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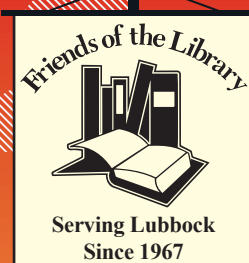
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You are invited to the
Friends of the Lubbock Public Library

ANNUAL FALL BOOK SALE



 
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**Mahon Library Basement
1306 9th St., Downtown Lubbock**

Cash, checks, credit and debit cards accepted.

FRI., SEPT. 20, 9AM – 5PM
MEMBERS ONLY – JOIN AT THE DOOR!

SAT., SEPT. 21, 9AM – 5PM
OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Thank You

A Special
Thank You to:

United
Supermarkets, for
donating paper
bags and providing
a drop off location
at Frankford and
82nd St.

Bolton Oil for
donating boxes.

All of our wonderful
patrons who
donate items for us
to sell. Without you
we wouldn't exist!



Regular Volunteer Hours

Tues.: 2pm-8pm
Wed.: 9am-1pm
Thurs.: 9am-1pm
Fri.: 9am-1pm
Sat.: 9am-3pm

From the President...

by Desiree Freyburger

The small talk finished, we gather together with our snacks and wine and the drama begins. Questions of intention, character, motivation, and morality come up. We argue, laugh, shout, cringe, and challenge each other's opinions. Sometimes we laugh so hard the dogs howl with us, and we never all agree on anything. Welcome to Book Club.

Being a complete book nerd, I have always wanted to be in a book club. Not only do I love to read, but I really enjoy discussing books and sharing the books I love with others. Despite having lots of friends who also love to read, it never happened until a year ago. We were all too busy first with school and then with work and kids and it seemed like too much effort. Now, the Lubbock Libraries offer Team Reads—it's a Book Club in a bag. Not only is it completely free, they have everything you need in one bag: 8-10 copies of a book, author information, book questions, games and ice breakers, tips for starting a book club, and even recipes to go along with your book. And they have a great selection of fiction, nonfiction, and even young adult books. You can check the bags out for six weeks and even renew them once if you need to. All the hard work is done for you by our amazing librarians; all you have to do is pick a title and decide who's going to host.

One of the most surprising aspects of our book club is how much fun we all have discussing the characters and their choices. Not only is it wonderful to make time for friends, but I look forward to reading books I wouldn't pick on my own. I have been pleasantly surprised at times, and occasionally find myself finishing one only so that I can give whoever picked the title grief over their choice. Needless to say, we have all had our picks of winners and losers, but we enjoy every minute of our time together and I love that it's easier than ever for anyone to start a book club. So if you've always wanted to be part of a book club, don't wait a second longer—visit your library today and pick up a Team Reads Book Club in a Bag!

I sometimes pretend to myself that I
have insomnia.
When what I really
have is a good book
and inadequate
respect for
tomorrow...



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Book donations are welcome!

Donations of books (less than 10 boxes) can be made **anytime** at the following free-standing huts:

Groves Branch Library
5520 19th St.

Godeke Branch Library
5034 Frankford Ave.

United Supermarket
8010 Frankford Ave.

There are also yellow donation bins inside the door at the following Library branches:

Mahon, 1306 19th St.

Groves, 5520 19th St.

Patterson, 1836 Parkway Dr.

In making donations to the sheds, boxed and bagged books are appreciated. The books arrive in better shape and hold their value for resale.

Large Donations

Please take large donations (more than 10 boxes) to Mahon Library, 1306 9th Street, during regular donation hours. If you have a large donation, **please call ahead**, (806) 775-2852, so we have volunteers available to assist.

DONATION HOURS:

Tuesday	2-5pm
Wednesday	9am-12pm
Thursday	9am-12pm
Friday	9am-12pm
Saturday	9am-1pm

From the Director of Operations...

by Lillian Arzaghi

Texas Tech University Press announced that, as of June 1, 2019, Longleaf Services would distribute their products. Gretchen Scott was able to orchestrate the donation of a portion of the Tech Press warehouse inventory to Friends of the Lubbock Library.

Books from this large donation have been distributed to area libraries, schools, and nonprofits.

Our appreciation goes out to Brian Ott, Director of TTU Press, and John Brock, Marketing Manager for TTU Press for assisting us in this endeavor.



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Our thanks also go out to Crystal and Josh Kite for transportation; Tom Moore for transportation, storage, and moving; Carla Moore for organizing, publicity, and volunteer support; Terry and Louise Ramsay for storage, moving, and moral support; Maxine Asmah for packing shipments to other libraries; and LuNell Gribble and Chris Valdez for stocking.

