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NEWSLETTER

The Friends of the Spring Branch-Memorial Library

September 2011

Making the most of YOUR Library

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You don't need a Kindle to order good books!

Sure...

...More and more readers have electronic readers like Kindles, Nooks or even smartphones that let them order books.
...One can read downloaded books almost instantly.
...Downloaded books cost *less* than traditional paper and board books.

But...

...Most books in the whole library catalog are available by request.
...If you have a computer, you don't even need to leave your house!
...**Requesting books from the library is FREE...**
...**and it couldn't be easier!**

- Go online to the library website—www.hcpl.net.
- Type a keyword into the Catalog Search box on the left to find the book that interests you.
- On the far right side of the next page, click on the words that say "Show Details/Place Request."
- The next page allows you to click "Request item" and shows you the status of its availability.
- Enter your library card (barcode) number and your PIN when requested.
- Our Spring Branch-Memorial Library will notify you by email or by phone when it has arrived and is available for pick up on the shelves by the information desk.

If you don't need a book immediately, it is worth the wait!



What's up at the Library-

Inside This Newsletter...

- Using the Library website to request a book
- Successful summer programs
- Friend the Friends on Facebook
- ...and more!

REGULAR LIBRARY HOURS

SUN CLOSED TUES 10am - 9pm THUR 10am - 6pm SAT 10am - 5pm
MON 1pm - 9pm WED 10am - 6pm FRI 1pm - 6pm

Spring Branch-Memorial Library Website

www.hcpl.net/location/spring-branch-memorial-branch-library

4 Visit the website often for additional information about upcoming programs and events!

Knowledge is free at the library. Just bring your own container. —Unknown



Kid's Korner There is **no registration fee** for these programs and **supplies are provided** by the Friends of the SBM Library.

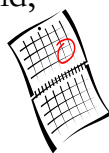
Babytime! is every Wednesday at 10:00am for infants 0-15 months. Babytime! is a story time highlighting songs, bouncy rhymes, lullabies and playtime.

Toddler Time! is each Wednesday at 11:00am and Thursdays at 10:00am. These story times feature singing and rhyming for children age 16 months to three years.

Preschool Storytime! for three to six year olds is scheduled each Thursday at 11:00am. The story may be followed by a craft project.

Coming up for Kids—

Through the fall, EVERY month has a special program scheduled. If you have young people in your household, mark your calendars now!



Thursday, October 27 at 4pm
Halloween Party!

Thursday, November 17 at 4pm
Thanksgiving Crafts

Thursday, December 1 at 2pm
Santa Visits Our Library
(Bring your camera!)

This summer set heat records, but our Library was a COOL place to be!

In addition to the popular Summer Reading Program for children and teens, by the time summer programming had ended, the Library had hosted 55 children's programs with 1,388 children attending programs during the summer and through the year! Programs included regular weekly Kid's Korner events, "Mad Science," "Texas Snakes," visiting ferrets, a drawing contest, a movie event, "DinoSearch" and more!

The Friends of the Spring Branch Memorial Library contribute to the funds for these programs. Your membership contributions make a real difference!

For fun reminders of more upcoming, timely events "friend us" on Facebook at Friends of 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

☐ I want to increase my membership to \$ _____

☐ Please keep me on the Friends' mailing list ☐ Please change my address

☐ I am interested in volunteer work for the "Friends"

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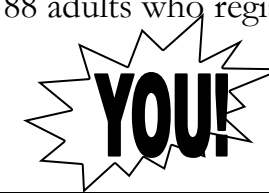
Join us!

...or
ask a
friend
to be a
Friend....

...and the WINNER of the Adult Summer Reading Program is...

...Rebecca Hubert! Rebecca is a retired librarian. Her name was drawn from the pool of adults who completed the Spring Branch-Memorial Library's Summer Reading Program after having read about the program online. Her favorite books this summer were Unbroken: A World War II Story of Survival, Resilience and Redemption by Laura Hillenbrand and The Help by Kathryn Stockett.

BUT if you are among the 240 children, 23 teens and 88 adults who registered for the Summer Reading Program, the **real** winner is



Add to YOUR library when you come to OUR library—

Sometimes there are books we just want to own! "Check out" our Lobby Books in the Lobby (of course!) and, for the suggested contribution, the book(s) can be yours. You will find 1st editions, best-sellers in mint condition, classics, text books, biographies, history, children's books.... It is not too early to start holiday shopping in the gift quality display. Look for holiday theme selections very soon, especially in the popular cookbook and craft section **Thanks to all the patrons who donate books from their libraries to the Friends and to those of you who support our Library and beat the heat with a cool book.!**

The Lobby Books is one of the initiatives run by the Friends for the benefit of the Library. Volunteers sort the books that patrons so generously donate and make the books available, for a contribution, to patrons who add them to their own libraries. Those contributions go entirely to support our Library and its programs. WE ALL WIN!