
THE BOOKWORM

SOUTH MONTGOMERY COUNTY FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

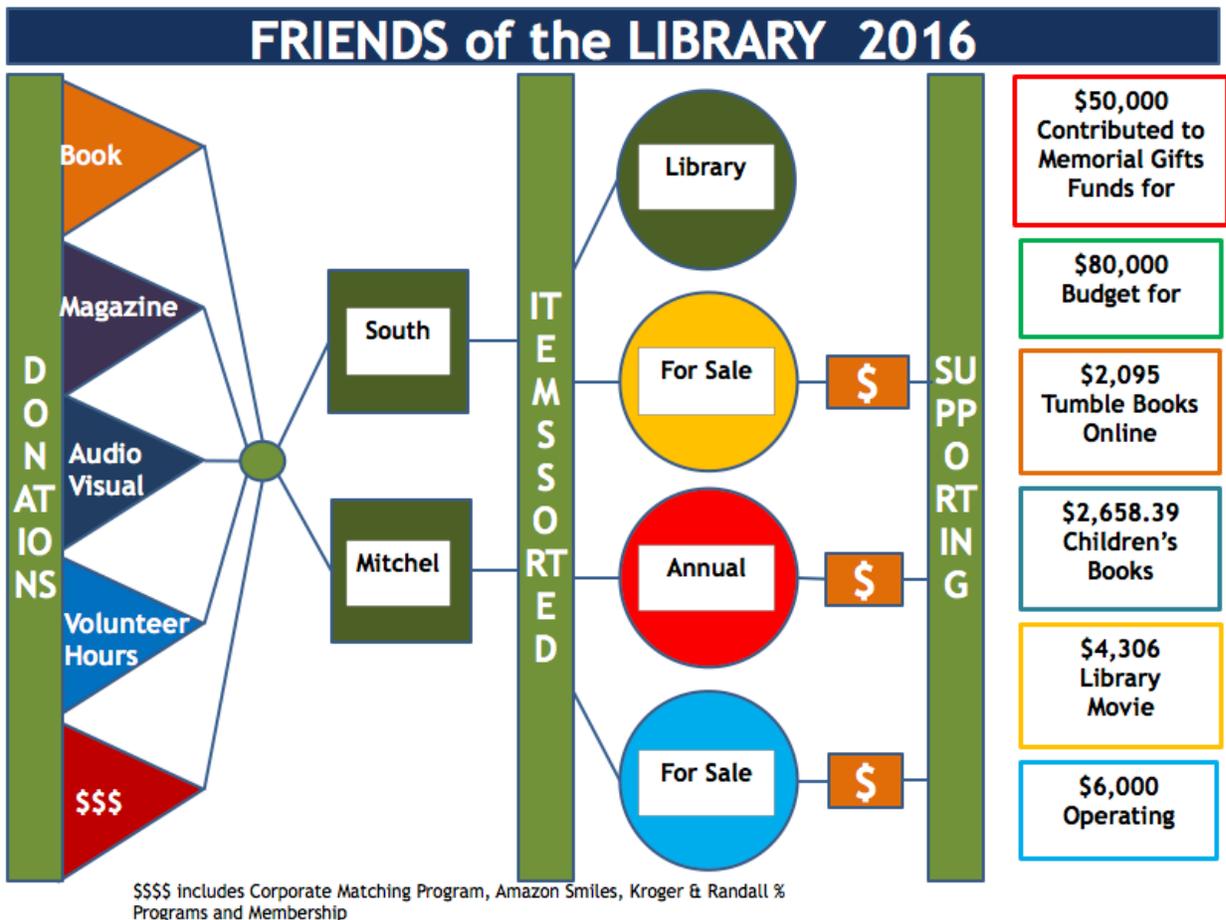
Well, We Did It. And I really mean We. Our very successful Annual Book Sale this spring was due in large part to each of you, whether you were a set upper, take downer, cashier or stocker, and/or buyer. We were fortunate to have many new volunteers and to have many returning volunteers during our sale week. We had great camaraderie by all and great leadership by our co-chairs, Jan Brodhead and Samantha Winner. The sale is a great benefit to the Friends and great opportunity for us to reach out to the community. Thank you for all your help. We are already in planning mode for next year's sale. So stay tuned for the dates and volunteering opportunities. Also please see the write up by Jan and Samantha.