The timely distribution of these books to the community would not have been possible without an organization like the Friends of the Library. We thank you, the membership, for your support of FOL.

From the Book Sale VPs...

by Loraine Oglesby
and Louise Ramsay

FOL Fall Book Sale

It's almost time for our famous and fabulous Fall Book Sale! This event will be held in the Mahon Library Basement. Mark these dates on your calendar: September 20 and 21st, 9:00 AM until 5:00 PM. Friday, as always, will be members only. However, anyone can become a member at the sale and enjoy first choice on some great books! We accept cash, checks, credit and debit cards.

FOL receives donations of 5 or 6 thousand books a week and the shelves have been restocked with all these books. Our wonderful volunteers have worked all summer to get them on the shelves for your reading pleasure. Shop early for favorites in Children's Better Books. These go quickly! We have a selection of DVDs and Books on CD in the regular and Better Books. Great prices on both! Regular books are \$1.00 for hardbacks and 50 cents for paperbacks. Better Books are slightly higher. Fabulous bargains! Don't miss this opportunity to get the best book bargain in West Texas!

Books are a uniquely portable magic.

Join Today!

Annual Membership:

\$10 – Individual/Family

\$5 – Student

\$25 – Bronze Patron

\$50 – Silver Patron

\$75 – Gold Patron

\$100 – Platinum Patron



Benefits of Membership:

- Online Discount (25%)
- Entry to Members Only Sale Days
- Online Newsletter
- Email Announcements
- Special Speaker Events

From the Online Sales Director...

by Dianne Ivy

Online Sales continue to grow. Through the first half of 2019, gross sales exceeded \$44,000—up almost 3% from the same period last year. During this six-month period, we have sold and shipped items to more than 30 countries. The highest-dollar item sold was a book for \$450. We currently have more than 10,000 items listed on both our AbeBooks and eBay stores. Current inventory includes a large variety of donated books (fiction, nonfiction, textbooks, home school material, and foreign language), magazines, and board games. Check out our stores—you never know what you might find!

The success of this operation could not happen without the dedicated help of all our donors and volunteers. It takes donations from the public, sorting help from our many volunteers, and our online teaming getting them listed. My many thanks to you all!

****HELP WANTED****

Volunteers with an interest and knowledge of baseball cards and vintage vinyl records. We have received large donations of both and need volunteers to inventory and catalog them. No online experience necessary. Very flexible hours. Please contact us at 775-2852 if you are interested in helping us out.

From the Library Director...

by Stacy McKenzie

George H. Mahon Dedication: Continuing His Service

On August 10th, the library celebrated the dedication of an historical marker honoring George H. Mahon. The event was a success with over 100 people in attendance including the mayor, several members of the city council, and members of Mr. Mahon's family. I was also so touched to see many of the Friends of the Library in attendance wearing their iconic kaleidoscope FOL T-shirts!

After the dedication, I spoke with a man who said that working for George Mahon had changed his life. Many years ago, he was driving home from work after a long night and dozed off, resulting in his grazing and heavily scratching a parked car along the side of the road. He said that the "old" him would have kept driving since no one was around to witness the incident, but working for Mr. Mahon made him want to be a better person, who cared about others and sought to be a moral and thoughtful person. He took care of the damage to the car. This man went on to say that he often thinks of Mr. Mahon to help guide him in raising his three daughters to be good people.

How appropriate that our library was named after George Mahon! He believed in service to the public, in non-partisan work toward community improvement, and in reaching far beyond one's immediate grasp to build a better world.

The support you provide for our Lubbock libraries is translated into support for the community. I know our namesake would feel so proud of the good work you are doing through our Lubbock Public Libraries. THANK YOU!

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Benefits of Volunteering:

- Unlimited purchases from Regular, Better, and Best Book Shelves
- Name Badge
- Volunteer Announcements
- Free Books from the Free Table and Unwanted-Book Carts



From the Treasurer...

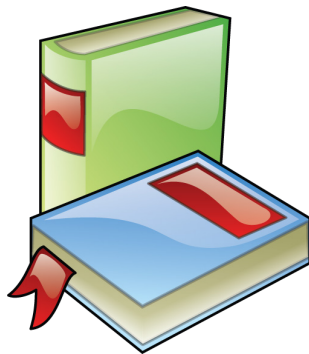
by Lynne Strickland

FOL's 2019 Spring Sale was a very successful one! I hope your purchases made your summer reading more enjoyable.

