

The BOOKMARK



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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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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.

For the safety of our members, and out of an abundance of caution, we are foregoing a large gathering, so this year's Annual Meeting is again by newsletter.



We hope to be able to meet in person next year.

*"Hope" is the thing with feathers -
That perches in the soul -
And sings the tune without the words -
And never stops - at all....*

— Emily Dickinson

*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!

**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

While reading my book club's pick this month (Jennie Allen's "Get Out of Your Head: Stopping the Spiral of Toxic Thoughts"), I was struck by several things. First was how wrong I was—which I admit, happens often! When someone in our group picked this book, I was horrified and was seriously considering skipping it. While I am quite sure that there are countless ways in which I need to work to improve myself, I am not a fan of self-help books. Give me a great fiction, history, or biography book and you can't get me to tear myself away, but I couldn't imagine forcing myself to wade through this book. However, in our book club, you don't get wine and snacks unless you've read the book, so I grudgingly began it. What struck me as I have been reading it, aside from being shocked at really enjoying it, is one of its primary messages: Choose Gratitude. Even when times are tough, choose to be grateful for all the good things and remember how many others truly have it so much worse.

After the last year, I think we can all be grateful to see an end in sight. Thanks to a pandemic, ghastly presidential race, and the shutdown of our economy, there are so many reasons to feel incredibly pessimistic about our world. I can think of no other time in recent history when we all needed to find a silver lining and focus on the good while so much of our society, especially our news, is completely focused on the tragedies we have faced and trying to keep us mired in fear and resentment. So, I am turning my TV off, rejecting prevailing opinions about the state of the world, and choosing gratitude. And I wanted to share with you some of the things for which I am most grateful.

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU to:

- All Friends of the Library volunteers—you are selfless, tireless, and truly amazing.
- Everyone who donates to and shops from Friends of the Library—you are helping a wonderful cause which touches our entire community.
- Our libraries and librarians—keepers of our greatest treasures and resources: books and knowledge.

You have all made my days brighter and fuller, and I am so grateful for you!

And if you haven't come to the Mahon basement recently, come and find a book and let it bring you some much needed joy and hope.

**IT IS NOT JOY THAT MAKES US GRATEFUL,
IT IS GRATITUDE THAT MAKES US JOYFUL.**

— DAVID STEINDL-RAST



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 775-2852, leave contact information with FOL to make an appointment, and wear a mask during the delivery.

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 30 days of receiving this newsletter by either emailing or mailing in a yea or nay vote. The slate of officers is shown below.

Slate of Officers

Presented by the Nominating Committee

Vice President - Loraine Oglesby

Treasurer - Dianne Ivy

Online Director - Susan Stack

Recording Secretary - Lynne Strickland

Corresponding Secretary - Maxine Asmah

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

YEA

NAY

You may submit your votes either via email to fol@lubbockfol.org or mail to Friends of the Lubbock Public Library, Inc., 1306 9th Street, Lubbock, TX 79401.

Proposed Bylaws Change

Currently Article III, Membership, Section 2 reads:

Membership shall consist of four categories:

- Individual/Family
- Patron: Bronze, Silver, Gold, Platinum
- Student

The change to be voted on (highlighted in red):

Membership shall consist of **three** categories:

- Individual/Family
- Patron: Bronze, Silver, Gold, Platinum
- Student/**Educator**

Please vote YEA to agree to the change or NAY for no change.

YEA

NAY

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

Although our online bookstores were closed for a couple of months, online sales have stayed strong during this year of shutdowns. In the first three months of 2021, we have had gross sales topping \$26,000 and shipped almost 700 items to buyers across the U.S. and the world. We currently have over 11,200 items listed in our stores, with new items being listed almost daily. We would love to add you to our list of customers this year, so please visit our two online stores. You never know what you might find!

