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# THE BOOKWORM

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SOUTH MONTGOMERY COUNTY FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

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**JANUARY/FEBRUARY/MARCH 2018**

## **LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT**

Welcome to the New Year for the FOL and, after this week, I hope the end of winter here in The Woodlands. At the outset, I want to thank all of you, our members, for a great past year for our libraries and for the continuing support for our efforts through and for the shops and at the book sale. Your continued tremendous support led to a very good year for numerous library programs benefiting our community here in The Woodlands. A special thank you to all of our volunteers who worked in the shops, sorting the many donations and covering the desks, and at the book sale, setting up and then working the sale. We could not have done any of these things without your efforts.

Our new FOL year is well under way with activities set in partnership with the libraries on a number of programs, special sales at the shops and, of course, preparations for our annual book sale which is set to begin Thursday, March 29, 2018, at the Community Center, with set up scheduled to commence Tuesday afternoon, March 27, 2018 at 1:30 p.m.

Two General Meetings are set: the first is at Mitchell, February 6, 2018 at 2 p.m., which includes a program in partnership with the library on Genealogy, Getting Started with DNA for Genealogy.

The second General Meeting is at the Community Center on March 27, 2018 at 1:30 p.m. as we kick off final preparations for the annual book sale. 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.

This year's board is already hard at work on a number of FOL programs. We are fortunate to have a mix of returning and new members, but we are looking forward to adding some new members before the annual sale. So think about a great volunteering opportunity. Current make up of the board is as follows: Megan VerBerkmoes, VP Mitchell and Mitchell Shop Manager; Judy Mitchell, VP South and South Shop Manager; Debbie Adams, Treasurer; Lynne Santarsiere, Secretary; Adora Meagher, Membership; Megan Larsen, Newsletter and Website Manager; Jan Broadhead and Samantha Winner, Book Sale Chairs; Brenda Meyers, Amazon Sales; MaryJo Sgro, Hospitality; Chantal and Mark Weller, Book Collection; and Jholeen Cunningham.

I hope to see you at upcoming events, at the Book Sale, 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, always Happy Reading.

Deborah Butler  
President, South Montgomery County Friends of the Library

## **SOUTH MONTGOMERY COUNTY FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY ANNUAL STATEMENT FOR 2017**

The FOL receives your support for our libraries through membership dues, monetary donations and the very generous donation of your time contributed by working in the two gift shops and during the annual community wide book sale. Contributions by FOL members leverages the support for our local community, allowing the Friends to provide more than \$128,000.00 for our two libraries this past year.

The following contributions were made to our two libraries in 2017:

Provided a budget of \$81,500.00 for our two libraries, which was used to fund the summer reading programs, children's programs throughout the year, book clubs, display items, reference material, etc.

Purchased \$3,250.00 of children's books at the Scholastic Book Fair warehouse sale, which were used for the summer reading program.

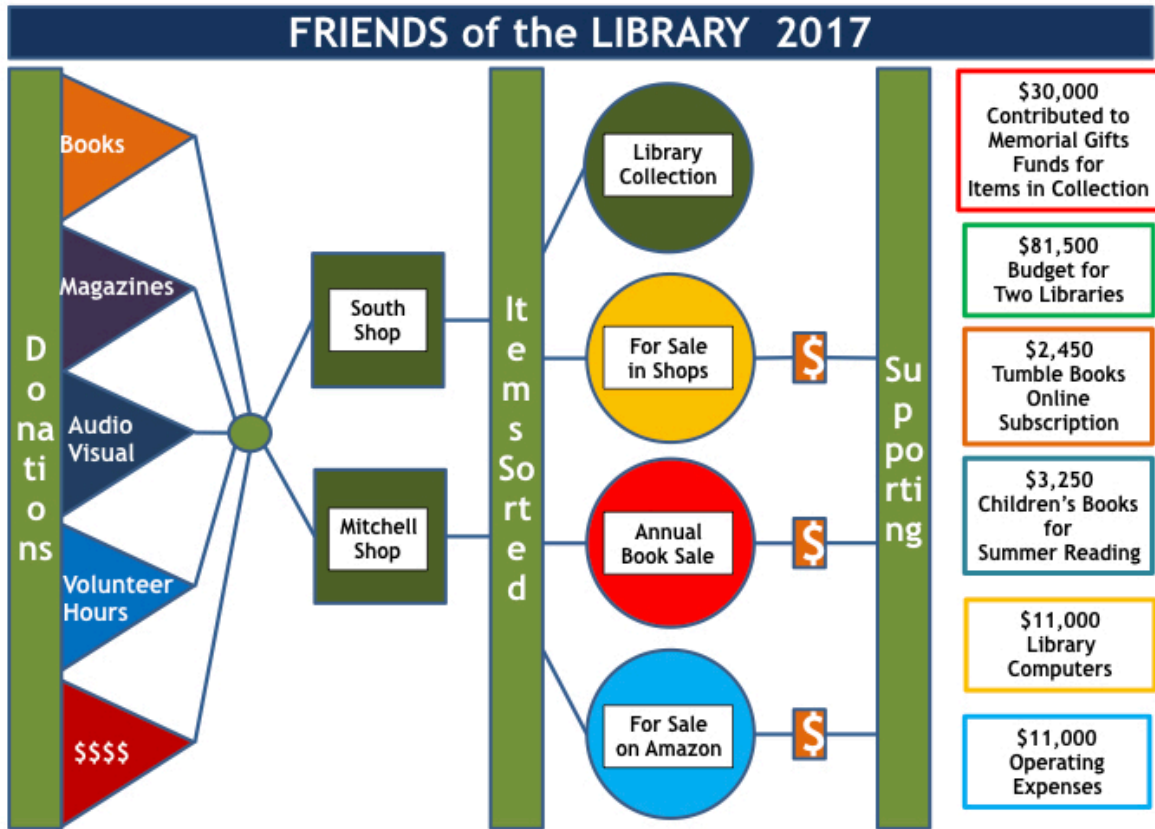
Provided \$2,450.00 to purchase the Tumble Books Online Subscription.

