

Little Elm Friends of the Library

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER (Incoming)

Lynn Hidell

Who are the Friends of the Library?

We started out being just like you, individuals who understood the importance of what a library can do for people of all ages and the value of a library in a community. Now we are a group of individuals that love and cherish our Library. Our goal is to improve and sustain the library through our commitment. We support library service in the community through volunteerism, fundraising, and as advocates in promoting the library programs to the community. In order to do this WE NEED MORE PEOPLE LIKE YOU who understand the importance and value that a library brings to the community. Libraries are for everyone and WE NEED YOU as a Friend to help the library provide services for all the children, teens, adults, and senior citizens that already use or will someday use the Little Elm Library. We encourage you to fill out the form in the newsletter and send it in today. Some of the benefits of being a member include:

Birthday and Anniversary Events: On Sunday, October 12th, from 2-4pm, we will celebrate our eleventh anniversary with Robin Cole Jett as the keynote speaker. Her topic is an exciting one on Bonnie and Clyde that will not only appeal to the historian but to those that love adventure! At this event we will also be donating a collection of books on genealogy in memory of our past president Adelle Bell. The Dallas Cowboy game will even be televised in the Library thanks to Brion Enterprises, one of the largest commercial Direct TV dealers in the country. This is also the Tenth Birthday celebration for the Little Elm Library (green paper gifts are enthusiastically welcomed). Please join us for a poppin' program, festive food and fantastic friends to celebrate the day.

Fundraisers: Each year the Friends of the Library launch their most popular annual Trivia fund raiser. This year's event is scheduled for Tuesday, January 27, 2009 at Lakeside Junior High School. This fund raising event has generated money for the purchase of new books, shelving units, computers, items for the chess club and other library needs as well as adding to the fund for your future Library building.

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The Friends of the Library's two main sources of income are Trivia and Membership. WE NEED YOU to help make a difference so we hope each of you will join the Friends and lend your support to your Library. You may be as involved as you want to be. Please take a moment to fill out the membership form with this newsletter. To keep up with the weekly library events, go to <http://ci.little-elm.tx.us/library>, click on Get Connected, type your email address, and mark the box to receive the page by page library newsletter.

LITTLE ELM FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY



The Friends of the Little Elm Public Library is a dedicated group of individuals who are committed to sustaining and improving the Library. Meetings are held on the second Thursday of the month in the Council Meeting room at Town Hall at 7:00 p.m. The FOL is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization. The Lakeview Reader is the official publication of the Friends.

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER (Outgoing)

Nick Apel

Regretfully, it was a short stint as the President of the Little Elm Friends of the Library. However, for the Friends team, it was a time of great achievement. We were able to raise in the neighborhood of \$8,000, and donate at least 40 books to the Library.

The Friends of the Library enjoy contributing to the ongoing operations of the Library and grateful for the outstanding service that the Library provides with such limited resources. When one considers all that the Library accomplishes in the course of every month it is astounding, and our response must be to find ways to help it grow and prosper. Our Library facility is less than 4000 square feet and we need to have a facility that is at least thirty thousand square feet to properly accommodate the needs of our citizens. This new facility is the vision of the Friends of the Library.

Times are hard and the Library is a great resource for those who are looking for new employment opportunities, new skills, or just looking to read a good book. As I assume new duties as part of the Friends of the Library team, I look forward to much greater community participation and an invigorated effort to accumulate the necessary funds to support a new and more vibrant Library facility in the future.

Please be assured that we need you. We need your time and your ideas so that we can accomplish our goals and achieve our vision. Thank you for the opportunity to serve, and I hope to be serving with you soon.

PAGE BY PAGE

Tina Hager

"Small but mighty" was the most recent comment made by a Little Elm Library patron about the Little Elm Public Library with over 28,000 books and other items, 16 public access computers, one public printer, public copier, and public fax are nestled in an approximately 4,200 square foot space (and a portion of that space is staff work area). During the month of July alone, 75 programs were presented to various age groups, 6,663 people visited the library and 4,216 items were checked out. New library cards were issued to 283 people and since the library opened in Town Hall in August 2003, we have signed up an average of 200 new patrons a month. Approximately 300 new items are added every month. Lately it is not unusual to have anywhere from 40-60 people in the library at one time. That is not counting the time when we have toddler time that can average 35-55 attendees just for that program.

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These numbers may not mean very much if you have never been in the Little Elm library but for those who have visited, they are amazed at how much can be accomplished in such a small space. More exciting events are on their way including the fall reading club for all ages that runs from September 1st to October 31st and the winter reading club from December 1st through January 31st.

