

# The BOOKMARK



JULY 2020

## Friends of Lubbock Public Library

FOL is a non-profit organization devoting its members' time and efforts to raising funds for the Lubbock Public Library.

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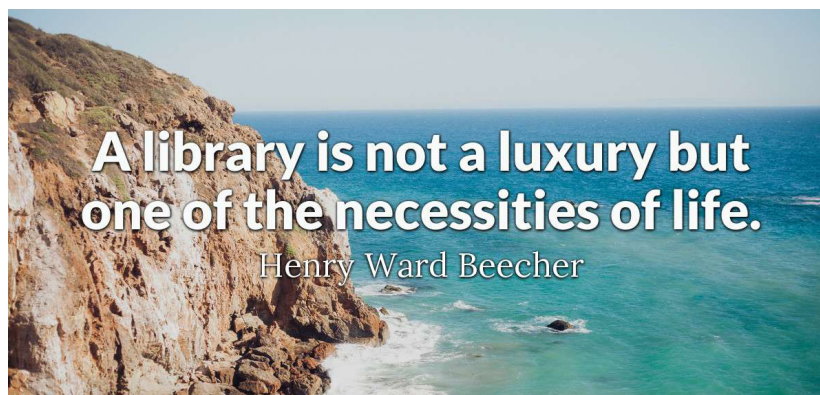
### Visit us online!

www.lubbockfol.org



In response to the COVID-19 outbreak, and in accordance with the CDC guidelines, FOL cancelled the Spring Sale and the Annual Meeting. FOL is committed to continuing our support of our public libraries and its staff, as well as ensuring the safety of our incredible volunteers during these difficult times.

**Due to concerns about the difficulty of safely having a public annual meeting at this time, this newsletter will stand in lieu of our annual meeting.**



*Thank 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!

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**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.**

## Election of FOL Board Members

No additional nominations have been made to the slate of officers up for election, so we ask for everyone to vote for the existing slate of officers as it stands within two weeks of receiving this newsletter by either emailing or mailing in a yea or nay vote. The slate of officers as presented is shown below.

### Slate of Officers

Presented by the Nominating Committee

President - Desiree Freyburger  
Vice-President - Louise Ramsay  
Membership Director - Brian Beauchamp  
Publicity Director - Susan Stack  
Special Events Director - Marjorie Malek-Ahmadi  
Director of Operations - Kathy Nale

Each of these officers will serve for a 2-year term.

YEA

NAY

You may submit your vote either via email to [fol@lubbockfol.org](mailto:fol@lubbockfol.org) or mail to Friends of the Lubbock Public Library, Inc., 1306 9th Street, Lubbock, TX 79401.

### From the Book Sale VPs... by Loraine Oglesby and Louise Ramsay

All of our FOL Book Sales are suspended until further notice. Yes, sadly, the coronavirus is affecting us too. However, we must follow city requirements as far as basement capacity and distancing is concerned.

We have a basement full of books from every genre just waiting for all you book lovers. FOL is investigating other types of book sales as we move forward into this new normal. We are hoping to have an alternative soon and we will publish this information. You will be the first to know!

*Reading gives us someplace to go  
when we have to stay where we are.*

## 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.

## From the Online Sales Director...

by Dianne Ivy

While in-person sales have been placed on hold for now, Online Sales are up and running. We were able to reopen both of our stores on May 7th and have over 11,000 items currently listed. So if you're looking for a book, and a way to support FOL and the library, check out our stores on eBay and AbeBooks. We are currently running a sale in our eBay store and, remember, current FOL members can receive a 25% discount if they contact us prior to purchase. You can find our stores at:

**[AbeBooks.com](http://AbeBooks.com)**

[www.abebooks.com/friends-of-the-lubbock-public-library/1369090/sf](http://www.abebooks.com/friends-of-the-lubbock-public-library/1369090/sf)

