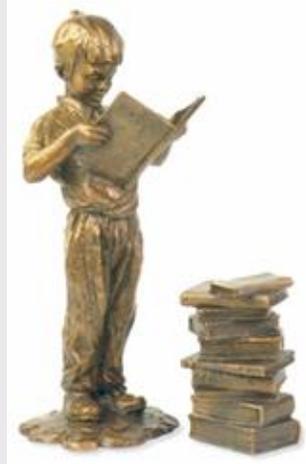

THE BOOKWORM



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Letter from the President

This is my first time writing as President of SMCFOL and I am very excited to be doing it. I have loved this organization for many years, and I am grateful to have the chance to serve in this capacity. I believe that SMCFOL contributes enormously to the welfare of our community through its support of our two libraries here in The Woodlands, and that we can do this because we have an outstanding group of loyal, dedicated members and volunteers. Thanks to you all for that.

Our Executive Board is now complete with the appointment of Janice Raney as Vice-President for South, and Lynne Santarsiere as Secretary. In addition, Ann Bullion-Mears has been appointed Member at Large to the Board.

We are fast coming up on our annual Book Sale, to be held March 26 through March 28. The book sale is a very big event for us and requires many, many volunteers to stage. Set-up for the sale begins on Tuesday, March 24. We will start at 1:30 PM with a brief General Meeting of the FOL membership. Following that we will start to unpack and arrange the books. We encourage you all to come and help – and buy some books!

We are reaching the end of our annual membership renewal period, and if you have not renewed your membership, I urge you to do so. We are only as strong as our membership, and we need your continued support to remain a vital and effective organization. A big “thanks!” to those of you who have already renewed.

Thanks again to all of you volunteers for your continued support, especially for your efforts in the shops and at our annual book sale. Your hard work led to a very successful year for us in 2019, which translates into resources provided for our two libraries. We support numerous programs and activities at the libraries, and we also provide funds for the acquisition of materials. Please see the chart entitled “Friends of the Library 2019” which shows how our work helped our libraries in 2019. We realize that none of this would be possible without our great volunteers!

