book is like a garden, carried in a pocket."—*Chinese Proverb*

Gently used books at bargain prices—children's, adult fiction and nonfiction, cooking, history, religion, the classics and MORE! A SILENT AUCTION featuring several notable first editions—all carefully sorted and selected by Friends volunteers throughout the year.



"Couponing is My New Best Friend! I'm always happy with the outcome."—*Melissa Adams*

Buy for yourself and treat yourself later. Buy for a friend and give as a gift. Happiness happens!

Cash, checks and credit cards are all accepted for your convenience.

Festivals come and give us happiness. —Akash Gupta Sai Love



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.**

REGULAR ONGOING PROGRAMS

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 stories, rhymes, songs, and social time.

Come to **Toddler Time** on Wednesdays 11:30AM to noon or 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.

Teen Programs Ahead

- **Spring Break Scavenger Hunt**— March 8-16—Fill out a scavenger hunt form in the library to enter to win tickets to see Jad Abumrad from Radiolab on Saturday, May 18, at 7:30 PM at the Wortham Center. These tickets were generously donated by the Society for the Performing Arts.
- **Game with Asgard Games** Tuesday, March 12, 4-6 PM - Love board games? Looking to learn about a new game? Join us for a special spring break gaming program! We will also be giving away a board game from Asgard Games! *Registration opens online on Tuesday, March 5.*
- **Coding for Teens: JavaScript Game Development** Learn how to code and develop games using JavaScript! No prior coding experience is needed. This course includes nine classes on the following dates: 3/19, 4/2, 4/9, 4/23, 5/7, 5/14, 5/21, 5/28, 6/4. *Registration opens online on Tuesday, March 12—Must be able to come to all sessions.*
- **3D CAD Engineering** - Monday, April 8, 6-8 PM - Join us for a very special introduction to learn 3D CAD software. This customized and unique workshop introduces students to 3D CAD modeling software in the context of engineering applications, which will translate into the college years. This software teaches spatial-visualization ability and is used by engineers, architects and medical professionals. *Registration opens online on Monday, April 1.*
- **Teen Book Club**—Last Tuesday of the month, 4-5 pm, and **Board Game Nation**—second Friday of the month, 4-5:30 pm.

All online registration at www.hcpl.net/location/spring-branch-memorial-branch-library



Our Children's Area Is

Taking Off



Thanks to a \$20K grant from Save the Children, our children's area will be undergoing a MAJOR redo to make that space more child-friendly! NOTABLY—the Library will install a ROCKET SHIP that will accommodate computers for up to four CHILDREN and will include child-friendly benches and spaces. Planning is still in process, but watch for exciting changes in this area!

3!...2!...1!...Blast Off!



A reminder—Our Friends' account number for the Kroger Community Reward program is now **DU659**. If you shop at Kroger, please consider joining if you have not already. For more information, go to www.friendsofsbml.org/shop-at-kroger-or-randalls-and-benefit-the-friends.html **Last quarter the Friends received \$38.55 from this program.**



Membership Application: New or Renew

We do not share any of your information with anyone outside our organization.

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* Required for new or changes only

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

Why should I join or maintain my membership in the Friends? Memberships alone constitute about 22% of our available funds that 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!**

Meet Our New Head Librarian—Jennifer Finch

Jennifer Finch has a BA in Elementary Education and taught for a year before deciding that her future lay in libraries. She worked as a Children's Specialist with the Madison County Library System in Mississippi while completing her Master's Degree in Library and Information Science. After completing that degree Jennifer accepted the position with Harris County Public Library system as Young Adult Librarian at the Katherine Tyra Branch Library at Bear Creek where she worked for seven and a half years. For the past two years, Jennifer has been the Assistant Branch Manager of Youth Services at the Harris County Fairbanks Branch.

Outside of libraries, Jennifer enjoys involvement with Houston's theater community, especially the Murder Mystery Company. She has also been in productions with Stageworks Theater, Playhouse 1960, and most recently with Tapestry Players in a radio show version of Miracle on 34th Street.

Jennifer has lived in six different states and has lived in Houston longer than anywhere else. **Welcome, Jennifer! We are glad you are here!**



The Friends thanks all our outstanding library staff! As well as providing amazing programs for all ages and knowledgeable support for us all, our librarians have been making great changes to our spaces—improving our look, removing outdated books, updating our shelving... What a team!