



FRIEND TO FRIEND NEWSLETTER

April 2018

UPDATES FROM THE

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY PRESIDENT

Friends – A word of advice to keep in mind. If something is worth remembering and you would like to share it with others, write it down. A memory will always be there but you may not be able to share it. I remember at a luncheon following my younger sister's funeral biting into a tuna salad sandwich. Suddenly I spoke out "Where is Ruby Gorden? She has to be here." Sure enough she was in the back kitchen of this small country church. Ruby was one of our lunch room ladies at school. As far as I'm concerned her claim to fame had to be her tuna and peanut butter with banana sandwiches that I had been served every Friday for 12 years. The tuna was so distinctive that biting into one 30 years later sparked an unforgettable sensation. Ruby is no longer able to share her tuna salad recipe with us and neither is her recipe available. I know you are wondering where I'm going with this. My point is that if it is worth remembering then write it down. Share it with others by expressing it in words, poetry or song. Put it in writing for others to enjoy and benefit from it. Save it so that it will not be forgotten. Where would be a better place to keep this safe than your local public library? Place it in the LIBRARY. Your local library will always be there.

Technology is ever-changing. Changes cost money. Libraries may not have all the reserves and budgets that are needed to supply their members with all they would like to. This is where organizations like the Friends of the Library step in. The Seguin FOL's mission is just that. To be able to

support and help when and where needed to ensure that the Seguin Public Library is able to make available to you the public all that you request and require to stay educated and up to date with the growing needs our world is now requiring of us. Because of you, our members and volunteers, the FOL is able to do just this.

Spring has arrived. Winter is behind us. The Friends of the Library has blossomed just as the plants, trees and flowers all around Seguin. Our 2017/2018 year is coming to a close. We have had a very fulfilling year. In the last newsletter there was a challenge made to all members and volunteers. In case you have forgotten, a request was made to all to attempt to sign up a new member. You accepted this challenge. Presently the FOL offers individual, couple, family and business memberships. In response to that challenge we have expanded by 5 individual, 1 couple and 1 business memberships.

In addition to our additional members and renewal of present members, the FOL has been the recipient of several honors. The Seguin Chamber of Commerce selected the Friends of the Library as the April Member of the Month. The Geronimo Lion's Club invited the FOL to host the February First Friday Feast. The dinner drew a record crowd. As is custom, the invited host is the recipient of a \$ 500 donation to their organization. In recognition of the large crowd, the FOL received an additional \$250 to continue our dream of making the Seguin Public Library become the best in its class. In case you are not aware the Seguin

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Downtown Main Street organization hosts the Third Thursday event. This event enables downtown businesses to remain open additional hours. Gift & Gourmet makes a donation each time to representing a percentage of their sales to a charity or non-profit of their choice. In March, Gift & Gourmet presented to the Friends of the Library a check for \$400 which represented 20% of their sales that evening. Thank you, Mary Reiley.

Our speakers and presenters have been drawing record crowds. Floyd McKee and Carolyn Bading experienced large attendances in October and January. The FOL also hosted a Peace Reading in September, a Christmas reading to children as part of the December Christmas Stroll and Poetry Reading in conjunction with the Seguin Arts-fest in March. Also in March, a few of our volunteers participated in the Ball Early Childhood Literacy Reading night. The Guadalupe County Texas Exes held a book drive benefiting the Friends of the library and delivered several boxes of books for the store.

In April, we will close out our year with a program on Texas Lutheran University and its involvement in Seguin presented by Stephen Anderson.

It has been a very fulfilling and rewarding year. We have accomplished much and it could not have been done without you, our volunteers and members. You are a very caring community that take pride in their own.

Now my challenge for next year is for the FOL family to continue to grow, reach out

and make 2018/2019 just as great if not greater. Please strive to bring in a new member. Keep in mind that membership is not restricted to individuals. Area businesses, organizations and other nonprofits are encouraged to become part of our ever-growing family as well.

Please join us on April 19 at our final FOL membership meeting for the year. The new slate of officers will be introduced and voted on.

Thanks – *Danny Vinson*, President.



