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NEWSLETTER

The Friends of the Spring Branch-Memorial Library

September
2018



LOBBY BOOKS has a NEW LOOK!

The Friends' project of new shelving for our Lobby Books is completed—and what a difference it makes! We have **SPACE FOR MANY MORE BOOKS** than we have had in the past and increased their accessibility. The shelves also open the space for other uses! *Be sure to look for even more Lobby Books near the door to the Community Room too!*

Now the Friends gets them ALL! Some are saved for our Annual Plant and Book Festival typically held in March; the rest are sorted by faithful "Friend"-ly volunteers for adoption to new homes (yours!) with a suggested contribution to the Friends for as little as \$1! The fact that the Friends received over **\$8,500** last year from Lobby Books alone attests to its popularity while providing significant funds we make available to the Library for its collections and programs!



The new shelves have been given to the Library's Lobby Books in honor and in memory of

Marguerite Brice
1919-2015

A lifelong lover of books, reading and libraries—especially THIS Library!

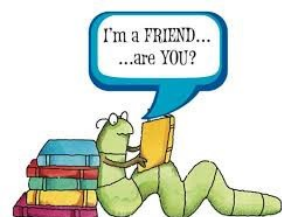
Donated by her children and their families.

WHAT ARE LOBBY BOOKS?

Lobby Books are gleaned from the books that library lovers (like you!) have donated from their personal home libraries. Formerly, the Library had first choice of the books for addition to the Library collection.

COME ADMIRE OUR NEW SHELVES and find some new books for your own collection! *Join the Friends in its support of OUR Library!*

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- New look for our Lobby Books
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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

Between newsletters, keep up with the Friends at www.friendsofsbml.org or contact us at friends.sbm@hotmail.com

What in the world would we do without our libraries? —Katharine Hepburn, American actress



Kid Happenings

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

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

Toddler Time is each Wednesday 11:30AM to noon OR Thursdays 10:00-10:30AM. 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.

School-Age Children—After School Zone starts in September on Wednesdays from 4:00-5:00PM. with our new Children's Services Librarian!

Teens and Tweens—On Fridays, Board Game Nation—4:00-5:30PM. Monthly Teen/Tween Book Group meets the last Tuesday of every month from 4:00-5:00PM. Registration required for a seven-week Coding for Teens:JavaScript course on Tuesdays starting October 9.



The Friends and Our Teen/Tween Summer Programs!

The Friends funded our Teen/Tween programs with great success by providing professional performers (Murder Mystery Party and The Magic Workshop) or snack and craft materials (Video Game Tournament, How to Write Characters, Pride at the Library) or gifts, prizes and favors for participants (How to Write Characters, Pokemon in the Park, The Art of Sushi).

Elizabeth Stefanski, our Young Adult Services Librarian, says:

We averaged 12 teens attending per teen program, which is a definite success. Some of my personal favorites were...the Benihana program, which was our most popular, and the Magic Workshop that was very personal, and the teens loved it! One even asked about meetings of magicians in the area, so he can practice his skills.

The Friends created significant added value to our Summer Programs.



"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." = www.gulfcoastreads.org/about

2018 Gulf Coast Reads selection: *Bluebird, Bluebird*, by Attica Locke

Bluebird, Bluebird is a "...powerful thriller about the explosive intersection of love, race, and justice from a writer and producer of the Emmy winning Fox TV show *Empire*". —from Goodreads



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The Friends of the Spring Branch-Memorial Library
www.friendsofsbml.org

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We do not share any of your information with anyone outside our organization.

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I would like to make an additional contribution of \$_____.

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Mailing address: 930 Corbindale Road, Houston, TX 77024

* Required entries

Contributions are tax deductible.

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website!

The Friends joins the Library welcoming...

...**Loli de Llano**, our new Children's Services Librarian! Ms. de Llano is a former public school librarian and most recently worked in the Programming Department at a Houston public library. She is happy to be back working with Children's programs and at our Spring Branch-Memorial Library. She enjoys reading fiction and inspirational writers. **Welcome, Ms. de Llano!**

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

- Sign up and shop through [AmazonSmile](http://www.smile.amazon.com/ch/74-6067318) (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!
- Shop at **Kroger's** using their reward program—Kroger Community Rewards Program. You must have a Kroger Plus Card and [register it online](http://www.krogercommunityrewards.com)—www.krogercommunityrewards.com. The Friends' code is 84579 — or select Friends of the Spring Branch-Memorial 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**. *The Randalls link does not expire.*



Did you know?

You can pick up and return **Houston Public Library HOLDS** right here at **OUR LIBRARY!** **LIBRARY SYSTEMS WORKING TOGETHER!**



Just so you're not disappointed....

The Library will close for the Thanksgiving holiday at 5:00PM on Wednesday, November 21, and will be open as usual on Monday, November 26, at 1:00PM .