We have not set a date for the next General Meeting but it will be later this summer in conjunction with a first class Library presentation. We were fortunate to have our first general meeting with Mitchell when the author Rhys Bowen came to speak on her new book, *In Fairleigh Field*. So stay tuned for our announcement of the program date.

Please see the chart which shows your impact in supporting the FOL and our libraries. Donations come via books, magazines and audio-visual recordings, volunteer hours, Amazon Smiles, Kroger and Randall purchases and contributions given to the two shops Mitchell and South Regional. These donations are sorted for additions to the library collections or sold through the shops, annual book sale or on Amazon. Through sales and donations, we were able to make a sizable donation to the Memorial Gift Fund for items for each libraries' collections, fund a significant budget for each library, buy books for online subscriptions and summer reading program, and help fund the library movie ad. We also covered our operating expenses. All this was possible from your contributions throughout 2016. So in sum, we had a very good 2016 and look forward to another good year in 2017.

I look forward to seeing you at upcoming events, shopping in the shops and when you drop off donations. With your support, it is going to be a great year for our libraries. And, of course, Happy Reading throughout the remainder of the year.

Deborah Butler
President, South Montgomery Friends of the Library
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The Friends have a number of volunteers that have generous employers who pay us for your volunteer hours. We are very grateful for all your hours and all their dollars. We have recently been informed by several of these employers, they will no longer attach the name of the volunteer to the remittance. Apparently this is an offshoot of the Privacy Acts most institutions must abide by. We would normally send a thank-you to our volunteer when we have received funds in their name. As we can no longer be sure who has submitted hours for compensation, we will list the corporate donations in our newsletter so you will know the transaction is complete. We cannot thank you enough for participating in your employers programs as your hours double your efforts in funding our libraries many community programs.

The following Corporate matching donations have been received since the beginning of 2017:

April 5, 2017	Exxon	\$500.00
May 9, 2017	Chevron	\$ 50.00

SMCFOL has received a \$92.11 donation from the AmazonSmile Foundation as a result of AmazonSmile program activity between October 2016 and May 2017. We receive 1/2% of all purchases by associated accounts that come back to our libraries thru an Amazon donation to the SMCFOL charity.

If you haven't done so, consider registering your Amazon account. Go to "smile.amazon.com". If you are an Amazon Prime member go to "Your Account" at the top right hand side of the screen. In the drop down you will find "Change your Charity". Type in "South Montgomery County Friends of the Library" and you will be able to pick our great group as the charity that receives a percentage of your purchases. After that just purchase as you normally do. There is no further sign up necessary and no renewal date.

If you are not a Prime member the new webpage will come up with a Select a Charity screen. You will need to go to the "or pick your own charity" box and type in "South Montgomery County Friends of the Library". The screen will show the SMCFOL name and The Woodlands and you click the button to accept.

In both cases 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.

Thank you for all you do for the libraries and the wonderful programs they are able to bring to our community because of you.

SMCFOL ANNUAL BOOK SALE 2017

"You can't buy happiness but you can buy books, and that's kind of the same thing".

That was certainly true recently at the 2017 Book Sale. This year's sale was a great success with lots of excited customers buying happiness in the form of beautiful donated books!

Everything went well all due to the hard work of our wonderful volunteers, so on behalf of South Montgomery Friends of the Library we would like to say a huge thank you for your help this year.

The Book Sale depends entirely on the FOL volunteers and we are extremely lucky to have so many of you willing to put your time and effort into helping with this event. The set up team worked hard throughout Tuesday and Wednesday, unpacking and sorting over 600 boxes of books, ensuring that by the end of Wednesday almost everything was done. That took the pressure off us on Thursday allowing an excellent opening to our First Choice night.

The volunteers at the sale on Thursday evening, Friday and Saturday worked equally as hard, helping customers to take home some amazing bargains.

A special thank you to our Book Sale Team: Deborah Butler, Chantal & Mark Weller, Joan Hachtel, Megan VerBerkmoes, Megan Larsen, Maureen Dalton, Judy Mitchell and of course Mary Jo Sgro for all her efforts to feed everyone throughout the week.