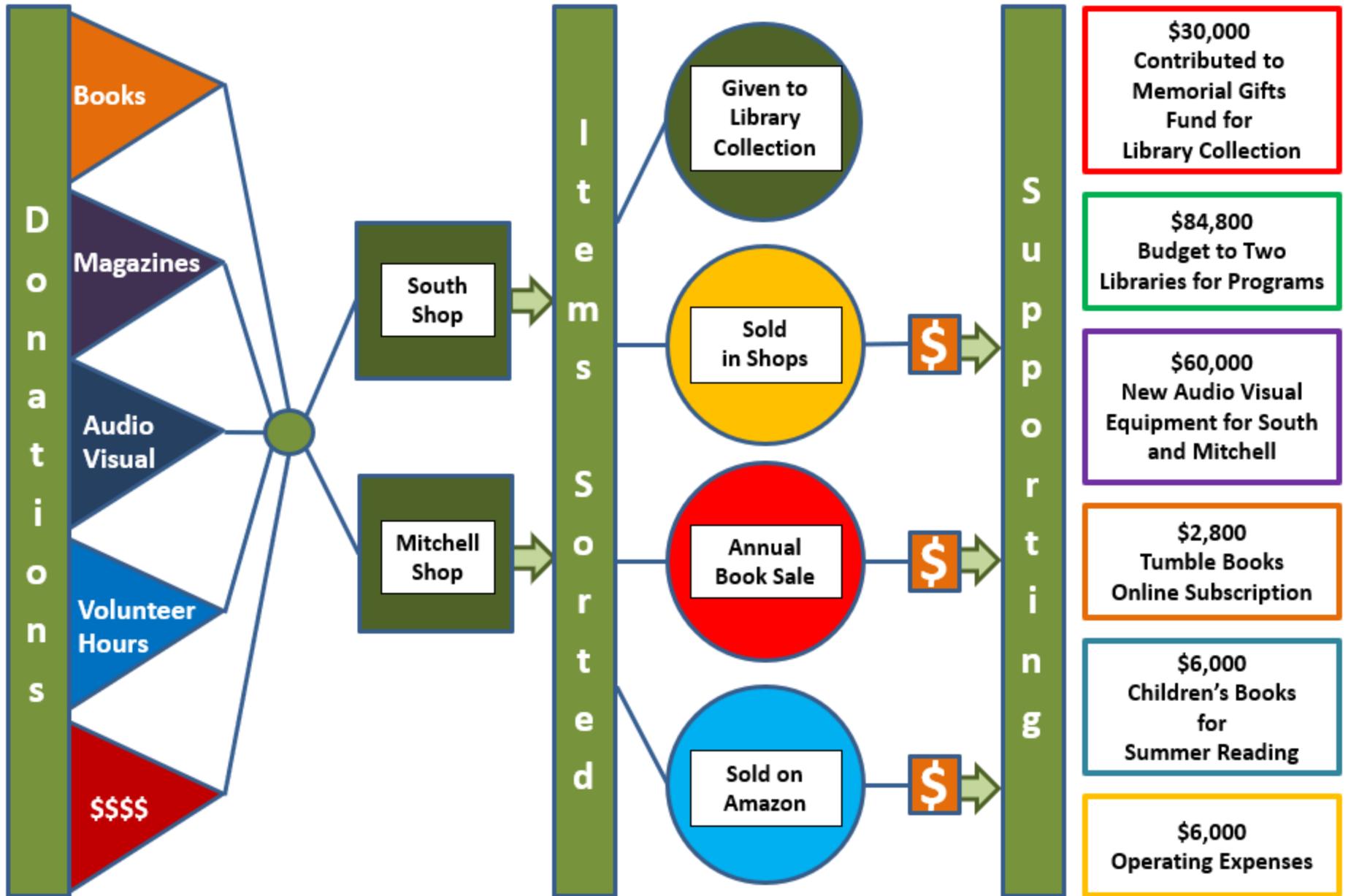
I hope to see you all at upcoming events, the annual book sale, and at our shops.

**Jan Brodhead,
President, South Montgomery County Friends of the Library**

**GENERAL MEETING
Tuesday, March 24, 2020, 1:30 PM
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.

FRIENDS of the LIBRARY 2019



Spotlight

Sara Schofield – Volunteer - Mitchell



Hi! I'm Sara Schofield, and I arrived in The Woodlands as recently as July 2019 when I moved here with my family from Europe. We came here because of my husband's work. I am British but left the UK back in 2011. Since then we have lived in Finland, and most recently in The Netherlands.

When the possibility arose to cross the Atlantic and experience life in the USA, we jumped at the chance of another adventure. We have two boys in grades 6 and 9, who have settled into life here amazingly well - they both tell me they've never been happier! We also have a black Labrador who seems to enjoy himself here too, especially through the cooler months.

When I heard about the FOL bookshop, I was excited to find a great volunteer opportunity. Although a science teacher by training, working in a bookshop has been a sort of daydream job for me, as I've always been an avid reader, so it really was a perfect fit. I've found that it's been a terrific way to meet people and it gave some structure to my week when I first moved here.

I love seeing the preschoolers coming into the shop with their parents, getting so excited about being allowed to spend a dollar or two on a couple of picture books. The only problem is that my own bookshelves at home are groaning under the weight of all my new purchases - I seem to leave with new books after every shift!

Shop and Help the Library at the same time!

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 the same as the regular Amazon page and all your Amazon history goes with you, *but* your purchases will now be included in the total calculation for donation to the SMCFOL account.)



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.

Current Board

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Janice Raney

Vice President South Library

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Lynne Santarsiere

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Niraj Shah

Newsletter & Website

Brenda Mayer

Amazon Sales

Ann Bullion-Mears

At-Large

Annual Statement

The 2019 FOL Board thanks all our members, once again, for your continuing support of our organization. We receive your support through membership dues, monetary donations, book donations, and the generous donation of time contributed throughout while volunteers work in our two shops and during the annual community wide book sale.