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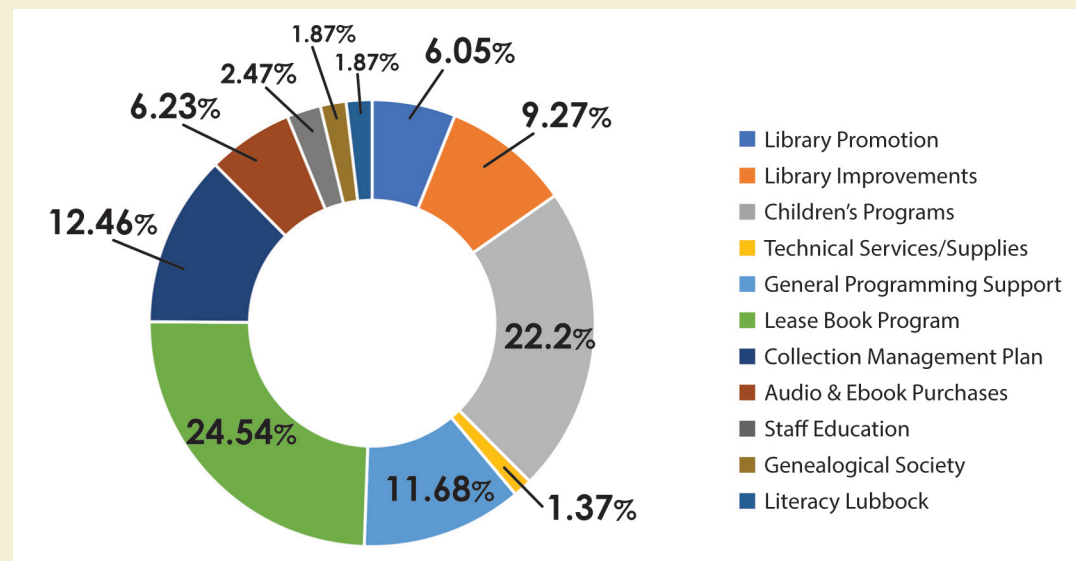
## From the Treasurer...

by Lynne Strickland

FOL is continuing to support public library programming being conducted virtually. Check out **Lubbock Public Library** on Facebook ([www.facebook.com/LubbockLibrary/](http://www.facebook.com/LubbockLibrary/)) for upcoming events. Our commitment to public library functions remains strong while we consider other ways to raise funds. We appreciate the support and patience of our members and the Lubbock community.



FOL contributes annually to the budget of the Lubbock Public Library System. Proceeds from FOL book sales go to fund programs for the Lubbock Public Library System. Our total contribution in 2019 was **\$160,486!**



## 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 Library Director...

by Stacy McKenzie

Hello, Friends!

What an absolutely wild ride our libraries have been on! Each time I sit down to write an update for our libraries, something changes that makes all of the previous updates into “old news”! By the time you read this, there may be more updates that are not included here, so please know that you can always email or call me with updates, but I will do my best with some high points of library updates.

Groves, Godeke, and Mahon libraries are open and operating at our normal hours. Patterson is closed to provide drive-through testing to the community. We do not have an ETA for Patterson to open, but we are proud to be helping our community with the testing services. Even though we do have three libraries open, the computer labs are not yet open and we are awaiting more direction and help to get those open in a safe and secure manner. We hope that our computer labs will be open in mid-July!

As of Monday, June 29th, all patrons, staff, visitors, volunteers, and contractors must wear a mask at all times while in the library. We do anticipate this to be a temporary measure and when the city-wide new cases decrease, I believe the mandatory mask order will be lifted. But in the meantime, staff is making sure that visitors are in compliance with the declaration, and we are doing all we can to ensure that the library is not an exposure site. We are cleaning each book that comes into the library, quarantining it for 72 hours, and we have all staff sanitizing the library by zones on a daily basis. We are in full compliance with Lubbock Safe! guidelines and we appreciate all you have done to be sure that we can meet that goal.

One major change that we have had to make due to the COVID-19 pandemic involved the overhaul of our Summer Reading Program. Our 2020 summer reading program “Imagine Your Story” is in full swing, and even though we have had to adjust to an all virtual and online format, our librarians have all pitched in to create an engaging and innovative program with crafts and live storytimes and program presenters! We have all the appealing components that we have always had in our Summer Reading Programs, but this year it is all online. In upcoming years we will continue our virtual element to all of our programs and summer reading, and as great as this has all turned out, we do look forward to time when we can host in-person programs in the library. We are expecting this to be as soon as August. So stay tuned as we work toward achieving the “new normal,” whatever that may bring to libraries!

Thanks to all of the FOL volunteers for supporting our programs on social media, for signing up for our Adult (and all ages) summer reading programs online (see details on the [City of Lubbock Library](https://ci.lubbock.tx.us/departments/library) website, [ci.lubbock.tx.us/departments/library](https://ci.lubbock.tx.us/departments/library)) and for all you do for our libraries. We are so lucky to have you working alongside us during these challenging times. We will come out on the other side together!

*Friends of the Library*



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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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