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# NEWSLETTER

The Friends of the Spring Branch-Memorial Library

September  
2016



## The Library takes to the road...

**Although Pokémon Go! may be all the rage, the Library has its own special surprise appearances and its own "rewards"!** Do you know that the Library can take a selection of books to venues outside the Library? When it turns up, the librarians can check out books for you RIGHT THERE!



- Have YOU spotted it at the Saturday Farmers' Market at the Congregational Church on Beinhorn? It is not scheduled every week, but sometimes it turns up.... Watch for it (and maybe take your library card) if you go to the Farmers' Market.
- Were YOU at the Villages July 4th Celebration? It was there—next to the booth for joining the Friends of the Library!

If you HAVE found it out and about, YOU WIN! You have enjoyed the reward of having a library that can come to events outside its physical location...and you know that the Library is truly an important part of our community.

**The Friends are proud to support  
such a valuable community resource!**

## Inside This Newsletter...



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- Successful summer programs
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### 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](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)

## THE LIBRARY'S AMAZING, FANTASTIC, ENORMOUSLY POPULAR SUMMER PROGRAMS

This summer the Library held 25 ADDITIONAL summer programs on top of our regular children's Storytimes. The additional programs had 1139 participants. Our Opening Petting Zoo alone had more than 370 patrons, and our closing Star Wars party had more than 250 patrons participating. **The Friends either helped fund or participated in all of these programs.** Total program attendance for June and July was 1728 and 1310 respectively. —from Bryan Kratish, head librarian

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*...good libraries build services, great libraries build communities.* —R. David Lankes, scholar, speaker, writer, teacher



## The Friends of the Spring Branch-Memorial Library

### Kid's Korner

Tickets are required but **FREE** for these programs and are distributed 30 minutes before the 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 a stories, rhymes, songs, and social time.

Toddler Time is each Wednesday 11:30AM to noon and 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 AND repeats on Fridays at 2:30-3:00PM. Enjoy stories, songs, rhymes and a craft project.



School-Age Children return to regular programs on Wednesdays at 4:00-5:00PM in a monthly rotation with Reading with a Furry Friend (1st week), Cooking Corner (2nd week), Creative Corner (3rd week), and Country Club (4th week) each month.

Teens come on Tuesdays at 4:00-5:00PM for Computer Coding—Music and Sound. It's a 10-week program through November 8. After the 8th—Afterschool Gaming at that time.

On Fridays at 4:00-5:00PM come for informal Teen Chess Club—just a place to play!

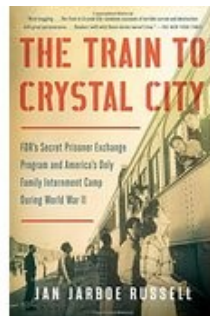
**\*\*\*AND\*\*\***

**...in partnership with Bach to Rock**, a music participation and appreciation organization, the Library offers "Rock n Roll Toddlers" on the first Tuesdays of the month at 10:30-11:00AM with music-making fun for nine-month to three-year olds. Three to six-year olds, "Preschool Rock City", have a turn on the third Tuesdays at that time.

*Registration opens a week before these events.*

**The Friends of the SB-M Library contributes funds to provide occasional snacks, and cooking and crafts supplies.**

## Read with FAMILY AND FRIENDS — *Gulf Coast Reads*—October 2016



"*Gulf Coast Reads: On the Same Page* is an annual regional reading initiative focused on promoting the simultaneous reading or listening to a selected title by those living along the upper Texas Gulf Coast....

"The reading initiative's goal is to encourage our communities to read the same title during the month of October in order to encourage readers to come together in discussions about it with neighbors, co-workers, friends and their families, as well as in classrooms and in libraries throughout the region." —<http://www.gulfcoastreads.org/about>

### About the book from Amazon.com:

"The *New York Times* bestselling dramatic and never-before-told story of a secret FDR-approved American internment camp in Texas during World War II: "A must-read....*The Train to Crystal City* is compelling, thought-provoking, and impossible to put down" (*Star-Tribune*, Minneapolis)....

"Combining big-picture World War II history with a little-known event in American history, *The Train to Crystal City* reveals the war-time hysteria against the Japanese and Germans in America, the secrets of FDR's tactics to rescue high-profile POWs in Germany and Japan, and above all, "is about identity, allegiance, and home, and the difficulty of determining the loyalties that lie in individual human hearts" (*Texas Observer*).

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 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 ground mail 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

\* Required entries

**Contributions are tax deductible.**

OR  
join or  
renew  
on the  
Friends  
website!

## Benefit the Library by supporting the Friends *while you shop!*

Q: Additional cost to you? A: \$0 Q: Additional benefit to the Library? A: Could be PRICELESS!

- Sign up and shop through **AmazonSmile** ([www.smile.amazon.com/ch/74-6067318](http://www.smile.amazon.com/ch/74-6067318)). It's the same Amazon with the same products, same prices, same service. AND it will donate a percentage of the price of your eligible AmazonSmile purchases to the Friends of the Spring Branch-Memorial Library!

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

- Kroger's** program is called Kroger Community Rewards Program. To take part Kroger's program, you must have a Kroger Plus Card and register it online—[www.krogercommunityrewards.com](http://www.krogercommunityrewards.com). On that site, click on My Account and sign in. From there, click the red box labeled "View your reward details". Confirm or update your registered information and enter 84579 — or select Friends of the Spring Branch-Memorial Library. 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!*
- If you are new to the **Randalls** program, ask the cashier to link your loyalty card with **2194**. *This link will not expire.*



### Just so you're not disappointed....

The Library will close at 5:00PM on Wednesday, November 23, through Sunday, November 27, for the Thanksgiving holiday.

*If you want to live a long life, focus on making contributions.* —Hans Selye, researcher on stress