AbeBooks.com

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

eBay.com

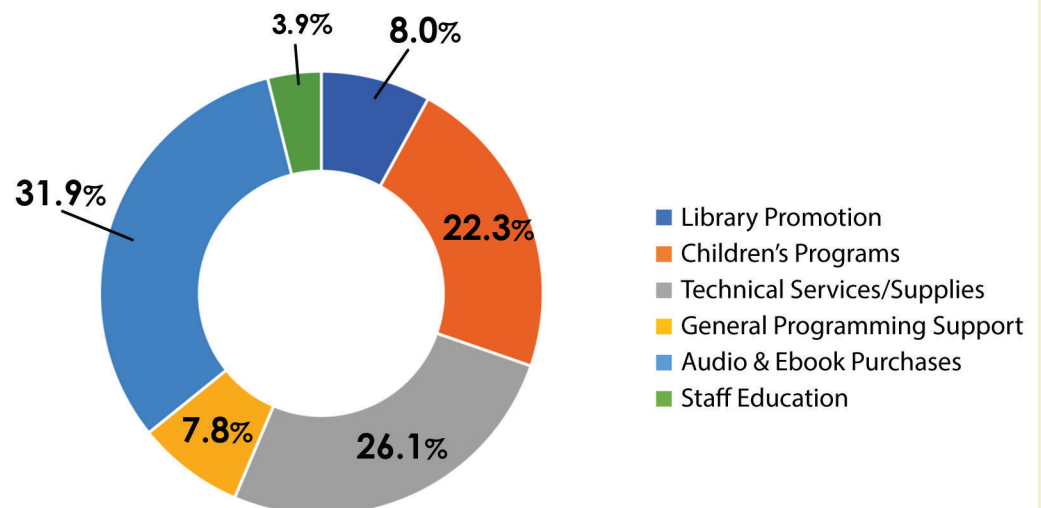
www.ebay.com/str/friendsofthelubbocklibraries

Now that things have begun to re-open, we are also recruiting for new volunteers to help us get even more items listed. If you like working online, and have an interest in books, we would love to have you come down and check us out. Call 806-775-2852 and ask for Susan or Dianne.

From the Treasurer...

by Lynne Strickland

In 2020, the FOL continued their efforts to support public library programming. Our commitment to public library functions remains strong while we continue to expand our book-selling opportunities in 2021, both on-site and online. FOL contributes annually to the budget of the Lubbock Public Library System. Proceeds from FOL book sales go to fund the programs they offer. Our contribution to 2020 operations totaled **\$124,112!**



We appreciate the support and patience of our members and the Lubbock community. Check out the [Lubbock Public Library](https://www.facebook.com/LubbockLibrary/) on Facebook (www.facebook.com/LubbockLibrary/) for upcoming library events.

Volunteer!

Volunteers continue to donate their time with Lubbock Friends of the Library.

Guidelines are in place to promote the health and safety of every volunteer.

FOL is now accepting new volunteers.

Benefits of Volunteering:

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



From the Director of Operations and the Volunteer Coordinator...

by Kathy Nale and Lillian Arzaghi

The FOL response to changing times is to **Think Outside the Box!**

As local and state restrictions change according to the fluctuations of the pandemic, FOL will alter its restrictions on volunteering and shopping as appropriate.

In the meantime, FOL is taking ideas and turning them into actions as we continue to serve the Lubbock Library System and its community.

Some of the innovations we are participating in are:

- collecting and donating books regularly to the Montford Unit;
- donating select books to the East Lubbock Art House;
- donating select books to the Garrison Geriatric and Care Center through a Tech medical student's project;
- donating select books to the Little Free Library Program of LISD;
- periodically donating excess children's books to local schools in underserved areas; and
- encouraging active volunteers to continue sharing unwanted books with local non-profits.

Some ways we are reaching out to buyers:

- keeping a list of Booksellers to keep them informed of special opportunities;
- keeping a list of educators to keep them informed of special opportunities;
- opening the Mini BookStore pilot program on the main floor of Mahon;
- providing unique shopping opportunities for groups such as the local Down syndrome organization; and
- special sales such as the Spring Educator Sale.

Of course, none of this would be possible without the generous donations of books from the community; the time, effort, and hard work of our volunteers; and the support of the local businesses such as United Supermarkets (grocery sacks), Llano Estacado (wine boxes), and the generous donation of storage units by David Postar of Affordable Storage.

