
THE BOOKWORM



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Letter from the President

A belated Happy New Year to all. At the outset, thanks to each of you for your continued support of the FOL and all of our efforts in the shop and the book sale this past year. That tremendous support led to a very good year for the numerous library programs benefiting our community here in The Woodlands. A special shout out to all of our volunteers for working in the shops, sorting the many donations and covering the desks at the book sale. We could not have done any of these things without you.

Please look over the chart entitled Friends of the Library 2018. It is a visual demonstration of the significance of your support and how that support was transformed into significant contributions to our libraries for their numerous programs.

Our new FOL year is well under way with many activities planned as we partner with the libraries on a number of programs, hold special sales in the shops, and, of course, prepare for our Annual Book Sale, set to begin March 21 through March 23. Set up is scheduled to begin Tuesday afternoon, March 19 at 1:30. (Please see the Book Sale write up with a shout out for volunteers.)

The first General Meeting will be on March 19 at 1:30 at the Community Center as we launch the set up for the Book Sale. We also announce the nominating committee for the board. Please come out to the meeting and support the annual book sale.

Also please see the write up on how you can shop and benefit the Friends of the Library at the same time. Both Kroger and Amazon Smiles will donate a percentage of your purchases to the FOL. Last year we received \$178.48 from Amazon Smiles and \$152.61 from Kroger.

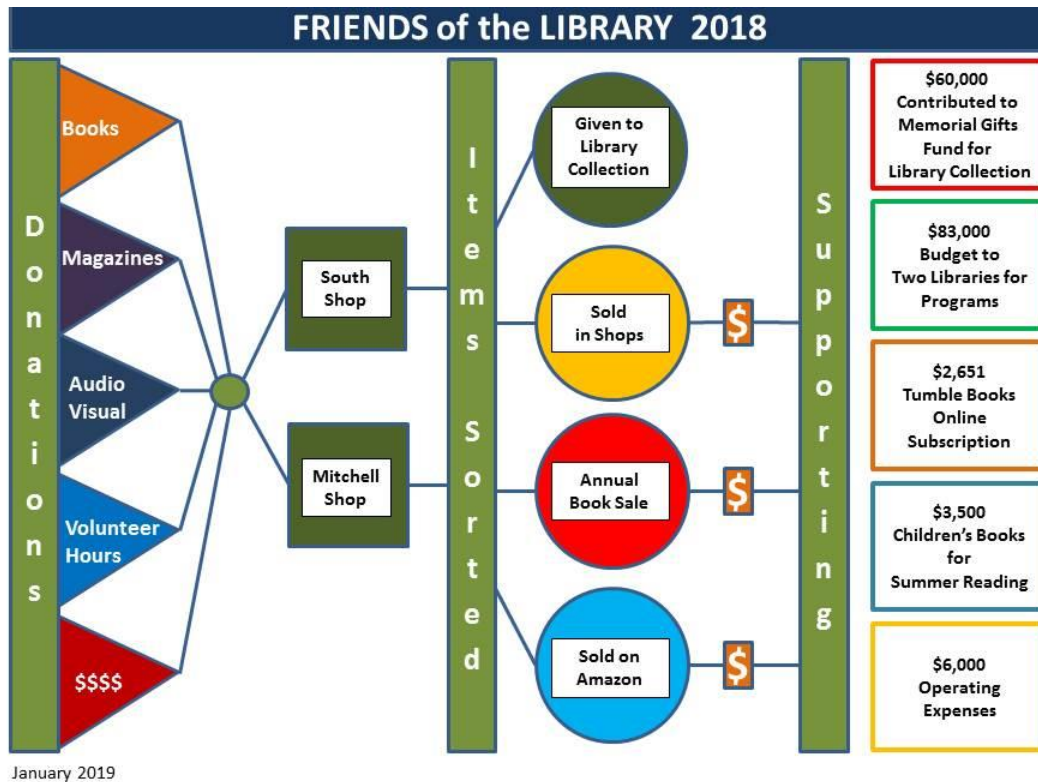
I look forward to seeing you at upcoming events, at the Book Sale and at the shops and, of course, happy reading throughout the year.

