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NEWSLETTER

The Friends of the Spring Branch-Memorial Library

September 2015

Q: When is our Library MORE than a library?

Of course our Library has all the usual library offerings. But there is so much MORE!

ADULTS—Did you know our Library offers: **Citizenship** and **ESL Classes**—every Friday; **Computer Classes** through September 24 on Thursdays; **Green Thumb Gardening** class once a month in the evening; **Yoga with Sheila** Monday evenings every other week through November 23. (Starts September 14); **Page Turners Book Club**—monthly discussions open to all! **Planning for Retirement**—November 3 only, from 11-noon.

TEENS—Did you know the Library has programs on Tuesdays at 4PM just for YOU? **Afterschool Gaming** starts on September 8; **Hack the Planet**, a computer coding class especially for teens starts on September 15. **It is not magic!** (These two activities alternate weekly through the fall.); **Practice SAT** with Kaplan September 19.

HOW DOES COMPUTER
PROGRAMMING WORK?

MAGIC.



FAMILIES AND KIDS—Do you know about **Pajama Story Time**—monthly for ALL ages! **Reading with a Furry Friend**—monthly chance for children to read to a certified therapy dog for young or reluctant readers; **Craft Corner** and **Creative Corner**—each occurs monthly through November; **Country Club**—a monthly celebration of different countries of the world with songs, art, games, etc., through November.

...EVEN MORE SPECIAL EVENTS: **Family Story Time** for the whole family with songs and stories—September 12 at 10AM; **Bantam of the Opera**—a bilingual performance by Houston Storybook Opera for all ages—October 3 at 11AM; **Gulf Coast Reads**—Special lecture/discussion by Shelly Kelly about the Galveston Hurricane of 1900, the catalyst for the 2015 book selection, *The Promise*—October 5, 7-8PM; **Halloween 3D printing**—October 19-26; **Halloween Fun**—October 31; **Spring Branch-Memorial Library 40th Birthday Bash!**—November 21

FOR DETAILS OF ALL THESE EVENTS AND MORE, go to the Library's website or the Friends website! (See page 4.)

BE PART OF WHAT'S HAPPENING IN OUR COMMUNITY—AT THE LIBRARY

A: When it's a COMMUNITY CENTER!

We believe what starts at the library can transform an entire community! —Elena Madison

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! Can **YOU** help keep our Library's living indoor plants **GREEN**? They need watering weekly. Call 713-461-1313 to volunteer—even once or twice a month!



Inside This Newsletter...

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Belated thanks to **Sweet Tomatoes** and **Chocolate Pizazz** for their significant and MUCH appreciated contributions to our successful **Plant and Book Festival** in March with sincere apologies for their inadvertent omission from the June newsletter.

REGULAR LIBRARY HOURS

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

The Library will be closed Thursday, Friday and Saturday, November 26, 27, and 28 in observance of Thanksgiving holidays. It will reopen with regular hours on Monday, November 30.

Spring Branch-Memorial Library Website
www.hcpl.net/location/spring-branch-memorial-branch-library

Between newsletters, keep up with the Friends at www.friendsofsbml.com



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Kid's Korner Tickets are free for these programs and the Friends of the SB-M Library contribute funds to provide occasional snacks and crafts.

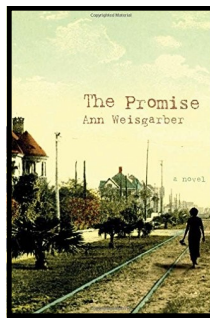
Babytime! is every Wednesday at 10:00AM for infants 0-15 months. Babytime! is a story time highlighting songs, bouncy rhymes, lullabies and playtime.

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 may be followed by a craft project.



Gulf Coast Reads!



The goal of the Gulf Coast Reads program is to encourage readers throughout the Gulf Coast region to discuss a particular book with their neighbors, co-workers, friends and families during October. This year's selection is *The Promise* by Ann Weisgarber.

Set in Galveston in 1900, Ms. Weisgarber is a gifted storyteller who makes the time and the place come alive as she spins a tale of the tragic hurricane and an equally devastating storm of love, loss, and hidden secrets that changes lives.

So talk to your neighbors! Talk to your friends! ead together!

THEN, join us at OUR Library on Monday, October 5, 7-8PM, when Shelly Kelly will lead a discussion of that tragic time. Ms. Kelly is a former archivist with Rosenberg Library and is the co-author of *Through a Night of Horrors*—a collection of letters written by survivors immediately following the hurricane.

...and watch the Library's website for date and time for a second program relating to *The Promise*!

Lobby Book Exchange

In addition to checking out a favorite best seller, STOP on your way in or out of the lobby to also check out the selection of donated books you can find on the carts and wall shelves. A dedicated team of volunteers sorts and writes a suggested donation value inside each volume. Of course, this dollar amount is only a suggestion, and you are welcome to select a different amount for the books you want to take home.



Please leave your donation, check or cash, at the check-out desk inside the library. The Friends of the Library uses all these funds collected to support programs and improvements that benefit OUR library, so your generosity is greatly appreciated.

When you are finished with your selection, consider donating that book back so another patron can take it home and enjoy it!



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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 email 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

Contributions are tax deductible.

Join us!

...Or

ask a

friend

to be a

Friend...

Summer program updates—

The Library's **children's programs** opened with a visit from Marsha's Petting Zoo and was hugely popular with 200+ patrons coming to see the animals! All the programs had full-house attendance. These summer activities are largely supported by the Friends, and the Library and the community are very appreciative!



The **Summer Reading Program** was a great success with 450 Spring Branch-Memorial Library readers, including babies, children, teens and adults. Their SUPERPOWER is READING!

Support the Friends at local grocery stores

Both Randalls and Kroger have loyalty programs that contribute a percentage of your eligible purchases to The Friends of the Spring Branch-Memorial Library.



If you are new to the **Randalls** program, ask the cashier to link your loyalty card with **2194**. *This link will not expire.*

Kroger's program is called Kroger Community Rewards Program. To take part in this program, you must have a Kroger Plus Card and register it online at www.krogercommunityrewards.com. Then, click on My Account and sign in. From there, click red box labeled "View your reward details" and input your card number. Confirm or update your registered information It's easy—but if you need help, call 1-866-221-4141. You will be helping the Friends help the Library. *This link expires annually. It's time to renew!*