FOL is constantly on the lookout for innovative ways to sell books and serve the community. If you have any ideas, please send them to the FOL at fol@lubbockfol.org and they will be forwarded to the board.

Volunteering: Please email fol@lubbockfol.org, attention Lillian, if:

- you are a volunteer who has stayed home during the pandemic but are now interested in returning; or
- you are interested in becoming a new volunteer with FOL.

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!



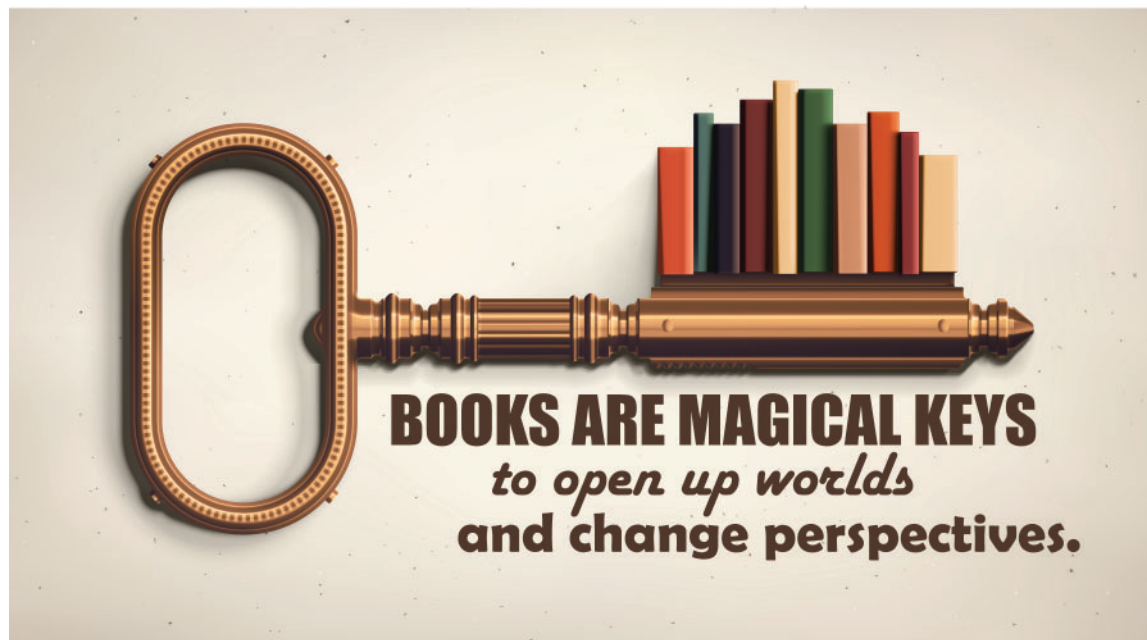
From the Book Sale VPs... by Loraine Oglesby and Louise Ramsay

Our Last Friday BookStore is a success! We have received lots of positive feedback from our book lovers. We plan to increase the number of reservations in the coming months. We want everyone to enjoy the benefits of our vast collection of books! Also the prices can't be beat. Our famous \$1.00 hardbacks and 50-cent paperbacks are very popular!

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY MINI BOOKSTORE IS COMING SOON!

This is a new concept for our library here in Lubbock. There will be an area on the MAIN FLOOR in Mahon Library, near the checkout desk, stocked with hardback and paperback books. They will sell for \$1.00 for hardbacks and 50 cents for paperback. This Mini BookStore will operate year round any time the library is open. We are hoping to open in May. Stay tuned for more exciting news about our new Mini BookStore!

Our next Last Friday BookStore sale is coming up on April 23 and 24. Mark your calendars now! Our shelves are stocked with lots of goodies!



Tom Moore, longtime FOL Volunteer, passed away March 31, 2021, at the age of 73. Our thoughts and sympathy go out to his wife, Carla, and their family.



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Since 1967

Membership Form

Name(s) _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Would you would like to volunteer? YES / NO

Are you a Teacher? YES / NO

Are you a Bookseller/Bulk Buyer? 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 # _____
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Date _____

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