

# The BOOKMARK



JANUARY 2020

## Friends of Lubbock Public Library

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FRIENDS OF THE LUBBOCK PUBLIC LIBRARY

# HALF-PRICE BOOK SALE



**JAN. 10-11, 2020**

**9:00 AM - 5:00 PM**

**OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

Friends of the Library



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**MAHON LIBRARY BASEMENT, 1306 9TH ST., DOWNTOWN LUBBOCK**

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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

FOL's list of blessings this year is tremendous. A huge thank you to everyone who has made this year so successful and allowed us to help our libraries so much!

To all of our wonderful shoppers, thank you for coming to our Winter Book Sale and making it such a huge success. Don't forget our Half Price Book Sale is Jan. 10-11. It's a great time to pick up amazing bargains to get you through to our next sale in May! And not only are you getting great deals, you're also supporting our libraries.

To our incredibly generous community whose donations provide us with everything from books, DVDs, puzzles, games, records, and more that we are able to sell at our four annual sales as well as online, thank you! We are so lucky to live in such an generous community.

And of course, a very special thank you to our amazingly dedicated volunteer group who put in tens of thousands of hours to make it all happen. Not only is this the hardest working group of volunteers I've ever had the privilege to work with, it is also a group of fascinating, delightful, kind people who make me smile every day. If you're looking for a place to come and make a difference, come volunteer at FOL. We couldn't do so much for the community without all of you. **Thank you!**

## Books for Ghana, Africa

by Terry Ramsay

During one of the FOL book sales in 2018, a gentleman from Ghana inquired if we might, on occasion, receive donations that we were unable to use. His organization accumulates clothing, shoes, and books for shipment to Ghana and distribution to those in need. While the poverty rate in Ghana is 25%, Africa as a whole has a poverty rate of about 43%. The democratically-elected government is stable and is focusing on clean water, universal health care, and public education for all citizens, but there are still many financial challenges.

FOL checked to see what we might possibly have in unwanted books and noticed that we did receive a large number of books pertaining to the Nursing and Medical field, dictionaries, and educational materials that far exceeded our needs. While the information the books contained was still relevant, the books were out of date. Aspiring nurses-to-be in Ghana would love to have the nursing books to boost their skill set when applying for Nursing School! Over a period of six months, we put together a shipment of about 1,500 boxes of previously unwanted books for Ghana.

A local West Texas trucker volunteered to move the boxes from Lubbock to the non-profit's Wichita Falls facility at no charge, and a group of FOL volunteers spent a Saturday morning loading the 1,500 boxes into a 53-foot van. The FOL books, along with used clothing and shoes at the Wichita Falls facility, were loaded a few weeks later into a 40-foot container and drayed to the container ramp in Dallas. From Dallas, a rail journey ensued to port, and finally the container was loaded on a container ship for the port city of Tema, Ghana. The entire journey was about 35 days. The total cost to ship the container was around \$4,200 and was underwritten by a Canadian doctor.

The Ghana non-profit was elated with the quality of books received, and FOL is now working on a second shipment for sometime in the late spring or early summer of 2020. We feel blessed that we have been able to find a new home for books that we are unable to use in our sales, and will continue to look for new outlets.

## 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 Library Director...

by Stacy McKenzie

### *Wonderful Things Happen at Libraries*

A few months ago, Emily Boyett called me and said that her kids had hosted a lemonade stand at their grandparents' apartment complex and made enough money get some items they had been saving for. She asked if it would be possible for them to set up a stand outside the library that weekend. I explained that we really could not allow her to set up a commercial business for profit (as silly as that sounds for a kid's lemonade stand), but that I had an alternate idea if she wanted to hear it. I explained that if they wanted to donate the proceeds of her stand to the FOL book sale that was also happening on that weekend, they could do that since it was a charitable donation, but that I was so sorry, the for-profit model would just not be allowed. She said she would talk to her kids and see what they thought. I really did not expect to hear back from her..., but she did call back and said that her children, Caroline and Josiah, were actually very excited about being able to donate the money they would make to the library. She went on to say that her kids were really excited to help give back to the library but they had one request. Could they be allowed to donate the money in honor of their brother who had recently passed away and who had loved spending time at our Mahon Library? "Of course!" I told them they could do that as I held back tears.

