

The BOOKMARK



SUMMER 2022

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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You are invited to the
Friends of the Lubbock Public Library

LAST FRIDAY BOOKSTORE

Reservations are available, but not required. Walk-ins are welcome!

May 27-28 • June 24-25 • July 29-30

9:00am-2:00pm

(Shop until 3:00pm)

Friday Members Only - Saturday Open to the Public

To make a reservation, go to
bit.ly/FOLBookStore
or scan the QR code below.

Shoppers agree to refrain from participating if exhibiting COVID symptoms. Masks are not required but are appreciated.

MAHON LIBRARY BASEMENT
1306 9th Street, Downtown Lubbock

Cash, checks, credit and debit cards accepted.

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make a reservation!



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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!



Regular Volunteer Hours

Mon. 9am-3pm
Tues. 9am-8pm
Wed. 9am-3pm
Thurs. 9am-3pm
Fri. 9am-3pm
Sat. 9:30am-1:30pm

From the President...

by Brian Beauchamp

I am humbled by the opportunity to serve as your president. I would like to thank Desiree for the outstanding job as president. She was able to guide the organization through a ton of changes. We went from total lockdown to strict limits on the number of volunteers we could have at any one time.

She was able to guide us through all that while trying various ideas to generate a little income. We were able to rearrange the library so we could shift to the Last Friday BookStore concept that has proven to be successful with our monthly sales. That is a lot of changes to face. But Desiree did it all with a smile.

I guess you can say I'm a relatively new member of the FOL. I retired at the end of 2016 from U.S. Foods and started volunteering about six months later.

I started as sorter and I'm still doing it. I have been serving as the membership director for the last couple of years. My experience with the Friends of the Library has been nothing but positive. We are a group of people from lots of different backgrounds who come together to share the joy of reading. Through our collective effort, we were able to provide the library with \$91,000 last year. It is only possible with the work of a lot of people. We are so lucky to have 132 active volunteers. Thank you so much for all you do.

I would like to make a little pitch for the online department. They could use some more help. If you have some time available, Susan Stack and Dianne Ivy would be happy to show you what is involved. They both have the patience of Job and they are a lot of fun. If you are interested in learning a new skill, please go see them.

We had another successful sale in April with sales over \$10,000. Thanks to all our customers and all the volunteers who made the sale successful. We continue to hear positive comments from the customers about the shopping experience. Hopefully, we can maintain the sales volume in future Last Friday BookStore sales, and we should be able to easily maintain our current support for the library. Our online book sales continue to produce excellent results.

Any suggestions on how we can continue to improve the Friends of the Library are always welcome. We are so grateful for all our volunteers and members.



Shop Our Online Book Sales Anytime!



eBay.com
<http://tiny.cc/FOLeBay>



AbeBooks.com
<http://tiny.cc/FOLabebooks>

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

Book donations are welcome!

Donations of books (less than 6 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 9th 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

Larger donations are accepted at the Mahon Library rear loading dock **BY APPOINTMENT**. Call 806-775-2852 to speak to a volunteer or leave a message for callback to schedule a drop-off time. Our ability to accept donations is dependent on having volunteers available to accept them.

From the Book Sale VPs...

by Loraine Oglesby
and Linda Muehlbrad

We are delighted at the success of our Last Friday BookStore! Our thanks to the many volunteers who staff the sale, giving generously of their time and knowledge. We've had many customers ask "Where would I find...?" and, lo and behold, we usually find someone who can direct them to the right spot.

It is a such a joy to see the excitement on children's faces as they clutch their new-found treasure to their chests, reluctant to surrender their book to be counted, and their palpable relief when the book is returned to them so they can read it on the way home. So heartfelt thanks to all the parents and grandparents who buy books for the little ones and/or bring them to our sales. We appreciate and are thrilled to welcome all book lovers to our sales.



From the Recording Secretary...

by Lynne Strickland

The following officers were elected during our Annual Meeting held on April 24, 2022:

President: Brian Beauchamp
Co-Vice President: Linda Muehlbrad
Membership Director: Cathy Syper
Special Events Director: Marjorie Malek-Ahmadi
Director of Operations: LaFonda Gerhart

All Bylaws changes as listed in the Spring Newsletter were approved by the members attending the Annual Meeting. Thanks to Stacy McKenzie, our guest speaker, for a very interesting and informative talk on questions she has received concerning the Lubbock Public Library system. Desiree Freyburger also thanked the 132 active volunteers who contributed 21,895 hours to FOL in 2021.

