

The BOOKMARK



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NEW WAYS TO SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL LIBRARY!
- DETAILS INSIDE! -

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You*

*A Special
Thank You to:*

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

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

**We wish to thank
David Postar of
Discount Storage
for donating
the use of two
huge, climate-
controlled
storage units for
FOL use. This
donation has
been critical to
the maintenance
of FOL operations
during this time.**

From the President...

by Desiree Freyburger

Calling All Volunteers!

Great news, we finally have permission to expand the number of volunteers allowed in the basement, so if you would like to join one of the teams, please email Lillian Arzaghi, our Volunteer Coordinator, at fol@lubbockfol.org and we will add you to a team.

Our number one priority is the safety of our volunteers, so we have a great many protocols in place to make sure you are as protected as possible. These safety guidelines include: teams of volunteers with specific days and times (to minimize exposure in the case that someone does test positive), daily temperature and wellness checks, and mandatory masks and sanitizing. We are also doing some creative thinking to come up with outside-the-box ideas for sales in order to minimize our risk and keep us all safe and healthy.

As soon as the city and library allowed it, we had a limited number of volunteers working hard to sell online, process donations, and renovate the basement to allow for a year-round book store until it is once again safe to have large sales. These intrepid and fantastically hard-working volunteers have truly done amazing things and completed an unbelievable workload. Thank you to all who have been able and willing to volunteer!

One of the projects that has taken place since quarantine includes FOL's effort to separate our newest book donations to supplement the Lubbock Libraries' shelves. All 2018 and newer books were set aside for librarian Beth Carlberg, Lubbock Library's Acquisitions and Special Projects Manager, to process to see which books could be added to the library resources since their book budget was drastically cut. This effort has been tremendously successful, and thus far they have been able to add the following to their inventory:

- 38 bestsellers, 12 this week
- 6 brand new bestsellers that they did not own
- 1 former bestseller they did not own
- 6 copies of a book they have more than 3 holds on
- 14 additional copies of books with very high circulation
- 3 award-winning titles they did not own
- 2 books they borrowed via Interlibrary Loan for users
- 10 books that were circulating very well on Libby, 3 this week
- 22 highly recommended titles they did not own, 10 this week
- 57 mass market paperbacks by popular authors
- 66 popular juvenile novels, 1 added this week
- 4 books that look interesting or have good reviews, 1 this week
- 3 books to replace lost/worn out items, 2 this week
- 5 DVDs, 2 added this week
- 4 large print books
- 2 easy books
- 4 Young Adult books

Since most books retail for \$28-\$30 each, you can see what an incredible impact this has had!

I know a great many people are sad to see no big sales this spring and fall, but FOL is committed to helping our libraries in any way possible. We are off to a great start with our ongoing online sales, back porch sale, personal shopping program, and book store concept. We also encourage everyone to renew their membership in order to participate in these wonderful opportunities, as well as to support our libraries. Thanks again for all of your past support, and we look forward to seeing you all soon!

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

FOL has resumed accepting large donations at the back door of Mahon from **9am to noon on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday**. When making donations, please call to make an appointment, wear a mask during the delivery, and leave contact information with FOL.



- GRAB BAG ONLY - DRIVE-BY SALE

MAHON LIBRARY BACK PORCH

1306 9th Street, Lubbock, Texas

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2020

9:30 AM TO 1:30 PM

- FOL Members Only.
- Grab Bags \$1.00 Each.
- Remain in your vehicle. Face coverings and social distancing required.
- No access to library – “carhop” volunteer service in north parking lot.
- Order via menu provided by volunteers.
- Limited to grab bags currently available. No guarantee of availability.
- Genres from Animals to Westerns.
- Cash and checks preferred, credit card option available on request.

Please, only one vehicle per household.

Volunteers will come to your vehicle, provide a menu to order, take your order, procure grab bags, deliver bags to your vehicle, and collect payment.

During inclement weather, volunteers will remain inside the glass doors and bring a menu out when you arrive.

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 Director of Operations...

by Kathy Nale

Personal Shopper Program

Fellow booklovers, we are so excited to let you know that you are now able to request books through email and have your order filled by a personal shopper!

Note: To participate in the program, ***you must be willing to use a cellphone and email address and be a current member of FOL.***

As of October 19th, you can order through email from all sections of Friends of the Library. Regular books are priced at the standard prices of \$0.50 for adult paperbacks and \$1.00 for hardbacks, \$0.25 for children's paperbacks and \$0.50 for hardbacks. Better Books are priced as marked.

Once your order is placed, your personal shopper will work to locate as many of your items as we have on our shelves. When your order is ready, you will be contacted to pick up curbside at the north door of the Mahon Library (1306 9th St.) Monday through Friday 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Order at www.lubbockfol.org/pshopper.html or on our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/FriendsOfTheLibraryLubbock.

Can't wait to see you curbside!

From the Volunteer Coordinator...

by Lillian Arzaghi

Bookstore by Reservation

At a time when gathering large crowds is inadvisable, FOL is introducing a new concept, Bookstore by Reservation.

Every book shelved in the Mahon basement sales floor will be included in the bookstore. That's right—every book we have for sale is available to our shoppers during bookstore hours! We are excited to offer a new floor plan with expanded sections. Also, we have refined our inventory over the past months by removing outdated materials and replacing them with outstanding incoming donations.

In order to maintain social distancing and mandated capacity restrictions, FOL will limit the number of shoppers by using a reservation system. **You must be a current member of FOL.**

Please watch your email for specific information on the Bookstore dates and the reservation process. Three weekends are planned right now—Nov. 13/14, Dec. 4/5, and Dec. 11/12; then starting in January, every Saturday until Spring Break.

We look forward to sharing this opportunity with our FOL members!

Shop Our Online Book Sales Anytime!



abebooks.com

<https://www.abebooks.com/friends-of-the-lubbock-public-library/1369090/sf>



eBay.com

<https://www.ebay.com/str/friendsofthelubbocklibraries>

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



From the Special Events Director

by Marjorie Malek-Ahmadi

Back Porch Sale Success!

A big thank you goes out to those volunteers who helped us with the Back Porch Teachers Sale! I cannot begin to thank all those who showed up, moved tables, chairs, and BOOKS out to the back porch of the Mahon Library for our October 3rd sale. Our book sales for the day totaled \$1,194.40, memberships came to \$680, and donations for the day reached \$53.50. With a grand total of \$1,927.90, it seemed like a good way to get things moving again for the Friends of the Library.



We'd also like to thank all our teachers who came out and waited patiently for their turn to shop! It was an amazing five hour sale!

Please reference other parts of this newsletter to see what we are offering our customers in the near future!



"Grandpa's library was a fine dark place bricked with books, so anything could happen there and always did. All you had to do was pull a book from the shelf and open it and suddenly the darkness was not so dark anymore."

– Ray Bradbury, 'Farewell Summer'

Friends of the Library



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Since 1967

Membership Form

Name(s) _____

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
- \$75 - Gold Patron
- \$100 - Platinum Patron

OFFICE USE ONLY

Paid by:

- Cash
- Check # _____
- Credit Card

Date _____

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