On the day of the sale, Emily and her kids set up their stand and began their most generous act of giving back to the library that had been a source of education, entertainment, and enrichment for their beloved Leland. They had a picture of Leland displayed on the table and the picture was actually of Leland enjoying playtime in our own Mahon children's area, so donations to this cause were extra special. I was extra pleased when Emily called me the week before the Winter Sale and asked to set up another stand...her kids' idea!

The funds from the refreshment stands may not have reached the highest heights as far as the dollar amount, but they were so important in how the library is striving to connect with the community. Dedicated library patronage paired with the FOL sale as a huge civic event means that we are connecting with the Lubbock community in new and meaningful ways! Thank you for inspiring the best in our community patrons. And if Emily, Caroline, and Josiah participate in future events, I hope you will make a purchase from them AND let them know how much they mean to our combined Library and FOL goals!

## 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



December 10, 2019

South Plains Genealogical Society  
1306 9th St.  
Lubbock, Texas 79401

Dear FOL Board:

The South Plains Genealogical Society wants to once again thank you for your monetary donation of three thousand dollars that you contributed to our society. Your continued support has enabled us to add and update our collection in the Mahon Library Genealogy Section. It is with your help that we continue to add books to our collection. What we do is much more than just adding books to the shelves, we assist people that are doing research on their Family Histories. We encourage them to share their stories with their Families, especially with the young ones.

To continue providing this service to our community and surrounding area, we need your continued support. The funds that you provide are used to purchase books from vendors that are not on the library's list of vendors. We purchase books from eBay, Amazon, and other online stores. There is a list of books that we have purchased below. Thanks for your much appreciated support.

- First Families of Bexar County, Texas by Larry W. Lockett
- Chesterfield County Virginia Deeds 1756-1764 by Benjamin B. Weisiger
- The 1787 Census of Virginia Dinwiddle County Petersburg Town
- The Germanna Record
- We purchased Volumes 2, 3, 6, 9, 11, 12, 13, 14, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, and 21. The others are not in print right now.

Henry Ray Lozada  
SPGS President

## Volunteer!

Hours of Operation:

Mahon Library  
Basement

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

### 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



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November 12, 2019

Friends of the Library  
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Dear FOL,

Thank you so much for approval of the funding request for \$3,000 which Literacy Lubbock submitted to the Friends of the Library (FOL) and for issuance of the check in the full amount requested. We are most grateful and excited to have been selected as a recipient of funding from the Friends of the Library. We immensely appreciate your gracious generosity and your continued support of our Early Childhood and Family Literacy programs.

We are sincerely grateful for your confidence and trust in Literacy Lubbock through many years. We will honor this trust, and we will utilize this generous funding from the Friends of the Library specifically for the purchase of children's books of quality literature for our ongoing programs, events, and activities in our Early Childhood and Family Literacy Programs. Literacy Lubbock continues to maintain, enhance, and expand our literacy programs and partnerships for children below school age. Our Tiny Tots Read a Lot! sites at our new locations are most successful.

Julie, Elizabeth, and Gwen  
Literacy Lubbock



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### Online Book Sales

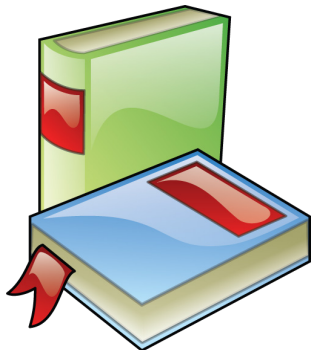
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**eBay.com**

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

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



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## 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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