Through your efforts and support, Friends were able to provide more than \$180,000 to our two libraries this past year. And, of note, since 2009, the Friends have contributed over \$1.1 million to our two libraries.

The following contributions were made to our two libraries in 2019:

- Provided a budget of \$84,800 for the two libraries, which funds were used to fund the summer reading programs, children's programs throughout the year, book clubs, display items, reference materials, etc.
- Purchased books for children at the Scholastic Book Fair warehouse. These books were used for the summer reading program.
- Purchased special AV equipment for the large meeting rooms at both libraries to enhance the communities' ability to enjoy movies, presentations and special programs, whether sponsored by the library staff or a community group.
- Contributed \$30,000 to the Montgomery County Memorial and Gift Fund for the library staff to purchase, process and catalog items to be added to the collections at our two libraries.

The mission of SMCFOL is to raise funds through book sales, membership dues and donations in order to meet the needs of the two libraries; to support programming; and to provide funding for materials and equipment requested by the two libraries. The FOL throughout the upcoming year will continue to support our two libraries as cultural and educational assets for The Woodlands community and work to maintain the excellence of each library. Your membership, financial contributions, attendance at meetings and at special events, volunteer hours, book donations, and book purchases are very much appreciated and played an important part in our success in 2019 and will play an integral role towards our success in 2020.

SMCFOL Board

Membership

The South Montgomery County Friends of the Library is in the middle of its membership renewal for 2020. We are pleased to report that 93 members have already renewed their membership for another year. An additional 4 new members, 2 Lifetime and 2 Regular 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 2020

Well it's almost that time of year again! We're just a month away from the 2020 Book Sale and preparations have been under way for some time now. We are busy compiling our schedule of volunteers for both set up day and for sale days, so if you have a few free hours you can spare to help us out, please contact Samantha Winner preferably by email Samantha.winner72@gmail.com or otherwise on 832-599-5580 for the full information and we'll be happy to include you. We look forward to seeing you at the sale, either as a volunteer or customer, or as both!

THURSDAY MARCH 26th: 5:00PM - 8:00PM - Sale

FRIDAY MARCH 27th: 9:00AM - 4:30PM - Sale

SATURDAY MARCH 28th

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

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.

Samantha Winner and Deborah Butler
Book Sale Co-Chairs

News from the South Library

These are the programs, by department, that are going on at the South Regional Library in the Spring. For more information about any of these programs, please visit our Events calendar online, www.countylibrary.org/south.htm. Under Features, click on Events for All Ages. Registration may be required for some programs. Registration can be completed online, in person, or by calling 936-442-7727.

The South Regional Library will be closed on March 7 for the Woodlands Marathon.

Children's Department

- Pajama Party Storytime and Stuffed Animal Sleepover (Registration Required)

Wear your comfiest jammies and bring a blanket, pillow, and favorite stuffed animal as you join Miss Chris for a special bedtime-themed storytime event!

When Storytime ends, the fun begins...for your stuffed animal! Leave your stuffy overnight at the library for a sleepover. When you pick your friend up the next morning, we'll have pictures to show you of all the fun they had spending the night with us!

Stuffed animal registration & drop-off begins at 4:30pm. Stuffed animal pickup begins at 10:00am the next morning.

Dates: Mar. 3

Time: 4:00pm (storytime) 4:30pm (stuffed animal drop-off)

- Story Book Club (Registration Required)

A cross between a storytime for preschoolers and a book club for older readers. Kids in kindergarten through 3rd grade will hear a different book read aloud each month, followed by themed activities and refreshments.

Dates: Mar. 5 Apr. 2

Time: 4:00pm

- Preteen Book Club (Registration Required)

At each meeting of the Preteen Book Club, preteens aged 9 through 12 discuss the month's book with each other and the Children's Librarian. The first 15 preteens to sign up receive a free copy of that month's book (one book per family). Preteens should have all or most of the month's book read before attending book club.

