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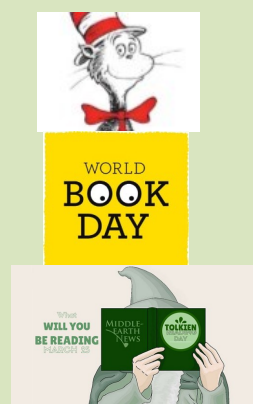
# NEWSLETTER

The Friends of the Spring Branch-Memorial Library

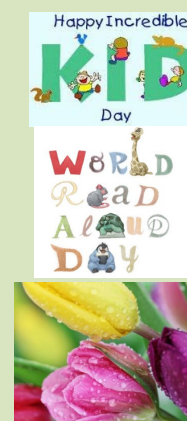


## Important Dates in March 2020

<https://www.thespruce.com/special-days-and-observances-in-march-1448890>



1. March 2—Dr. Seuss' birthday
2. March 5—World Book Day
3. March 9—Read Aloud Day
4. March 15—Incredible Kid Day
5. March 20—First Day of Spring
6. March 25—Tolkien Reading Day



...and *BEST OF ALL...*

**7. March 27-28—**

## *The Friends' Annual Plant and Book Festival*

Thanks to First Community Credit Union for being our lead underwriter again this year!



### Inside This Newsletter...

- **DON'T MISS OUR POPULAR PLANT AND BOOK FESTIVAL!**  
...with superheroes NorthTale and Owlbotron appearing Friday morning!
- Special events in March
- Our "Giving Tree" recap!
- What's new and what's ahead

### REGULAR LIBRARY HOURS

SUN	CLOSED	MON	1PM - 9PM	TUES	10AM - 9PM	WED	10AM - 6PM	THURS	10AM - 6PM
				FRI	1PM - 6PM	SAT	10AM - 5PM		

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)  
or contact us at [friends.sbm@hotmail.com](mailto:friends.sbm@hotmail.com)

*Please note: Any Membership updates after February 15 will appear on your June newsletter.*

- ✓ Great plants for your home—inside and out!
- ✓ Great books for reading, gifting, sharing....
- ✓ Great Coupon Board with treats and treasures galore!
- ✓ Great opportunity to join *The Friends* or to renew your membership.



**A WIN-WIN for the Library and for YOU through *The Friends*!** YOU win all the checked items on the left for VERY REASONABLE PRICES and the LIBRARY wins funds for its many popular programs, special projects, and supplies—beyond what the county system can provide. **SEE YOU THERE!**

**Friday, March 27—10AM-5PM and Saturday, March 28—10AM-4PM**

*If you have a garden and a library, you have everything you need.* —Marcus Tullius Cicero, Roman statesman, orator, lawyer and philosopher



## Kid Happenings

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

**Baby Yoga** is every Tuesday at 10:15-10:45AM for Pre-walkers and 11:00-11:30AM for toddlers. Parents/caregivers must attend.

**Baby Time** is every Wednesday at 10:15-10:45AM OR 11:00-11:30AM for infants 0-18 months with parents/caregivers.

**Toddler Time** is each Thursday at 10:15-10:45AM. For children ages 18 months to 36 months.

**Preschool Storytime & Craft** for children ages three to six is scheduled each Thursday at 11:15-11:45AM.

**School-Age Children KID ZONE** programs include crafts, challenge, and holiday-themed programs on Wednesdays from 4:00-5:00PM. Read-with-a-Furry-Friend is now on 4th Saturdays from 2-3PM

### Teens and Tweens

- Weekly on Fridays, Board Game Nation—4:00-5:30PM. Ages 9 and older.
- Monthly Teen/Tween Book Group meets the last Tuesday of every month from 4:00-5:00PM. Grade 6 and older.

