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# NEWSLETTER

The Friends of the Spring Branch-Memorial Library

**Spring 2021** *Another year without a Plant and Book Festival,  
BUT the Library is still here for US!*



**PROGRAMS!  
ALL AGES!**  
See page 2.

Take a  
quick  
tour....



**What's new outside....**



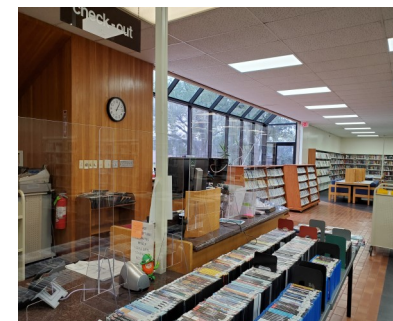
A new ramp with a gentler slope and handrails on BOTH sides for easier and safer access for those who do not use the steps.



Stairs to NOWHERE! As a funny aside, there is now a section of steps that do not go anywhere! Fun to think of SAFE possibilities!



**What's new inside....**



Plexiglass screens will help keep our Librarians safe! The rows currently in front of the desk are **lots of DVDs** at our own Library available for check out. [Browse here!](#) (Or see page 3 for site written out.)



Our lower, more accessible and upgraded shelves! ...and what is hard to see is that the lighting in the Library is being improved too! MUCH lighter and brighter!

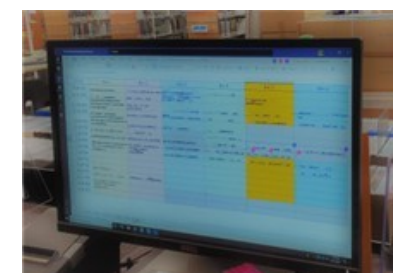


New work stations for our printer, scanner and MORE! Thanks to a BSA Troop 478 Eagle Scout Project, Gift by Jan Barrett, Dec. 2020

In addition, ALL computers are having their hard drives replaced and all will have wireless connection to the printers, etc.



**What's inside that's NOT so new?**

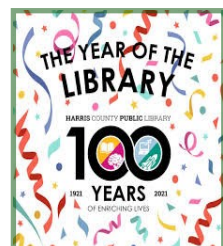


**The curbside check out computer screen\*...on a SLOW day!**

More than 50 orders were prepared and filled (some of them for multiple selections!) for 16 half-hour time slots on one random "slow" day. Meanwhile the Librarians are answering phone reference questions and preparing [Book Bundles](#). They are delivering **scheduled** pick ups to the bins—items previously requested through the Library website's Search line (just above the picture). They are planning and preparing virtual programs for the entire library system. They are overseeing the updates and improvements to the facility. **Thank you to them ALL for being there for us!** (More on page 3—Inside Out!)

\*Names and identification on the screen are Intentionally blurred.

We miss you all! —The Librarians of The Spring Branch-Memorial Library



**Harris County Public Library celebrates 100 years!**

Each month the Library system highlights a different decade.

March—the 40s April—the 50s May—the 60s

Go the County Library's Centennial [blog](#)  
for monthly information and programs

(Catch up with what you may have missed about the 20s and 30s too!)

## LIBRARY HOURS

**For Curbside Check Out only.**

**Please call at LEAST ONE HOUR ahead to schedule pickup.**

SUN	CLOSED	MON	10AM - 6PM	TUES	10AM - 6PM	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* on our website at [www.friendsofsbml.org](http://www.friendsofsbml.org)  
or email us at [friends.sbm@hotmail.com](mailto:friends.sbm@hotmail.com)





The Friends of the Spring Branch-Memorial Library  
<http://www.friendsofsbml.org>

Even though our Library building is still  
**CLOSED to us**, its connections keep us **OPEN!**

We ALL miss dropping by our wonderful neighborhood Library with its services and programs, but this time of enforced closure has really opened up many broader possibilities to those with internet access. (REMEMBER: *The Library's parking lot can provide internet access without even going inside!*)

By going to the Events page on our Library website (see page 4) and using the filters on the left, you can find **THE BEST** the whole system offers WITHOUT HAVING TO DRIVE OR RIDE to any other branch!

Of course, you know you can request ebooks and audio books from [OverDrive](#) or your [Libby app](#). BUT did you know that you can access thousands of **free movies** from Kanopy and songs and **music** from FreeGal—also with your library card?



Click either image or go to <https://hcpl.kanopy.com/catalog> or <https://hcpltx.freegalmusic.com/home>

## Have YOU “visited” the Library lately?

**Do you like to make and create?** “Check out” [Maker Central](#) (and Create@HCPL on that page) for arts and crafts, writing workshops, STEM inventions, art camps and more.... Fun for ALL ages!

**Are you interested in programs for families? Babies? Children? Teens?** An almost unlimited selection of possibilities! (See below for more on Teen programs at our own Library!)