Dates: Mar. 19 Apr. 16

Time: 4:30pm to 5:30pm

- R.E.A.D.® to the Dogs

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 program is intended for children who can read independently or with some help.

Dates: Mar. 14

Times: 10:30am to 11:30am

Teen Department (Ages 13 and up)

- Teen Anime Club (Registration Required)

Calling all otaku who love anime, manga, all things kawaii, and have an interest in Japanese pop culture!!! Join our Teen Anime Club! Join us to discuss our favorite anime and manga, try different Japanese treats, and one lucky teen will win a raffle prize! Treats will be provided. For teens ages 13 - 17 years old. In the 1st floor meeting room.

Dates: Mar. 11 Apr. 8

Time: 4:00pm – 5:30pm

- Teen K-pop Club (Registration Required)

Calling all teens who love BTS, BLACKPINK, Got7, EXO, TXT, Red Velvet, Monsta X, and many other K-pop groups, and have an interest in Korean culture! Join our Teen K-pop Club! For our first meeting, we'll discuss our favorite K-pop music artists, share the latest K-pop gossip, try different Korean treats, and one lucky teen will win a raffle prize!

Treats will be provided. For teens ages 13 - 17 years old. In the 1st floor meeting room.

Dates: Mar. 4 Apr. 1

Time: 4:00pm – 6:00pm

- Teen Steam (Registration Required)

A different project will be made each month. Supplies and treats will be provided. For teens ages 13 - 17 years old. In the 1st floor meeting room.

Dates: Mar. 18 Apr. 15

Time: 4:00pm – 5:00pm

- Teen Book Club: First Meeting! (Registration Required)

For the first meeting, we'll go over etiquette and expectations for the Teen Book Club.

5 free copies of *The Epic Fail of Arturo Zamora* by Pablo Cartaya will be given to the first 5 teens at the meeting. Additional copies will be requested through library reservation as needed. This is the book that will be discussed during February's meeting. Treats will be provided. For teens ages 13 - 17 years old.

Date: Mar. 25 Apr. 22

Time: 4:00pm – 5:00pm

Adult Department (Programs limited to adults 18 and up)

- Family Game Night

Dates: Mar. 2 Apr. 6

Time: 5:30pm – 7pm

- Plant Based Diet (Registration Required)

Is a plant-based diet right for you? Come learn the ins and outs of a plant-based diet with Certified Nutritionist, Krystal Hammett. We will discuss: proven health benefits of eating plant based; who should and should not follow a plant based diet; how to succeed on a plant-based diet; what foods should be avoided on a plant-based diet (not just meat!); debunk common myths surrounding a plant-based diet.

Sponsored by the South Montgomery County Friends of the Library

Date: Mar. 4

Time: 1:00pm – 2:00pm

- Aging with Grace Series: (Registration Required)

Join us on in the first-floor meeting room as we learn concerns of aging.

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Date: Mar. 11 Apr. 8

Time: 1:00pm – 2:00pm

- Instant Pot Demo (Registration Required)

Learn the ins and outs of using an instant pot and learn how to make white bean chili with Mike McBride from the Texas A & M AgriLife Extension.

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Date: Mar18

Time: 12:30pm – 1:30pm

- Gardening with Bob Dailey (Registration Required)

Join us as Texas Master Gardener Bob Dailey discusses native plants.

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Date: Mar. 17

Time: 2:00pm – 3:00pm

- Aging with Grace: Session 2 – Health Care Rights & Responsibilities (Registration Required)

Join us as we continue Part 2 of our Aging with Grace Series. In Session 2, we will learn about the rights and responsibilities of patients with some key features that explain ways that we can assure that our health care wishes will be followed.

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Date: Mar. 11

Time: 1:00pm – 2:00pm

- **Make and Take Craft Program (Registration Required)**

Please join us in the large meeting room where you can express your creativity. A variety of different crafts will be provided that you can choose from and quick crafts will be available for anyone who is short on time. This is an adult craft program for ages 18 and up. All supplies will be provided.