## Special Events for Kids in March!



- On **Wednesday, March 4th** we are presenting a play from Express Children's Theatre called *Vote for the Goat*, a new musical for kids about voting.
- Kids' Gardening Club on **March 25th**—This month—"seed bombs" to throw into the creek! Gardening Club requires registration. <https://www.hcpl.net/events/28564> or contact the Library to pre-register —Loli de Llano, Children's Programming Librarian

Snacks and drinks for teens (are you surprised?) for coding, the scavenger hunt, and the book clubs as well as the costs for laser tag... AND gardening supplies—soil, plants and fertilizer for the Kids' Gardening Club—**thanks to The Friends!**

## Special Events for Teens ABOUND!

- The BIG ITEM for Teens is our **Teen Art Contest** based on the 2020 Summer Reading theme—*Imagine Your Story*. \$100 gift card donated by Texas Art Supply to the winner! Enter by **Saturday, March 21**. <https://bit.ly/2vjBL9l>
- Spring Break Scavenger Hunt in the Library—**Monday, March 16, 10-11AM** <https://www.hcpl.net/events/28406> or contact the Library to pre-register
- Laser Tag in Hedwig Park, **Tuesday, March 17, 4-5PM** <https://www.hcpl.net/events/29727> or contact the Library to pre-register
- AND** our typing program, Coding for Teens: Python Adventure Game, Mr. Tan Le from 3DCAD Masters to teach electronic circuits and coding using Arduino microcontrollers are all back! —Elizabeth Boggs, Young Adult Program Librarian

**Adults are not left out!** Green Thumb Gardeners return 3rd Tuesdays at 6:30PM and Yoga for Adults—1st Fridays at 1PM. **Our Library is a valuable community resource and The Friends is proud to support it!**

## The Giving Tree—A Recap! Christmas time 2019 may seem long ago—BUT IT IS NOT FORGOTTEN!

Thanks to all our Library patrons who stopped by the Lobby Giving Tree, chose an ornament and made a commitment to gift the Library! The Library received more than

### \$300 worth of donated items

as patrons simply used the QR code on each ornament to go directly to Amazon to order that gift. The gifts received benefit **ALL** age groups that come to the Library and will be used for regular programs—Board Game Nation, Coding for Teens, ESL Conversation Class, LEGO Challenge, Puzzle Party, Teen Writing Club and MORE...! **So thanks again** to all those who participated and who are keeping the spirit of Christmas alive throughout the year!

Join us!

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



## The Friends of the Spring Branch-Memorial Library

[www.friendsofsbml.org](http://www.friendsofsbml.org)

### Membership Application ☐ New ☐ Renew

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\*City. State. Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

\*\*Email (optional): \_\_\_\_\_

☐ \$10 Sponsor ☐ \$25 Leader ☐ \$50 Benefactor ☐ \$100 Supernova ☐ Other/Added donation \$ \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Please change my address.

☐ Please send my newsletter by USPS mail only.

☐ I would like to volunteer with *The Friends*.

Please make checks payable to: Friends of the Spring Branch-Memorial Library

Mailing address: 930 Corbindale Road, Houston, TX 77024

OR pay with PayPal on our website: [www.friendsofsbml.org/joinrenew](http://www.friendsofsbml.org/joinrenew)

Contributions are tax deductible.

\*Required for new or changes only.

\*\*Providing email address authorizes email contact.

## WE'RE LOOKING GOOD!

**NEW FLOOR!** Thanks to our **wonderful library staff** who managed to clear the Library and run basic operations during days of floor replacement! We now have attractive floors that will be MUCH easier to maintain!



**NEW TABLES!** No more rickety tables for all the projects in the Community Room! **The Friends allocated money** to change out the heavy, unstable, stained tables with sturdy, attractive replacements!

**NEW DVD AND BLU RAY RACKS!** Thanks to **Eagle Scout Jonathan Swagerty**, BSA Troop 641, for our beautiful new purpose-built DVD and Blu Ray stands! He raised the money for the project—and when it was completed, Jonathan **donated almost \$1,000**—the balance remaining above his costs—to **The Friends** for our continuing support of the Library, its materials and its programs!



## WE HAVE COME A LONG WAY—WITH MORE STILL TO COME.... NEW SHELVING!

Date for their installation is still to be determined, but early April is likely. Current shelves are rusty and a pinch hazard. New shelves will be modular and interchangeable. So the library staff will gear up to clear all the current shelves AGAIN! We will have wonderful new shelves—and **THEY WILL BE WORTH IT!**

The **Friends of the Spring Branch-Memorial Library** is a non-profit organization committed to enhancing the quality of our library primarily through fund-raising for its special needs and popular programs.

**MAKE A DIFFERENCE TO YOUR COMMUNITY! JOIN US!**

*Nothing is pleasanter than exploring a library.* —Walter Savage Landor, writer and poet

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