September is National Library Card Sign up month so if you have not already gotten a library card, September is the month to do it. And if you have not joined the Friends yet, please do that as well. Of course you can get a library card or join the Friends any time. We will also be doing special programming on the September project and Constitution Week (a partnership project with the Frisco Preston Ridge Chapter of DAR). The library fundraiser during the months of September through December is the Entertainment Coupon book for the DFW area (\$20) This makes a great gift, it helps save you money and helps the library at the same time.

October is Happy 10th Birthday for the Little Elm Library and Happy 11th Anniversary for the Friends of the Library. The anniversary party will be held on Sunday, October 12th so stay tuned for updates. Put on your party hats and join the fun. The library is also planning on bringing back the Haunted library fundraiser and the next fundraiser that starts in October and runs until we are sold out is the Big Coloring Books that will be on sale for \$5.00 each.

In November, the library will be hosting a craft fair instead of the monthly business fair so people can come and get some unique gifts for gift giving and avoid some of the holiday hustle and bustle.

Those are just a few of the special programs that will be going on in the next few months. There are always special events that are currently in the works but not confirmed yet in addition to the ongoing programs which include book clubs, story times, movie showings, teen advisory board, Toastmasters, story time with Maggie the Dog, costume character visits, computer classes, anime club, chess club, seizure support group, and monthly business fair to name a few.

I do write library newsletters that can be found in various local newspapers, magazines, and websites. To receive a copy of the weekly newsletter straight to your home via your computer, go to <http://ci.little-elm.tx.us/library>, click on Get Connected, enter your email address (make sure to scroll down and check the box that says Get Connected to the Library) and then check the subscribe box below. This is the best way to keep up to date with what is going on at your library on a regular basis.

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Speaking of computers, if you know of anyone who is job hunting, the library now has a desktop icon on each of its computers that gives access to four major Texas newspapers (Dallas Morning News, Houston Chronicle, San Antonio Express, and Austin Statesman) so people can research jobs. During the month of July, 49 people used this service at the library. Many thanks to the representatives with Jobview and the major newspapers involved with this project for making this service available for us to offer to our library users.

Though the library has 16 public access computers and two additional computers available for use in the Town Hall lobby, we are in need of additional computers for public use. For the month of July, there were 2,117 internet users and 395 people had to wait for computer use. That is why we are looking into obtaining laptops that can be checked out for use in the library. The Friends of the Library have donated \$2,000 towards the purchase of laptops and they should be ready for use by September. We would like to purchase more to help address the high demand need for computers, so if anyone would like to help by donating money or laptops, please let us know.

Are you a gamer or know gamers? The library now has a game cube and Wii available for use during certain times at the library. Gaming is for all ages and beneficial in many ways. We are also hoping to put together different tournaments so stay tuned. The PS2 and Xbox 360 are currently on our wish list...

The library is open Monday/Wednesday 10-5; Tuesday/Thursday 12-8; Saturday 10-3; Closed Friday and Sunday. To contact the library call 214-975-0430 or email library@littleelm.org. If you have not joined the library or the Friends yet, I hope you do soon...if we are small and mighty now, imagine what a difference we can make together.

SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR LIFETIME MEMBERS

**Bill Graham
Thomas Shaw**

**Bill and Lynn Hidell
RTI Industries**

**A special "Welcome" to the Little Elm Chamber of Commerce
which recently became a "Friend of the Little Elm Library".**

ADELLE BELL MEMORIAL BOOK LIST

The following books are being donated to the library by the Friends in memory of longtime Friend and former president of the Friends of the Library, Adelle Bell. These books will be in the library by the middle of October. Adelle was very interested in genealogy and we know she would be happy to know these books will soon be in the library for everyone to use and enjoy.

- ***Tracing Your Family History: The Complete Guide to Locating Your Ancestors and Finding Out Where You Came From*** By: Lisa Hull
- ***The Everything Family Tree Book: Research and Preserve Your Family History***
By: Kimberly Powell
- ***The Complete Idiot's Guide to Genealogy*** By: Christine Rose and Kay Germain Ingalls
- ***The Genealogist's Companion and Sourcebook*** By: Emily Ann Croom
- ***Genealogy for the First Time: Research Your Family History Using the Internet*** By: Laura Best
- ***Home With Your Ancestors.com: How to Research Family History Using the Internet***
By: Diane Marelli
- ***Roots for Kids: A Genealogical Guide for Young People*** By: Susan Provost Beller
- ***The Sleuth Book for Genealogists: Strategies for More Successful Family History***
- ***Evidence! Citation & Analysis For the Family Historian*** By: Elizabeth Shown Mills
- ***How to do Everything With Your Genealogy*** By: George Morgan
- ***Unpuzzling Your Past: The Best Selling Basic Guide to Genealogy*** By: Emily Anne Croom

RECOMMENDED READING

Have you read any good books lately-the kind that you can't put down, and that you can't wait to tell your friends about? Some of our members recommend the following:

The Greek Passion by Nikos Kazantzakis is a favorite of Nick Apel. It's about a town on Crete (late 1800s) that did an annual passion play and it follows lives of each of the characters from the point of their casting through the year leading up to the actual play.

