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NEWSLETTER

The Friends of the Spring Branch-Memorial Library

Spring 2022



Our Own Thumbs Up, Thumbs Down...

—Inspired by the Houston Chronicle feature



THE LIBRARY CAN ACCEPT BOOK DONATIONS AGAIN! We welcome your books in good condition! If you would not want to buy a book because it is too worn, too marked up, too damaged..., probably no one else will want to buy it either. Nor can we use old textbooks, encyclopedias, any magazines, outdated tech manuals, etc. BUT books in good condition are always welcome!



THANKS to two hardworking volunteers who stock *The Friends* Lobby Books weekly, we have continued to offer an excellent selection of books for all interests that you can own for a small donation. (See the inside cover.) Thank you, Toni and Susan!



WE DEEPLY REGRET that our planned Plant and Book Festival on April 1 and 2 will **not** take place after all. We did not intend an “April Fool,” but Covid has *fooled* us again. We want to grow plants and our own personal libraries—not infection statistics, so we are deferring our ever-popular event at this time.



FALL AND WINTER GARDENS ARE WONDERFUL TOO! So we have a new Plant and Book Festival plan! We are moving the Festival to October (maybe in conjunction with Neighbors Night Out). No date yet, but one Friend said, “Pansies, snapdragons, winter plantings! I can’t wait!” We hope you will feel the same way. More information to follow in the Fall newsletter.



LIBRARY HOURS HAVE CHANGED. Have you arrived at the Library and been surprised that it was closed? Here are the “new” hours....



FOR TOO LONG, Covid has limited our participation in so many well-loved programs.



BUT—hybrids in the world abound! Animals...plants...vehicles—AND NOW HYBRID PROGRAMS! Covid has pushed us into this program benefit. The beauty of hybrids is that they tend to be stronger and more versatile than either of their original sources. Now several programs are offered both in-person (limited numbers and masks required) and virtually. The programs for our younger patrons will remain solely virtual for a while—they don’t really “get” social distancing—as will Bakers and Makers for Teens due to sharing ingredients, but the Library now has the capability of streaming meetings and programs from the Community Room.



TWO TIPS: 1.) If you use self-checkout—there are often multiple bar codes on a book. The one to use says “Harris County Public Library” under the bar code. When in doubt, check inside the front cover for the correct one. You can find it there too.

2.) If you want to reserve a book electronically (on Overdrive) and you see a choice between a full color image or a gray image, choose the gray image. That book is available at our own Library rather than reserving one from another branch. You’ll get it quicker!

HARRIS COUNTY SPRING BRANCH MEMORIAL LIBRARY	
Hours	
Monday	11:00 AM - 6:00 PM
Tuesday	10:00 AM - 8:00 PM
Wednesday	10:00 AM - 6:00 PM
Thursday	10:00 AM - 8:00 PM
Friday	1:00 PM - 6:00 PM
Saturday	10:00 AM - 5:00 PM



Inside...

- Thumbs UP! Thumbs DOWN!
- Programs—in-person, hybrid, virtual and more
- Membership Matters!—more than just a library card

LIBRARY HOURS

For Curbside checkout, please call at LEAST ONE HOUR ahead to schedule pickup.

SUN	CLOSED	MON	11AM - 6PM	TUES	10AM - 8PM	WED	10AM - 6PM
		THUR	10AM - 8PM	FRI	1PM - 6PM	SAT	10AM - 5PM

Spring Branch-Memorial Library Website

...and on Facebook: www.hcpl.net/location/spring-branch-memorial-branch-library
www.facebook.com/pg/springbranchmemoriallibrary/posts/?ref=page_internal

Between newsletters, keep up with *The Friends* on our website at www.friendsofsbml.org
or email us at friends.sbm@hotmail.com

Convert bad news to good news.—Bill Gates, Co-founder of Microsoft



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

In-Person...Hybrid...Virtual...MORE! What We Know Now....

Covid creates a constantly changing scene! Continue to “check out” the Library’s own calendar, Facebook page or Next Door for the most updated information.

In-Person

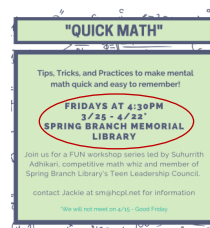


Outdoor Story Time
Fridays weekly at 10AM in the Reading Garden behind the library
All ages

Happiness is reading with a warm puppy.



2nd Saturdays monthly from 10:30-11:30AM. Sign up that morning at the library
Ages 5+



"QUICK MATH"
Fridays weekly from 4:30-5:30PM. Registration required
Multiplication skills—a prerequisite.



Chess Club
1st Thursdays monthly from 4:30-5:30
Teens

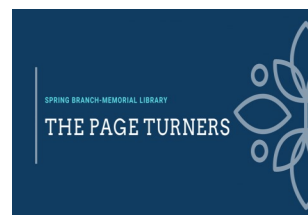


High School Book Club
4th Thursdays monthly at 3:30PM
Grades 9-12

Hybrid



Teen Leadership Council
3rd Thursdays monthly at 4:30. In-person and streamed through the Discord server
Teens



The Page Turners
2nd Tuesdays monthly from 6:30-8:00PM. In-person (limited space) and streamed through a Teams meeting.
Adults

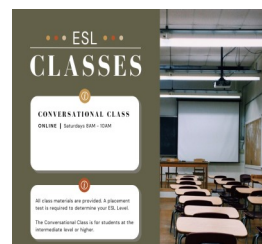
Virtual



Bakers & Makers
3rd Saturdays monthly at 2:00PM through Discord (for now)
Teens



TEXAS MASTER GARDENER
3rd Tuesdays monthly at 11:00AM on Facebook
Adults
www.facebook.com/harriscountyp/live



ESL CLASSES
Saturdays weekly from 9:00-11:00AM. Registration required—contact the Library. (See page 3.)
Adults

MORE—



KIDS
Wednesdays weekly. take-home kits from the front desk while Covid cases remain high. Rotates Young Artists, Around the World, Wild Card Wednesday and STEAM activities
Grades K-6th

Join us!

...and ask a friend to be a Friend!



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

Membership Application—New or Renew (Please circle.)

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

Name (Required): _____

*Address: _____

*City, State, Zip: _____

Phone (optional): _____

Email Address (Authorizes email contact): _____

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(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](http://www.friendsofsbml.org).

*Required for new or changes only

Contributions are tax deductible.



“That’s what Friends are for...”



The stated mission of *The Friends* 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.

As you can see from the previous page, the Library continues to do an outstanding job at providing programs of interest to all ages and many interests. It is an amazing resource for our community.

Statistics show that our Library continues to rank far higher among all the county libraries than its size would suggest.

***The Friends* is proud to contribute to that excellence.**

Historically we have funded many popular programs as well as providing extra resources for our librarians. We enable the Library to add value to its community connections and resources FOR US and FOR ALL.

So—having a library card is “friendly” but it is not the same as **BEING A FRIEND!** If you are already a Friend, thank you! And please consider sharing the good news of our Library with your friends. If you are not yet a Friend, **JOIN US!**

YOUR MEMBERSHIP MATTERS!

Links specifically mentioned and linked to sites in this newsletter:

Discord or Teams—sm@hcpl.net

Library website calendar—http://www.hcpl.net/events?qu=&start_date=&end_date=&branch=138&page=0

Library Facebook page—<https://www.facebook.com/springbranchmemoriallibrary/>

For activities requiring registration, contact the Library: 832-927-5510