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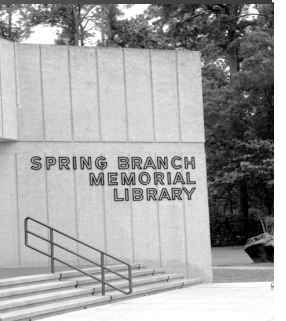
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NEWSLETTER

The Friends of the Spring Branch-Memorial Library

September 2012



The Friends' mission is to promote the Spring Branch-Memorial Library by raising funds, communicating the activities and benefits of the Library to local residents and supporting the Library as a cultural and educational asset to the community.

If you are reading this newsletter, you are already interested in the Friends' mission and you may be ready to take a more personal interest in supporting the Library through the Friends. The Friends has a number of areas where your interests may fit. ALL AGES ARE WELCOME!

"So How Can I Help?"

Do you like working with other people? Join the Lobby Books team! Throughout the year, Library patrons donate their used books to the Friends. The librarians select any books that may be helpful for the Library's collection and leave the rest to the Friends. Most donations become part of the Lobby Books where patrons can take home desirable finds for a small donation. The Lobby Books team sorts and values the donated books and CDs; it restocks and refreshes that display. The Lobby books team also "saves" some books and CDs for the Annual Plant and Book Festival at which those specially chosen books and CDs are offered and a Silent Auction is held for selected items of special value. **Some skills needed:** Love of books, organizational skills, enjoy working with others, ability to lift and move books, some interest in research (optional). **When and where:** Friday mornings 9-11 with flexible frequency. Come to the back door of the library and be part of an important team! Or call Susan Forney (713-465-8693) for more information.

Do you like to work independently? Quarterly the Library relies on the Friends' help to track Library usage. The Friends volunteers tally how many patrons come into the Library over the course of several days. Library funding depends on an accurate count so this is an essential service and greatly appreciated! **Some skills needed:** Patience, reasonable attention span, interest in people, interest in accuracy. **When and where:** When called and as fits your schedule for a two-hour shift in the Lobby of the Library. Call Jill Rose (713-467-6687) to be put on this Volunteer list.

Do you like gardening? Appearances DO count and possibilities ABOUND! Weekly watering of the potted plants inside and on the patios and monitoring the appearance of the grounds are essential to an inviting look to our Library. Before the Plant and Book Festival in March, help solicit plants from contributors, pick up, prepare, identify and price the plants (and perhaps adopt remaining plants until the next year's Festival)—or any part(s) of the above options! **Some skills needed:** Love (and some knowledge) of plants, reliability, some outdoor activity through the year. **When and where:** At the Library, times to be arranged. Call Mary Waggoner (713-461-1313) for more information.

Inside This Newsletter...

Special Volunteer Edition

Many thanks to all the volunteers

who give time to help the Friends help the Library!

If you are not volunteering yet, here are ways to JOIN US!

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

Research has shown that people who volunteer often live longer. —Alan Klein

See Page 2 for more opportunities!



Kid's Korner

There is **no registration fee** for these programs and the Friends of the SB-M Library contribute funds to provide occasional snacks and crafts.

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

Preschool Story Time! for three to six year olds is scheduled each Thursday at 11:00AM. The story is followed by a craft project on occasion.

LIBRARY NEWS IN BRIEF

- **WOW!!!** The Library hosted 67 children's programs this past summer with 1800+ attendees! A wonderful community resource!
- **Participate with the Library in The Gulf Coast Reads**—All are encouraged to read Jonathan Safran Foer's Extremely Loud and Incredibly Close. Consider joining The Page Turners book club at the Library to discuss it on October 9 at 6:30 p.m. The movie will be shown at the Library at a later date. Watch for the notice or call the Library (713-464-1633).
- **Keep up with the Library between newsletter editions on their website!** (See website address on Page 4.) Find the latest news and information about upcoming special events for children and adults as well as news of new equipment. **Holiday hours** are always posted there too.

More Volunteer Options

...so you'd like to be involved, but the suggestions on Page 1 are not a fit.... The Friends are likely to have needs that fit your skills and interests....

- **Do you have good people/promotional/sales skills?** We can use your expertise at least a couple of times during the year—at the annual Plant and Book Festival and the Fourth of July Villages Celebration.
- **Do you enjoy working with websites and social media?** The Friends have a website and are on Facebook.
- **Do you enjoy graphic design and production?** We have an annual brochure.
- **Can you coordinate mailings for quarterly or annual mail-outs?** Quarterly newsletters and an annual brochure mailings take attention, but not much time.
- **Do you like to create interesting visual displays?** We can use your artistic skills.
- **Can you help with set-up and take-down for banners and other Festival needs?** Add the Friends of the Library to your workout routine for a couple of days in March!

Still not a fit or not sure about timing or commitment right now? **Join the Freeform Volunteers** and we will contact you when an opportunity arises where we could use some help. Freeform Volunteers are not committed to a specific project but, schedules permitting, give the gifts of their skills and their presence to support the Library and its mission! Call Mary Waggoner (713-461-1313) to join this valuable team.

Join us!

...or

ask a

friend

to be a

Friend....



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 \$_____

☐ I am interested in volunteer work for the "Friends" ☐ Please change my address

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

Mailing address: 930 Corbindale Rd. Houston, TX 77024

Contributions are tax deductible.

Who serves on the Board of the Friends?

Volunteers, of course! We have the usual officers: a president, a vice-president, a treasurer, a recording secretary, a corresponding secretary and a parliamentarian. We have a database manager. We have coordinators for the Lobby Books, for the annual Buy-A-Book fundraiser, for the annual Plant and Book Festival. We have a representative and liaison to the nearby City Halls; we have a newsletter editor. We have a Publicity chair and a Volunteer coordinator. *If you have skills in these areas too, please let us know!*

We are dedicated to supporting the mission of the Friends of the Spring Branch-Memorial Library and we welcome you to join us however you can...by joining or renewing your Friends' membership, by encouraging others to join the Friends, by donating books you no longer need to the Friends, by supporting the annual Plant and Book Festival and the Buy-A-Book campaigns...by volunteering! You will be "doing good" by helping others, working "among Friends!"

You can even support the Friends when you grocery shop! Link your **Kroger** and/or **Randalls** loyalty card to the Friends and support the mission of the Friends as you shop.

For Kroger: Take this UPC code with your loyalty card to the cashier. This link must be renewed annually, so even if you have been linked in the past, you will need to create the link again.



FRIENDS OF THE SPRING BRANCH MEMORIAL LIBRARY

For Randalls: When you check out with your loyalty card, ask the cashier to link your card with the number **2194**. After that initial registration, your card is automatically linked to the Friends for all subsequent qualifying purchases. You will not need to give the number again and it will not expire.