FRIENDS' SPRING MEETING & PROGRAM

The Friends' spring meeting and program will be held in the Community Meeting Room at the Seguin Public Library on Thursday, April 19th beginning at 6:30 PM. A short business meeting, including election of officers, will precede the program. Mr. Stephen Anderson, Archivist at Texas Lutheran University, will present interesting tidbits of TLU history from the archives, which he will explain in the context of the times in which they occurred. Mr. Anderson has served as TLU's volunteer archivist since he retired from the position of Assistant to the President for Administration and Public Affairs at TLU in January 2017. Before working at TLU, Anderson worked as a legislative aide for two members of the Texas House of Representatives, and on the staff of Governor Mark White. He and his wife Cathy are active in the Seguin community and their church. Please join us for this fun and informative event.



BOOKSTORE REPORT

Thank you to the citizens of Seguin and Guadalupe County for supporting the Bookstore in your new public library. Your donations of books and magazines sold in the store helped us have a very successful first year, 2017, and this would not have been possible without your help.

Volunteers and The Friends of the Library run the store. Store profits fund the various programs offered at the library throughout the year. The summer reading program, toddler time, programs for teenagers and adults and the purchase of books and movies

Our store hours are 10 to 6 Monday thru Thursday, 10 to 4 on Friday, and 10 to 2 on Saturday.

With your continued support 2018 should be a great year.

Linda Williams, Bookstore Manager



BOOKSTORE CONTACT AND HOURS

As shown in the previous report, business is booming at the Friends Bookstore! The Friends Bookstore phone number is 830-386-2204. Bookstore hours are:

Monday-Thursday, 10:00 AM – 6:00 PM
Friday, 10:00 AM -- 4:00 PM
Saturday, 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM



FRIENDS FINANCIALS

The Friends organization exists for the purpose of supporting the Seguin Public Library. In this endeavor, all members of the Friends can congratulate themselves for a job well-done! The figures shown below reflect income from the Bookstore and expenditures made by the Friends in support of the library since the last membership meeting on October 19, 2017.

- *2017 Bookstore Income*
 - Sales: \$16,238
 - Donation Jar: \$362
- *2018 Bookstore Income as of March*
 - Sales: \$4,869
 - Donation Jar: \$110
- *October 2017 Expenditures - \$8,271* for Fall 2017 library funding requests including the following:
 - \$7,000 for CloudLibrary
 - \$795 for READSquared
 - \$476 for AV equipment for Community Meeting Room
- *February 2018 Expenditures - \$2,300* for Winter 2018 library funding requests including the following:
 - \$800 for yoga classes (20 sessions costing \$40 each)
 - \$1,200 for Youth Services Interns
 - \$300 for Seasonal/Quarterly Adult Night Craft Club

Additional information will be included in the Treasurer's Report that will be delivered at the April 19th business meeting.



SLATE OF CANDIDATES FOR FRIENDS OFFICERS

President – Danny Vinson (running for a second one-year term)
Vice President – Janet Wolber
Secretary – Martha Rinn
Treasurer – Ruth Ander
Members-at-Large – Sydney Burton, Stella Ozuna, and Dacia Roberts



SEGUIN PUBLIC LIBRARY EVENTS

More information about all of the following programs can be found on the library’s web site – or stop by and visit with a friendly library staff member!

Special Event This Spring

*Wednesday, April 18, 6:30 PM in the Seguin Public Library Community Meeting Room, **The Holocaust through the Eyes of a Child Survivor*** – Holocaust survivor Dr. Inge Auerbacher will bring history to life by sharing her personal experiences as a child in the Terezin (Theresienstadt) concentration camp in Czechoslovakia.

Ongoing Events

Children’s Programs

Interactive storytime (ages 0-5); dual language storytime (English and Spanish, ages 3-11); book parties; LEGO club; Kids Discover; art afternoons; annual Summer Reading Program; 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten.

Preteen Programs

Preteen Tech Club; preteen Creative Club; Bookface Challenge

Teen Programs

Teen Tuesdays; Girls Who Code (grades 6-12); Teen Book Club; Teen Advisory Board; Teen Read; Bookface Challenge

Adult Programs

Computer classes; Ancestry 101: A Hands-On Workshop; adult craft night; adult coloring night; coloring in concert; Book Nuts Book Club; Meet the Author; Spanish Club; French Club; Do Well, Be Well with Diabetes; Blood Pressure Workshop; Yoga at the Library; My Grown Up and Me Yoga



CONTACT & HOURS FOR THE SEGUIN PUBLIC LIBRARY

Phone: 830.401.2422

Hours:

Monday-Thursday, 9:00 AM – 8:00 PM
 Friday, 9:00 AM – 6:00 PM
 Saturday, 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM
 Sunday, 1:00 PM – 5:00 PM

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