Deborah Butler

President, South Montgomery County Friends of the Library

**GENERAL MEETING
TUESDAY, MARCH 19, 2019, 1:30 P.M.
AT THE COMMUNITY CENTER**

This will be a great opportunity for all to come and support the book sale as we set up our vast collection of books, DVDs, CDs, and games so that the community can come out later in the week and find our great bargains.



Did you know you can shop and benefit the Friends of the Library at the same time? There are two programs that we can use: Amazon Smiles and Kroger Community Rewards. Registering with these programs will provide SMCFOL with a donation based on your purchases!

AMAZON SMILES

To register your Amazon account, you need to go to “smile.amazon.com” and click on “Change your Charity” and type in “South Montgomery County Friends of the Library.” These 3 steps designate our group as the charity that receives a percentage of your purchases whenever you use the Amazon Smiles site (Note: You will be directed to always use “smile.amazon.com” for future purchases. This site is exactly the same as the regular Amazon page and all of your Amazon history goes with you, but your purchases will now be included in the total calculation for donation to the SMCFOL account.) Last year we received \$178.48 from Amazon Smiles.

KROGER COMMUNITY REWARDS

To register go to your Kroger account online and select the section for “Community Rewards” on your account home page. Enter the SMCFOL Kroger Non-Profit Organization number, which is **EJ785**, and select the organization name “South Montgomery County Friends of the Library” from the pull-down menu. Now every time you use your Kroger Plus Card a credit will be accumulated for SMCFOL and each quarter the Kroger Foundation will issue a check to the Friends. Last year we received \$152.61 from Kroger.

There is more information on these programs at www.smcfriendsofthelibrary.org.

Membership

The South Montgomery County Friends of the Library is in the middle of its membership renewal for 2019. We are pleased to report that 96 members have already renewed their membership for another year. An additional 9 new members have also been added.

It is through our membership, fundraising and volunteer efforts that the Friends help ensure the continued excellence of library services at both the South Regional Branch Library and the George and Cynthia Woods Mitchell Library. Therefore, if you have not yet returned your membership renewal form, please do so as soon as possible. If you did not receive a renewal letter this January, please stop by either of the bookstores and pick up a letter from the volunteer desk.

We want to sincerely thank those members who have renewed for another year. For those of you who have not yet renewed, we hope to hear from you soon.

Joan Hachtel
Membership Chair

Annual Book Sale 2019

Well it's almost that time of year again! Our annual book sale is coming up and we need your help. Last year's sale was a huge success and we hope to have the same again this year, but we can only do it with the efforts of our awesome volunteers.

We've already had lots of signups for the sale, so if that's you, thank you! If you haven't yet, please email Samantha.winner72@gmail.com to join the fun!

A rough guide to our schedule is as follows:

TUESDAY MARCH 19TH

- General Meeting at 1:30pm - please attend! Sorting will commence immediately after the meeting until 5pm
- Please arrive from 1pm, NOT BEFORE! We will have the moving company on site and we need to be not in the way during that time.

WEDNESDAY MARCH 20TH

- 9am - 5pm – Sorting

THURSDAY MARCH 21ST

- 9AM - 12:00PM - Sorting
- 4:30PM - 8:30PM - Sale

*Sale opens at 5pm but we ask our volunteers to arrive 30 minutes prior so that everyone can be signed in and we can be ready to go when the doors open.

FRIDAY MARCH 22ND

- 9am - 4:30pm - Sale

SATURDAY MARCH 23RD

- 9am - 12:00 - Sale
- 12:30 - 3pm - Bag Sale!
- 3:30 - 5pm - Clean up

We hope you join us in helping with the book sale; it's lots of fun and raises funds for our libraries. If you can't make it, then please pass the word among your friends, family & colleagues.