The sale had nearly \$9,000.00 in sales and we couldn't have achieved this success without all of you so once again we thank you and hope to see you at next year's sale!

Jan Brodhead
Samantha Winner
Book Sale Co-Chairs



SOUTH LIBRARY

Looking for activities or programs you and your family can enjoy? Join us at the library! Thanks to your continued as well as generous support, we have another year of exciting programs. A highlight of some of the programs have been listed below. Check the calendar <http://www.countylibrary.org/calendar.htm> or call (936) 442 7727 and select option #4 for details as some programs require registration. Also, remember reading logs for the family (adults can log their reading online)!!

Children's Programs

June 6 10am – 12pm
June 7 10am & 11:15am & 12:30pm
June 13 9:30am & 10:30am
June 13 2pm – 4pm
June 21 10am & 11:15am
July 5 10am & 11:15am

Summer Reading Kick Off Party
Dinosaur George
Baby & Me Story-time for 0-18 months
R.E.A.D to the Dogs
John O'Bryant Magic Show
Crocodile Encounter

Preteen Programs

June 8 2pm	Movie, Snacks & Prizes
June 15	Murder Mystery
June 29	Book Club
July 6	Calligraphy Class
July 13	Gaming and Snacks

Teen Programs

June 7	Kick Off Party
June 14	Murder Mystery
June 28	Book Club
July 8	Learn the fine art of calligraphy

Adult Programs

June 6 5:30pm – 7:30pm	Gardening: Plant a Tree
June 10	Zen coloring
June 20	Crafternoon: Angel Gown Boxes
June 23	Getting Started with DNA for Genealogy
July 11	Crafternoon: Brush Calligraphy

Family Programs

June 5	Family Game Night
July 3	Family Game Night
July 8	Hero Library

Thank you so much for your continued support and the difference you make in our community.

Catherine Pells
South Regional Branch Manager

MITCHELL LIBRARY

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.

Summer Reading 2017

Build a Better World with Mitchell Library's Summer Reading Program. There are reading challenges for all ages and lots of free activities throughout the summer. The Summer Reading Program runs from May 30 to July 14. More information about our sum-

mer programs and services can be found on our website at www.countylibrary.org/summer.htm. We hope to see you this summer!

Summer Events for Children and Teens

Summer is the perfect time to read for the fun of it, and the Mitchell Library Summer Reading Program is the perfect way to do it. This year's theme is Build a Better World! Programs and activities are planned to promote reading as a leisure activity, stimulate curiosity, and encourage the use of library resources. The Texas Reading Club is self-paced and fosters reading success by rewarding children for the time they spend reading. Children ages birth-12 are invited to participate and can earn fabulous rewards for reading. Additionally, this year we will host more than 30 events for children of all ages. Participation in the summer reading club is not required to attend library events, and all events are free and open to the public. Popular programs include Dinosaur George, Crocodile Encounter, and a pizza dough demonstration. For the first time at our location we are offering programs for preteens (ages 9-12). Advanced registration is required through our online calendar to attend all programs, including a magic workshop and sand art. Teens (ages 13-17) are encouraged to participate in the Teen Summer Reading Club. Just three completed titles give teens an opportunity to attend the Teen VIP Reader's Party featuring a DJ, photo booth, and lots of prize drawings. Teens are also encouraged to attend programs, including paper-making, movie night, and a teen escape room battle. For a full list of programs, please visit the library's calendar of events at www.countylibrary.org/calendar.htm.

Summer Events for Adults

Are you ready? Adult Summer Reading is almost here! Readers 18 and over can participate in two ways: by reading or listening to books (including ebooks and audiobooks) and turning in those titles (either online or in boxes around the library) for a chance to win prizes and help us reach our goal of 400 participants; and by attending one or more of the various events offered.

Come join us for these free events all summer long!

Summer Movie Matinees will be every Wednesday at 1:00pm and are rated PG-13. Children 12 and under must be accompanied by an adult. We'll bring the popcorn!

- Wednesday, June 7 – Star Wars: The Force Awakens
- Wednesday, June 15 – Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them
- Wednesday, June 21 – Captain America: Civil War
- Wednesday, June 27 – Dr. Strange
- Wednesday, July 5 – Jurassic World

Crafternoons, our popular craft program, will host four special sessions this summer. The make-and-take crafts are free, while supplies last. No advanced skills are needed; just show up ready to have fun and create something amazing! Art supplies and instruction are provided, no registration necessary. Crafts are the second and fourth Tuesday of the month at 1:30pm. We hope to see you there!