Our 2019 Fall Sale is just around the corner. We are extremely grateful for our many volunteers who make each sale possible. The inventory of sellable items is generally well over 200,000. FOL appreciates every customer who chooses to buy books at our sales.

Many of the children's, teen, and adult programs in all the Lubbock Public Libraries are supported by FOL. Nearly \$29,000 is allocated for the summer reading programs—such a delightful way to beat the summer learning loss! An additional \$30,000 is allocated for adult, young adult, and children's programs throughout the year. A quick way to locate these programs is to be a Facebook friend of the Lubbock Public Libraries and Friends of the Lubbock Public Library.

Put our Fall Sale on your calendar! See you September 20 & 21.



Online Book Sales

abebooks.com

www.abebooks.com/friends-of-the-lubbock-public-library/1369090/sf

eBay.com

<http://stores.ebay.com/friendsofthelubbocklibraries>

FOL members receive a 25% discount on any of our listings purchased directly through our online sales office!

Save the dates!

- Fall Book Sale: Sept. 20-21. Friday the 20th is "Members Only"; Saturday the 21st is open to the public. Hours on both days are 9:00am to 5:00pm.
- Winter Book Sale: Dec. 6-7, 9:00am to 5:00pm, open to the public.
- Half-Price Book Sale: Jan. 10-11, 2020, 9:00am to 5:00pm, open to the public.



*“A room
without
books is
like a body
without a
soul.”
Cicero*



*“When I get a
little money
I buy books;
and if any
is left I buy
food and
clothes.”
Erasmus*

Literacy Lubbock...

by Elizabeth Laughlin

Hello, everyone! I'm Elizabeth with Literacy Lubbock, and I just wanted to take a moment to thank you! Friends of the Library grants us money each year to assist in our programs, and that wouldn't be possible without you—so thank you! We appreciate the trust you've placed in us by granting us that donation, and so I wanted to take a moment to explain who we are and what we do, so you can see the impact your organization has on literacy.

We have four main programs at Literacy Lubbock. The first is our Adult Basic Education program, which is just our fancy title for teaching adults how to read. We've been fortunate over the years to give the gift of reading to our fellow Lubbock neighbors. While we hope that one day our services won't be needed, we're prepared to offer adults with dyslexic tendencies and other reading differences the opportunity to learn.

Our second program is ESL, or English as a Second Language. We assist our students with practicing how to speak, read, write, and understand English. We also help prepare them for the citizenship test, if that's something they're interested in. More than simply teaching English, our ESL classes provide an orientation to our culture so that our students may better engage, connect, and be a part of our community.

Third is our GED program. The GED is a high school equivalency exam, and it's a doozy of a test. It's expensive at \$145 per person (assuming they pass on their first try); involves math, language arts, social studies, and science; and takes a lot of time to prepare for. But it's worth it for our students. We just had one of our students, a single mother, pass her GED after attending our prep classes. She's excited for the opportunity to move on to a pharmacy technician program so she can make a better life for her son—all while proving that hard work and determination can yield second chances.

Lastly, our Family Literacy program includes our ever-popular Tiny Tots story times. Numerous studies have shown that the number one factor in determining a child's academic success—more than a parent's income—is the number of books they have at home. So each week at Tiny Tots, we read a book to children and then give them a copy of that book to take home. If we can inspire our children to read, they can do better in school, apply for better jobs, and provide for their children later on. It's a cycle, and we believe that if we can reach children early enough, we can give them the tools they need to succeed!

Like FOL, reading is central to Literacy Lubbock's mission—above all, we want everyone to have the chance to become literate, and we execute and promote programs that do just that. We are a United Way partner agency, staffed full-time by myself, Julie, and Gwen, and we depend on our dedicated volunteers to make our programs successful. We're fortunate to belong to such a giving, wonderful community, full of generous spirits who believe in our mission. And we just wanted to take a moment and share with you who we are, what we do, and to thank you for your continued support in FOL, literacy, and education!

If you're interested in learning more, please don't hesitate to reach out. Our website is www.literacylubbock.org, our phone number is 806-775-3636, and we're located on the second floor of the Mahon Library.

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Membership Form

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Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Phone _____
Email _____

I would like to volunteer. (Circle one) — yes / no

Annual Membership Level (Circle one):

- \$10 - Individual/Family
- \$5 - Student
- \$25 - Bronze Patron
- \$50 - Silver Patron
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Paid by:

- Cash
- Check # _____
- Credit Card

Date _____

Received by _____

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