Jan Brodhead and Samantha Winner
Book Sale Co-Chairs

News from the South Library

Toddler Story time

Dates: March 4, 11, 18, and 25

Times: 9:15am and 10am

This event introduces children to books with simple language and predictable plots. This program also introduces toddlers to story time manners by helping them build listening skills and practice the self-control needed to be a good audience. Toddler Story time is most appropriate for children that are not yet ready to sit for long periods of time and listen to more complex stories. Each Toddler Story time is about 20 minutes long and concludes with a coloring activity.

Preschooler Story time

Dates: March 5, 12, 19, and 26

Times: 10:00am and 10:30pm

Provides a place for children to practice the story time manners they have learned in Toddler Story time. Children in Preschooler Story time are expected to sit or stand still, listen to the storyteller, and practice self-control for longer periods of time than required during Toddler Story time. Stories are longer, and activities are more complex. Preschooler Story time lasts about 30 minutes and is most appropriate for children aged 3 years and older.

Baby & Me Story time

Dates: March 6, 13, 20, and 27

Times: 9:15am and 9:45am

Focuses on nursery rhymes and movement and is geared toward infants up to age 18 months. Parents and caregivers should be prepared to be actively involved in this story time. Each Baby

& Me Story time is about 20 minutes long and concludes with time for babies to explore books and toys.

Human Skin Microbiome

Date: March 6

Time: 1pm

Join us as Ellie Hang Trinh, a trained scientist and founder of Skin Probiotics provides us with information on how to take care of the Human Skin Microbiome!

R.E.A.D.® to the Dogs

Date: March 9

Times: 10:30AM to 11:30AM

This event encourages children to practice their reading skills by reading to specially trained therapy dogs. Children who read 5 books to a dog receive a free book. This activity is provided through a partnership with Montgomery Pet Partners. No registration is required.

Health Talks: Eat Right with Diabetes

Date: March 13

Time: 10am

Join us as Faith Umoh a registered dietitian nutritionist and certified diabetes educator presents, an informational overview of diabetes and how to manage life with the condition.

Teen Coffee Hour & Chat

Date: March 21

Time: 5:30pm

Take an hour to enjoy some coffee, light refreshments, and good discussions. This program is geared toward allowing teens a place to hang out and relax. A small craft and board games will also be available during this time.

Mother/Daughter Book Club - I Am Malala by Malala Yousafzai

Date: March 28th

Time: 5:30pm - 6:15pm

Calling all mother/daughter bookworms! Enjoy a book club geared toward mothers and their teenage daughters at South Regional Library.

Light refreshments will be served.

Open to all teens ages 13-17 and their mothers.

The first five mother/daughter pairs to register will receive a free copy of that month's book selection. One free book per family.

Lynn Garcia

South Regional Manager

News from the Mitchell Library

The flowering pear trees by the book drop are in bud and the Carolina jessamine vines are in full bloom in the woods along the library parking lot, sure signs that spring have sprung in The Woodlands! For the South Montgomery County Friends of the Library, these first signs of spring are indicators that the busiest season of the year is underway, as final preparations for the annual Book Sale take place and Friends look forward to working together to support the library branches. For the library staff, spring marks the countdown to our busy summer reading season. Most of our summer programming is now in place, along with well-crafted plans for displays and popup activities. The event listings below provide a preview of both the summer events at Mitchell and the programs happening this spring.

Reminder: Mitchell Library's hours will be affected by the Woodlands Marathon. On Saturday, March 2, Mitchell will be open from 12-5pm.

Donna Dzierlenga
Branch Manager

Events for Adults

Adult Summer Reading: Get ready to read as we shoot into space, highlighting this year's summer reading theme, *A Universe of Stories*. There's no sign-up needed for the reading program, simply read and submit the titles you've read from June 3rd through July 13th either online or in boxes around the library! Each submission is an entry to win fun prizes, including a \$25 gift card to Barnes and Noble! Come visit us to see all the fun we have planned for Summer Reading 2019.

Crafternoons, our popular crafting program, will host three special, space-themed sessions this summer. The make-and-take crafts are free, while supplies last. No advanced skills needed; just show up ready to have fun, and create something amazing! Art supplies and instruction are provided, no registration necessary. We hope to see you there!