- Tuesday, June 13 – Fabric-Covered Letter
- Tuesday, June 27 – DIY Photo Frame
- Tuesday, July 11 – Book Page Votive Candle
- Tuesday, July 25 – Painted Garden Rocks

Adult Coloring Stress-Free Zone will be a come-and-go activity in our upstairs conference room, every Friday afternoon from 1-3 p.m. We'll provide the colored pencils and coloring sheets; you provide the creativity! Join other community members in a relaxing environment with soothing music and snacks while you color your cares away!

Be sure to keep a look out for Activity Stations throughout the library! There will be places to stop and pick up a quick craft, visit our photo booth, or participate in a fun, "Build Your Own Adventure Scavenger Hunt"! These activities are great for all ages!

Book Clubs

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. Questions? Call us at 936-442-7728 or email jennifer.giele@countylibrary.org

June 21: *The Orphan's Tale* by Pam Jenoff
July 19: *Be Frank With Me* by Julia Claibourne Johnson

Mitchell Fiction Book Club

The Fiction Book Club has an interesting group of selections coming up for summer. *The Turner House* by Angela Flourney is our June selection. The story centers on an African-American family who must cope with the disposal of their mother's inner-city Detroit home. The reader is allowed a close look at the universal family dynamics played out against the backdrop of a troubled city.

For July, *Marriage of Opposites* by Alice Hoffman will entertain us with the story of Rachel, the mother of Camille Pissaro, the famous painter. Set on the island of St. Thomas in the 1800s, the story of Jewish people who fled Europe and the Inquisition for safety in the Caribbean is revealed. Enjoy a love story with lots of history too!

The Fiction Book Club meets the first Thursday of the month at 2:00pm in Community Room 102. For more information, contact Emily Osburn at 936-442-7728, ext. 6313; by email at emily.osburn@county.library.org.

Nonfiction Book Club

The Mitchell Nonfiction Book Club meets every third Thursday of the month at 1:00 pm in the Community Room. The book club invites you to enjoy a break from the summer sun, relax and discuss books with like-minded readers, and partake of some light refreshments. For more information, contact Reference Librarian Jackie Greene at 936-442-7728, ext. 6314; or at jgreene@countylibrary.org.

June 15: *The Immortal Irishman: The Irish Revolutionary Who Became an American Hero* by Timothy Egan

July 20: *Evicted: Poverty and Profit in the American City* by Matthew Desmond

We would like to extend a big thank you to the SMC-FOL. The success of our Summer Reading Programs would be greatly diminished without your support. We appreciate all that you do for us!

Amber Fritschel-Manolovitz
Assistant Branch Manager

NEWS FROM THE GIFT SHOPS

Summer is almost here! School is out (or soon will be). It's hard to know who is more excited — the kids or the teachers! Parents are happy too. No more last week assigned projects, no more prodding reluctant students to finish homework. Those smiles will remain on parents' faces until at least next week when the kids wake up and utter those familiar words, "I'm bored!"

Thank goodness for our libraries! Have you read through the Calendar of Events? Wow! Lots of great programs and group activities for children of all ages. FOL Book Shop volunteers are so happy to be part of the team bringing you these wonderful programs. Did you know that 100% of our shop income goes straight to the library? These monies are used for all sorts of things including Summer Reading Programs.

Stop in our FOL Book Shops this summer. We have children's and young adult books galore to support the Summer Reading Programs. We are a great place to find those books that are on Required Reading Lists for local schools. Finally, we have books for you, adults, too! Research shows children who see adults reading in the home become avid readers. So stop in our shops! We have something for everyone.

Judy Mitchell
South Book Shop Manager

It's been nice and busy in the Mitchell shop recently and we've been receiving some great donations, so a big thanks to all our customers! As we head into summer, our Required Reading, Summer Reading and Parent/Student selections will be on display so hurry along to check it out, once it's gone it's gone! Thanks as always for supporting us.

Alex Ellison and Samantha Winner
Mitchell Shop Managers



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