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Date: Mar. 24

Time: 1:00pm – 2:30pm

Computer Classes

- **Microsoft Publisher® (Registration Required)**

Discover the Microsoft application used to produce professional publications such as newsletters, brochures, signs, cards, gift certificates, and more.

Dates: Mar. 18, 23, 25, 30

Times: 1:00pm – 3:00pm

- **Introduction to QuickBooks (Registration Required – Begins March 1st)**

Looking for accounting software to manage payroll, inventory, sales, and other needs of your small business? Then join us for QuickBooks! This popular accounting software is quick to learn and easy to use. Taught in 5 parts.

Dates: Apr. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

Times: 1:00pm – 3:00pm

6:30pm – 8:30pm

- **Tech Talk**

Have a question about your computer, phone, or tablet? Need help using a Microsoft Office program or other software? Come to the computer lab and get your questions answered.

Date: Apr. 20

Time: 9:30am – 11:30am

- **How to Search the Internet**

New to searching the internet or want some great searching tips? This is the class for you!

Date: Apr. 27

Time: 9:30am – 11:30am

Lynn Garcia

South Regional Manager

News from the Mitchell Library

News from the Mitchell Branch Manager

As members of the South Montgomery County Friends of the Library, you truly know how important libraries are to our community. We watch as you demonstrate that knowledge almost every day! During the lead up to the Friends' annual Book Sale, we see firsthand the effort and time that our Friends put into planning, promoting, and putting on the sale in order to provide support for the two libraries in South County. Year-round, the shop managers and volunteers are here at the library to sort donations, price and mark items for sale, create displays and other promotions, greet customers, and staff the sales desks, because you know that your support is essential to providing the quality programming and collections that you and other library users value.

Not everyone in our community is aware of the value of library services, however. In fact, we occasionally see uninformed comments on local social media about how libraries are no longer needed, or hear neighbors repeat erroneous statements about how "the internet" has replaced libraries and librarians. As Friends of the Library, you are well-equipped to counter such statements because of your own experience witnessing the use our libraries receive and the important services we provide.

National Library Week will be taking place from April 19 through 25. Consider making the observance a personal one this year by committing to highlight the valuable role local libraries, librarians and library workers play in improving lives and enriching our community.

Here are some ideas for ways you could be a library influencer during NLW—or any time!

- Invite a neighbor to visit the library with you, or to join you at book club.
- Strike up a conversation about the computer classes offered at the library with a local job seeker—or a frustrated family member.
- Point out to a friend that downloadable audiobooks and other electronic resources are available from the library--for free!
- Tell a young mom or dad about Storytime and the Family Place workshops.
- Express your enjoyment of the library programs you've experienced to someone who might not be aware of all that the library offers.

Thanks for all that you do to support library services in The Woodlands and beyond. We're looking forward to hearing your stories about your National Library Week adventures!

Mitchell Adult Services News



The Adult Reference team is happy to welcome new Reference Librarian, Molly Bullard! Molly comes to us from South Regional Library where she served as a Reference Assistant for over three years. Molly is jumping right into her new job duties and will lead the Fiction Book Club for the April meeting.

Emily Osburn launched her retirement on February 3 with an afternoon reception. Over fifty attenders came by to celebrate Emily's service to our community. Emily worked as a Reference Librarian at Mitchell for over ten years. You may have seen her at a Fiction Book Club Meeting, leading Knit & Stitch, or inspiring writers in Mitchell Writer's Group. We hate to see Emily go, but we're happy to wish her well as she gets ready to move to San Antonio to be closer to her daughter.

Thanks for coming out to Crafternoons on Tuesday, February 11. The paper fortune cookie craft was a huge success with 39 participants. Be sure to check the event calendar on the library website for upcoming craft events, as well as book club schedules and other activities. We hope to see you at a library program this spring!

Mitchell Teen Services News

The new D&D Adventurers League is off to a great start! For the inaugural meeting held on January 28, 11 teens registered for the program and 15 teens attended as participants in the gaming activity. Word of mouth has grown fast for this event, with more meetings planned in the coming months. Check the library's event calendar for dates and full details.