Summer of Sci-Fi Film Fest will explore the (fictional) universe with weekly movies at 1:30pm and are rated PG to PG-13. Children 12 and under must be accompanied by an adult. Popcorn and drinks will be provided! Visit our online calendar for dates and space-tastic movie details!

Tunes @ Two: Enjoy live music at 2pm, every Friday during Summer Reading, in the library lobby with our *Sci-Fi Soundtrack Series*.

Be sure to keep a look out for **Activity Stations** throughout the library! From a fun, family scavenger hunt to a space-themed photo booth, these activities are great for all ages! Mitchell Library is going all out to get your summer off to a great start and we encourage everyone to take

advantage of all the fun activities and programs. The Summer Reading Program will run from June 3rd through July 13th.

Mitchell Adult Evening Book Club

Not sure what to read next? Let us pick the book for you! The evening book club reads a mix of fiction and non-fiction selections and meets the 3rd Wednesday every month for a lively discussion of the current book. We meet from 6:30-7:30 pm in the Community Room.

If you have any questions, please call us at 936-442-7728 or email jen-nifer.giele@countylibrary.org

Evening Book Club Schedule:

March 20 – *The Last Days of Night* by Graham Moore

April 24* - *The Leavers* by Lisa Ko

May 15 – *Sourdough* by Robin Sloan

June 19 – *The 7 ½ Deaths of Evelyn Hardcastle* by Stuart Turton

*The April Meeting will take place on the 4th Wednesday of the month.

Mitchell Adult Fiction Book Club

The club meets First Thursday of the month at 2pm in Community Room 102.

The Mitchell Fiction Book Club will try a detective story in March. ***The Dry*** by Jane Harper is a New York Times Top Book of the Year. Set in a hard and dry rural small town in Australia, it will keep readers turning pages to find out who the guilty party is. The big ending with lots of tension will keep readers engaged to the very end.

In April we are reading one of our favorite authors, Anne Tyler. Her newest book is ***Clock Dance***. Willa Drake decides to follow her intuition and do the unexpected in her golden years. Her second husband doesn't seem to like her plan – but for once she does what suits her, when it suits her. This is a classic Anne Tyler story.

The Woman in the Castle, our May selection, takes us back to Germany right after WWII. Germany is in chaos, and these widows, wives, and refugees whose husbands tried to assassinate Hitler will find that they need each other to survive while finding their place in a world of hardships, falsehoods, and danger.

June is the perfect time for a summer read and ***The Gravity Birds*** begins during a summer vacation. A gifted painter engages with two young sisters – in ways they never anticipate. The rest of their lives they have to cope with their jealousy of one another and their memories of this selfish artist. Hiding away in a small town, their past is revealed in a powerful painting newly exhibited by the artist.

Mitchell Adult Nonfiction Book Club

The Mitchell Nonfiction Book Club meets the third Thursday of the month at 1:00pm in the downstairs Community Room. Please join us for refreshments and discussions engendered by our book choices, which cover a wide range of topics. Here are the upcoming books:

- March 21 – *The Food Explorer: The True Adventures of the Globe-Trotting Botanist Who Transformed What America Eats* by Daniel Stone
- April 18 – *American Overdose: The Opioid Tragedy in Three Acts* by Chris McGreal
- May 16 – *Heartland: A Memoir of Working Hard and Being Broke in the Richest Country on Earth* by Sarah Smarsh
- June 20 – *The Last Wild Men of Borneo: A True Story of Death and Treasure* by Carl Hoffman

Mitchell Crafternoons

Crafternoons is an adult-focused craft program, hosted twice a month at Mitchell Library for adults and families to express their creativity. Each month will feature two free crafts to create and take home, while supplies last. No advanced skills needed; just show up ready to have fun, meet other community members, and create something amazing! Check the events calendar on the library website for upcoming dates in 2019 and details on the featured crafts-of-the-month! All supplies and instruction are provided. No registration necessary. Happy crafting!