Join Today!

Annual Membership:

- \$10 – Individual/Family
- \$5 – Student/Educator
- \$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...

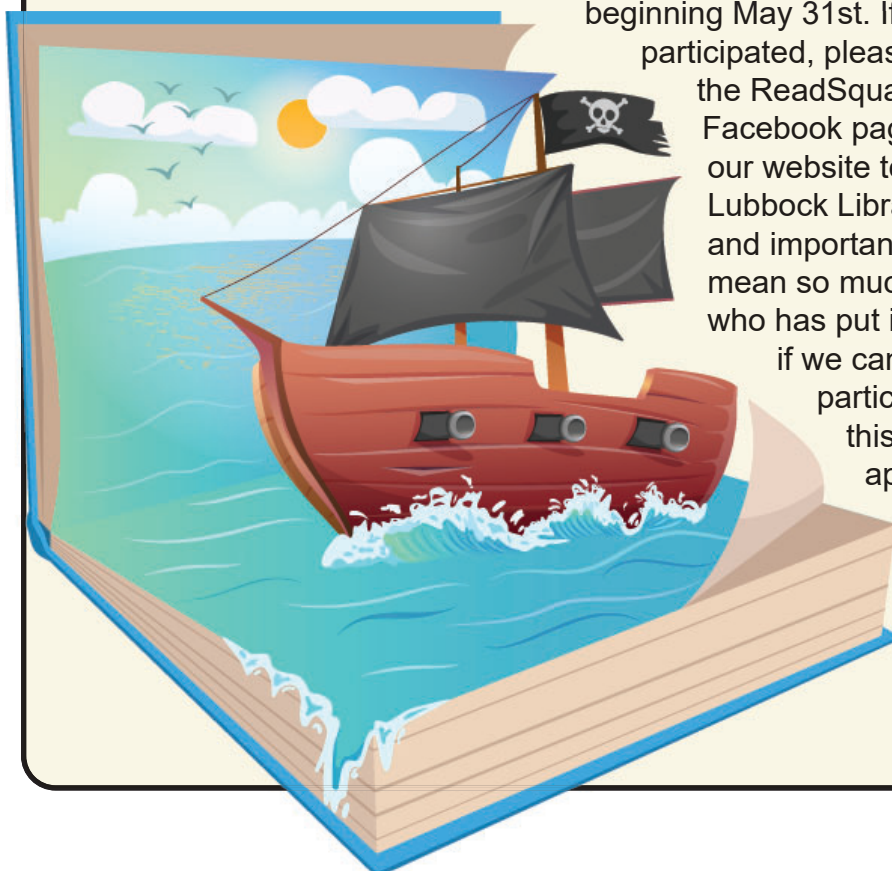
by Stacy McKenzie

Every single staff member is gearing up for this year's Summer Reading Program, themed "Oceans of Possibilities!" This incredible theme coincides with the generous donation from Atmos Energy and Complex Federal Credit Union which is allowing some updates to the Children's area at Mahon that includes many ocean-themed elements! We are hanging some enormous sea creature kites, recovering the children's desk with mermaid scales, and adding some aquarium-type elements that will transform the Mahon children's area in an undersea adventure. We made sure there was a budget for all libraries to dedicate some funding to décor this year because that always makes an impression on our patrons.

In addition to great decorations, we are giving away some of the biggest and best prizes in our summer reading history! We have three PS5 gaming consoles and 2 Oculus Quest VR headsets to give away for summer reading participants. Other prizes include a \$100 United gift card for adult participants. We were given enough to give one away per week! We have a host of gift cards from local restaurants and great activity kits for youth prizes. We decided to go extra big with our participation prizes this year to really focus on marketing and promotion of the program, and we will still have the same fun of getting a prize for completing the reading, as well. We made sure that adults had some regular prizes and programming this summer, too! I am even presenting a program this year about my trip to Galapagos!

Don't forget to sign up for this program beginning May 31st. If you have never participated, please sign up using the ReadSquared app via our Facebook page or through our website to support the Lubbock Libraries in a new and important way! It will mean so much to everyone who has put in so much effort if we can break some participation records this year, and we appreciate your help with this endeavor, as well!

Thank you for all you do, and "sea" you soon!



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Membership Form

Name(s) _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

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Would you would like to volunteer? YES / NO

Are you a Teacher? YES / NO

Are you a Bookseller/Bulk Buyer? YES / NO

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