Mitchell Library Summer Reading

Planning and scheduling for the upcoming Summer Reading program is well underway. Registration for the Summer Reading Club will begin on Monday, June 1, 2020, and programs will continue from June 1 through July 10.

The theme this year - "Imagine Your Story" - offers many opportunities for creative programs featuring fantasy, mythology, and fairy tales. As usual, the library will be offering summer programs for all ages, including our popular Tunes at Two live music programming on Friday afternoons.

The full event schedule will be available in May on the library website, with promotional flyers posted in the library.

Mitchell Children's Department News

A very special Spring Break program will take place on Wednesday, March 11, at 2 pm. Nutty Scientists will be introducing kids to Dry Ice! Experiments include creating mysterious mist, making an erupting volcano, building a mega bubble, and much more! The "Ice Age" show is geared for children ages 6 and up.

Our usual action-packed spring programming schedule is ready for launch in the Children's Department, including Tiny Tot Playtime, a come-and-go program for independent toddlers and their caregivers; Family Storytime, an early literacy skills development program for children (birth - age 5) and caregivers; and our popular come-and-go LEGO® Fun and Craft Fun activities for children (5 -12) with their supervising adults. The specific schedule of monthly events is posted on the library website at www.countylibrary.org.

Donna Dzierlenga
Branch Manager

News from the Gift Shops

SOUTH

Did you know the National Education Association designates March as National Reading Month? Kicking off the month schools and libraries across the country will celebrate Read Across America on March 2nd. Readers from the community will visit classrooms and read to students. Members of major sports teams will visit as well, helping children recognize the importance of reading in our lives.

South Friends of the Library Book Shop will be celebrating Read Across America as well. There will be a wide variety of children's and Young Adult books available on the outside carts and, as our frequent customers know, we have the best prices on children's books around. We hope you'll make time to visit and browse our collections. We know you'll find the perfect book for the children in your life. Reading to and with children is directly related to success in school and in life.

Our annual Book Sale is March 26th – March 28th at the Community Center next door to South Regional Library. It looks as though we'll (again) have a great selection of fiction and non-fiction books. The book shop at South Library will be open until 7 pm on Thursday, March 26rd, the opening night of the sale. We hope you'll stop over and visit the shop after you've been to the sale.

Thanks, as always, for your continued support of our libraries!

Judy Mitchell
Vice President/Manager for South

MITCHELL

The Mitchell FOL Book Shop has had a great start to the new year with lots of children's books and some wonderful large donations of other adult fiction and non-fiction books. The library is currently busy with patrons for early voting and this is a great opportunity to come and check out the shop whilst passing, we have a great variety of fiction books out in the corridor at a bargain price of 4 for \$1. Whilst waiting in line feel free to come and pick up a magazine for as little as 10 cents each to help pass the time.

Easter is fast approaching and the shop has plenty of craft books, religious books and seasonal children's books, so keep an eye out for special carts and deals around this time. As many people start on their spring cleaning remember the shop is always happy to continue receiving your donations of unwanted books, games, DVD's, CDs, and audiobooks, we are grateful for all donations.

Dawn Myers
Vice President/Manager for Mitchell

South Montgomery County Friends of the Library

*Our 2020 Annual Book Sale is being held at
The South County Community Center
2235 Lake Robbins Dr., The Woodlands*

*Thursday March 26th – from 5pm until 8:00pm
(\$5 donation with each sale)*

Friday March 27th – from 9am until 4:30pm

Saturday March 28th – from 9am until 12pm

Closed from 12:00 until 12:30pm

Saturday March 28th – Special \$2 bag sale!

From 12:30pm until 3pm

All the proceeds from the sale go towards:

- summer reading programs,*
- buying books for the library collections*
- special computers for library customers
to help with their library experience.*



*The book sale is an outreach
program to get books into the
hands of children and adults
at terrific bargains!*

*Please join us & support
your local libraries!*