Date: 2nd & 4th Tuesdays of the month

Time: 1:30PM

Location: Community Room 102

Tuesday, March 12th – Modern Hardware Bracelet

Tuesday, March 26th – Book Page Wreaths

Tuesday, April 9th – Easter Bunny Yarn Art

Tuesday, April 23rd – Jewelry Dish

Tuesday, May 14th – String Art

Tuesday, May 28th – Mini Cactus Sculpture

Mitchell Movie Matinees

The Mitchell Movie Matinee series invites you to join other fans for popcorn, a drink, and a movie in the Community Room on the last Thursday of the month at 1:00pm. Here are the upcoming movies, all rated PG-13:

- March 28 – ***First Man*** (2018)
This movie offers a look at the life of legendary astronaut Neil Armstrong (Ryan Gosling) and the mission that led him to become the first man to ever walk on the moon.

- April 25 – **Green Book** (2018)
When black classical pianist Dr. Don Shirley (Mahershala Ali) hires working class bouncer Tony Lip (Viggo Mortensen) to drive him to various concert venues throughout the Deep South in the 1960's, adventure ensues. This movie is inspired by a true story.
- May 30 – **A Quiet Place** (2018)
In this terrifying and tense thriller, a family must navigate their lives in silence to avoid mysterious creatures that hunt by sound. John Krasinski and Emily Blunt star as the husband and wife who try to keep their family safe in a post-apocalyptic world.

Mitchell Adult Writers Group

Mitchell Writers Group will be meeting March 12 and 19, April 9 and 16, May 14 and 21, and June 11 and June 18. Participants discuss each other's work and offer supportive critique. If you have a writing project you want to start or you have a project you want to finish, Mitchell Writers Group might be a source of inspiration for you. Please feel welcome to join us.

Email Emily Osburn (emily.osburn@countylibrary.org) with any questions.

Mitchell Needlecrafts: Knit & Stitch

Knit and Stitch Mornings will meet the first and third Friday of the month from 9:30-11am in Community Room 222. Come on by and show us your work! It's always encouraging to see what others are doing with their fiber arts projects. Contact Emily Osburn (emily.osburn@countylibrary.org) with any questions.

Events for Teens (Ages 13-17)

Teen De-Stress Sesh – Snacks, drinks, crafts, hanging out.

Tuesday, March 19 from 5:30-8:00pm

Tuesday, April 16 from 5:30-8:00pm

Tuesday, May 21 from 5:30-8:00pm

Teen Gaming Night – Let's hang and play some games! Snacks and drinks provided.

Tuesday, March 5 from 5:30-8:00pm

Tuesday, April 9 from 5:30-8:00pm

Tuesday, May 14 from 5:30-8:00pm

Teen Movie Night – Pizza, popcorn, and movie candy served!

Tuesday, March 12 from 5:30-8:00pm – **The Avengers – Infinity War**

Tuesday, March 26 from 5:30-8:00pm – **Spider-Man: Into the Spider-Verse**

Tuesday, April 23 from 5:30-8:00pm – **Aqua-Man**

Tuesday, May 28 from 5:30-8:00pm – **Mortal Engines**

Tuesday, June 4th from 1:00-8:00pm – The Original Stars Wars Trilogy

Teen Special Events

Tuesday, April 2 from 5:30-8:00pm – Escape Room
Tuesday, April 30 from 5:30-8:00pm – Life Size Clue
Tuesday, May 7th from 5:30-8:00pm – Volunteer Orientation
Tuesday, June 11 from 5:30-8:00pm – TBD
Tuesday, June 18 from 5:30-8:00pm – TBD
Tuesday, June 25 from 5:30-8:00pm – Stage Combat Demo

Teen Summer Movie Matinees

Friday, June 7 from 1:00-4:00pm – *Guardians of the Galaxy*
Friday, June 14 from 1:00-4:00pm – *The Force Awakens*
Friday, June 21 from 1:00-4:00pm – *The Last Jedi*
Friday, June 28 from 1:00-4:00pm – *Rogue One*

*All programs are subject to change without notice

Events for Children

Summer Is Coming!