**Do you enjoy gardening? Book groups? Musical Programs?** Programs are there for wherever your interests take you!

## Wander through the world of the Library—You’ll be glad you did!

### OUR Library’s Special Events...



**Our younger Library lovers have a lot going on...**

**Baby Time**—Thursdays at 10:15 am

**Story Time** for all Ages—Wednesdays at 10:15 am.

**Kid’s Corner**—Wednesdays at 3:00 pm

Age appropriate stories, activities, and crafts with **Miss Loli!** Monthly focus on the Centennial decades! Special treats ahead include a Live Author presentation, April Poetry month and Earth Day. May features Motown!

**ALL ON FACEBOOK**



**Teen Self Care**—A monthly craft or project to kick off the month (available at Curbside Pick Up). Then weekly on

**Facebook**—Thursdays at 4:00 pm, a self-care tip related to the project. (Ed. Note: *Sounds like a plan for all!*)

**Teen Gaming Club**—Fridays at 4:30 pm, A variety of online games—free

to participants! Email [Jackie](#) before then to register.

**Teen Leadership Council**—Grades 6-12. Plan, organize, and implement teen programs for the library. Make and lead those programs. Earn volunteer hours for time spent in the meeting and in outside planning, and while participating in the programs as leaders. Email [Jackie](#) to register.

### ...and MORE...

**Maker Monday**—Mondays at 10:00 am. See [Maker Central](#) for more information.

**Beginner Crochet with Jennifer**—New projects introduced on first Saturdays at 4:00pm. Live Tutorial fourth Saturdays at 2:00 pm. [On Facebook](#)

**Page Turners Book Club**—Second Tuesdays at 6:30 pm via Microsoft Teams. Email or call the [Library](#) to sign up.

**Harris County Master Gardeners**—Third Tuesdays at 11:00 am. Topics vary monthly. [On Facebook.](#)



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—New or Renew

We do not share any of your information with any other organizations.

\*Name: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\*City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (optional): \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address (Authorizes email contact): \_\_\_\_\_

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☐ Email newsletters only ☐ Both email and print newsletters ☐ Print newsletters only

(Including your email address authorizes email contact either regularly or as occasional interim updates.)

☐ Please note address change. ☐ I would like to volunteer with *The Friends*.

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

Mailing address: 930 Corbindale Road, Houston, TX 77024

OR pay with PayPal on [our website](#).

\* Required for new or changes only

**Contributions are tax deductible.**

### Membership Matters!

- Thanks to the all our new and renewing members and our Buy-A-Book contributors!** Many of you have really stepped up to support our wonderful Library and our dedicated Librarians through *The Friends*. It has been a year of adjustments for all of us—and the work of the Library goes on! *The Friends*—and the Library—really appreciate your caring commitment!
- Membership extensions**—You may have noticed that this edition of the newsletter does not include a membership expiration date. Due to the storm and related outages, all current memberships that were due for renewal at the time of this newsletter will be extended until the Summer edition. OF COURSE, you may renew your membership at any time by mailing in the above form or by accessing the membership form on our [website](#). (Page 4) The Library (and the community!) still needs us!

### Inside Out! or...What You Can Find Curbside Just CALL when you get there—



For these taxing times...  
Forms 1040 (including Schedules 1-3) and 1040-SR—with instructions

Teen self care kits—Library card not required



FREE CRAFT KITS FOR TEENS GRADES 6-12

Make and take

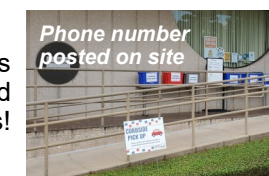


Kits for kids

Your requested books you actually can hold in your hands!

**BOOK BUNDLES**

For all age groups—premade or by special request



DVD of the week



### Links specifically mentioned and linked to sites in this newsletter:

**Book Bundles**—<https://www.hcpl.net/services/book-bundles> (Page 1)

**Centennial celebrations**—[https://www.hcpl.net/blog?field\\_blog\\_teaser\\_tag\\_target\\_id%5B2297%5D=2297&branch=&sort\\_by=created](https://www.hcpl.net/blog?field_blog_teaser_tag_target_id%5B2297%5D=2297&branch=&sort_by=created) (Page 4)

**Library’s FaceBook page and email address** are on the Library’s Home Page (Page 4)

**Library’s own onsite catalog (for DVDs and more)**—<https://www.hcpl.net/search/books?search=&f%5B0%5D=libraries%3ASM> (Page 1)

**Maker Mondays at Maker Central**—<https://www.hcpl.net/services/makercentral> (Page 2)

**OverDrive**—<https://www.hcpl.overdrive.com> or **your Libby app**—<https://www.overdrive.com/apps/libby/> (Page 2)

**Time for Teens registrations**—[jackie.blackwell@hcpl.net](mailto:jackie.blackwell@hcpl.net) (Page 2)