The Devil In the White City by Erik Larson is recommended by Linda Monaco. This nonfiction book is about the 1893 Chicago World's Fair and a cunning serial killer who was operating in the city at that time. The chapters alternate between the building of the fair's "White City" and the activities of the serial killer- a great fusion of history and entertainment that is hard to put down once you get started.

Lifeguard by James Patterson was a favorite of Lynn Hidell. The story moves quickly, with twists, turns and close escapes. The main character is a lifeguard, but apparently the danger isn't in the water!

TRIVIA

Cathy Wood

Each year the Friends of the Little Elm Library host their annual fundraiser. The Trivia event has become one of the most popular events in the community and helps the FOL generate funds to assist the library in purchasing some of those much needed items for the patrons of the library. This year it will be held on Tuesday, January 27, 2009 at Lakeside Junior High. Last year's event hosted 370 participants and 47 teams and raised approximately \$8,000 for the Library.

Each year the FOL solicits donations, cash or other items for this event and offers the opportunity for individuals to give back to their community by supporting this popular and fun filled event in our community. The FOL is also seeking individuals within the community who would like to volunteer their time for this worthwhile event. If you have any questions please contact Cathy Wood at 972-836-5022.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Joe Deaver

Jan 1 – Aug 15, 2008

February's annual trivia resulted in net income of \$7,924.85 for the Friends. This month, we increased our reserve fund CD for the new library by \$10,000.00. We are currently in the process of purchasing genealogy books for the library in memory of our former president, Adelle Bell. The Friends provided \$2,000.00 to purchase new laptops for the library this year. Storage shelving was purchased for the library, as well as "English as a Second Language" resources. With sponsorship from the Friends, the chess club at the library has been revived. We recently had RTI generously join as a corporate member of the Friends. Thanks to the library staff, \$291.00 has been raised for the Friends from candy bar sales, initially applied toward the trivia budget to deplete remaining inventory.

EXPENSES

Book Purchases	\$ 1,217.60
Candy Sales Inventory	206.12
PO Box	54.00
Trivia 2008 Expenses	2,421.58
Trivia 2009 Expenses	49.78
Chess Club Startup	415.39
Library storage shelving	482.16
Library laptop purchases	2,000.00
Color newsletter for PR	1,380.00
Operating Expenses	189.41
	<u>\$ 8,416.04</u>

REVENUE

Candy Sales	\$ 148.50
Donations - Individual	178.00
Donations - Corporate	1,200.00
Corporate Grants	1,500.00
Trivia 2008 - Placemat ads	125.00
Trivia 2008 - Sponsors	500.00
Trivia 2008 - Regular Tables	1,860.00
Trivia 2008 - VIP Tables	2,250.00
Trivia 2008 - Food Coupons	927.00
Trivia 2008 - Half and Half Drawing	212.00
Trivia 2008 - Raffle Drawing	785.00
	<u>\$ 9,685.50</u>

BALANCES

Capital One CD	\$ 15,778.19
Primary Checking	1,879.07
Primary Savings	7,519.45
Total Accounts	<u>\$ 25,176.71</u>



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Membership Form

I would like to join (or renew membership to) the Little Elm Friends of the Library at the following level:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> \$10-Individual Friend | <input type="checkbox"/> \$6-Individual Senior/Student Friend |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$10-Friends Senior Couple | <input type="checkbox"/> \$15-Friends Family |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$50-\$499-Good Friend | <input type="checkbox"/> \$500-\$999-Special Friend |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$1000+-Lifetime Friend Membership | <input type="checkbox"/> \$50-\$499-Corporate Sponsor |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$1000+-Lifetime Partner Member | <input type="checkbox"/> \$500-\$999-Corporate Advocate |

Date: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

**Make checks payable to Little Elm Friends of the Library.
Thank you for your support.**

SAVE THE DATE FOR TRIVIA: JANUARY 27, 2009!