Theme: A Universe of Stories

- * Registration for the Summer Reading Club will begin on Monday, June 3
- * Programs continue from June 3 through July 13
- * Schedules will be available in May on the library website and in the library

Play-Learn-Grow: A Family Place Library Parent/Child Workshop Series

The parent/child workshop is a five-week program that involves children from ages 1 to 3 and their caregivers. Spend time together, play in a playgroup atmosphere, make friends and talk one-on-one with specialists on child development during this enjoyable five-week workshop series. Topics include early literacy, child development, speech, hearing and language, nutrition, music, play and health. The program series will be held on Thursdays, March 21, March 28, April 4 and April 11 from 10 – 11:15.

Nutty Scientists™ will present “Mission to Space” May 23rd @ 6:00pm

The show is all about the planets of the Solar System. Nutty Scientists take kids on a space adventure where they blast off in their rockets from planet to planet and even stop by the Earth’s Moon. They discover interesting facts and unique properties of each planet: dry sand of Mars, volcanoes of Venus, strong winds of Neptune, freezing temperatures of Uranus, moons of Jupiter, and much more! Come join the fun!

Each month the Children’s Department hosts a variety of programs that can include the following activities. The specific schedule of monthly events can be found on the library website at www.countylibrary.org.

Tiny Tots Library Play Time

Mondays from 10:00am -12:00pm

Independent toddlers and their caregivers are welcome to join us each Monday from ten until noon for Tiny Tots Library Play Time in the Children's department. Join us for this come-and-go program that encourages independent toddler play with educational toys and board books. Children learn through play, so take a breather and let your toddler learn while you visit with other parents.

Family Story time

Tuesday and Wednesday morning @ 10:00am, 10:30am, and 11:00am

This story program is for children of all ages (birth - age 3) and a caregiver with an emphasis on stories and activities for toddlers. This program emphasizes early literacy skills and is a great way to meet other families with young children.

School Age Story time

Tuesday @ 1:30pm

This program is for children 4 and up. ** Children may attend story club by themselves, but a parent or guardian must remain in the library during the program. Children are introduced to new authors and illustrators and develop literacy skills, listening, thinking, participation and social skills.

LEGO® Fun

Children ages 5 -12 are invited to get creative and build anything they choose with lots of Legos. This event is a come and go activity and a child must be supervised by an adult

Craft Fun

Come to the library for creative, self-directed craft activities. This event is a come and go activity and a child must be supervised by an adult.

News from the Gift Shops

SOUTH

Since the debut of “Tidying Up”, (the Netflix show about getting rid of things in your home that no longer “spark your joy”) our shop has been overwhelmed with book donations. These books may no longer “spark joy” with their previous owners but they sure are sparking ours! We have so many wonderful books to offer customers and just as fast as we put them on the shelves they are flying off. We hope you’ve been one who has taken advantage of all these new titles. If not, we’ve lots more to share. So be sure to stop in and browse.

The FOL Annual Book Sale is just around the corner. If you’ve been saving books to donate please drop them off at our South Library Book Shop prior to the week of the sale. This will give us time to process them for the library or for the sale.

We look forward to seeing you all at the Book Sale and while you’re there don’t forget to stop in the South Book Shop. We are right next door and always glad to see you.

Judy Mitchell

Vice President/Manager for South

MITCHELL

Our Mitchell Book Shop sales numbers have been very promising for the beginning of the year. Every week we consistently receive quality donations of books, DVDs, CDs, puzzles and educational texts and resource materials. We currently have on display a beautiful selection of over-size and coffee table books covering such topics as art, travel, history, autos and motorcycles and more. The Friends of the Library is extremely grateful to our community for all these wonderful donations.

The Mitchell FOL Book Shop welcomes three new volunteers to our organization. Katie Gibbs, Terry Szajna and Rebecca Richardson will be terrific additions and we hope they find their volunteer experience with us to be enjoyable.

Lastly, the Mitchell Shop sorting room has two new and much improved utility tables for the sorters to perform their various tasks. Everyone approves the greater height of the tables and finds them easier to utilize. I want to thank Mark and Chantal Weller and my husband, Krien, for assembling these tables.

Megan VerBerkmoes

Vice President/Manager for Mitchell