Provided \$11,000.00 to purchase library computers.

Contributed \$30,000.00 to the Montgomery County Memorial and Gift Fund to use for the purchase, processing and cataloging of items to be added to the collections of the two Woodlands' libraries.

The mission of the SMCFOL is to raise funds through book sales, membership dues and donations to meet the needs of our two libraries; to support programming; and to provide funding for materials and equipment requested by the libraries. Both of our two libraries are cultural and educational assets for the citizens of South Montgomery County. We remain dedicated to our mission and our work to maintain the excellence of our two libraries.

Your membership, financial contributions, attendance at meetings and special events, volunteer hours, books donated and books purchased were, are, and will continue to be, critical to our past success and our future successes.



**GENERAL MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2018 AT 2:00 P.M.  
AT MITCHELL LIBRARY**

Please join us for an important General Meeting of the Friends of the Library 2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. and feature Carl Smith, genealogy librarian from Central, speaking on "DNA Basics in Genealogy".

**SAVE THE DATE!!!**  
**SMCFOL ANNUAL BOOK SALE 2018**

South Montgomery County Friends of the Library

Our 2018 annual book sale is being held at  
The South County Community Center  
2235 Lake Robbins Dr, The Woodlands

Thursday March 22<sup>nd</sup> – from 5pm until 8:00pm  
(\$5 donation with each sale)

Friday March 23<sup>rd</sup> – from 9am until 4:30pm

Saturday March 24<sup>th</sup> – from 9am until 12pm

Closed from 12:00 until 12:30pm

Saturday March 24<sup>th</sup> – 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!

If you would like to help with set up or sale on a specific day/time, please feel free to contact [samantha.winner72@gmail.com](mailto:samantha.winner72@gmail.com) and you will be included in the schedule. Otherwise please keep an eye out for our request for volunteers email which will be sent out to all members in the next couple of weeks. Thanks in advance for your help with this event as it couldn't take place without you!

Jan Brodhead and Samantha Winner  
Book Sale Co-Chairs

## SOUTH LIBRARY

### Tackling New Year's Resolutions at the Library!

Here at the South Regional Library we are looking forward to an exciting new year. With the support of the South Montgomery County Friends of the Library, we will be hosting quite a few new events, along with many of our past favorites. We are ready to help our patrons with some of those New Year's resolutions! Whether the resolution is to read more, work on finances, expand computer skills, or get that front yard garden looking beautiful - we have got it covered! We hope that you can join us for some of the fun events that we have planned!

### Redesigned Library Website

Our library system has a new and improved website! Though the website address is still the same, our pages are now more mobile-friendly and better able to serve our visually impaired patrons. Click [here](#) to look at the new design.

### Events for Adults

#### Financial Education Workshops

Knowing how money works can positively impact just about every area of your life. We are happy to have Alex Truong joining us to provide our patrons with a series of financial education workshops, beginning on January 27.

Join us for one or all the presentations from 2 p.m.-3 p.m. in the Lobby Meeting Room:

January 27	Debt Management / Increase Cash Flow
February 10	Building a Strong Financial Foundation / Proper Protection
February 24	Building Wealth / Asset Accumulation
March 10	Retirement Planning / Wealth Preservation
March 24	Debt Management / Increase Cash Flow
April 14	Debt Management / Increase Cash Flow
April 28	Building Wealth / Asset Accumulation
May 12	Retirement Planning / Wealth Preservation

#### Finding Your Immigrant Ancestors

January 29 from 1 p.m.- 2 p.m. Every American's family tree has one thing in common, we are all descendants of immigrants. Join genealogist Carl Smith for a workshop covering tips, tricks, and methods of tracing the footsteps and paper trails of your immigrant ancestors. [Registration Required.](#)

## Family Game Night

February 5 at 5:30 p.m. Join us for fun board games and refreshments for the whole family.

## Adult Gardening with Bob Dailey: Low-Tech, High-Impact

February 6 at 5:30 p.m. Learn how to easily make impressive landscapes with Bob's low-tech, high-impact garden and lawn solutions.

## Needlecraft Circle

February 12 at 1:30 p.m. Bring your project (knitting, embroidery, crochet, etc.) and socialize with us. Meetings are held in the Children's Room at the back of the first floor.

## Bookmarks Galore

February 20 at 5:30 p.m. Learn how to make all kinds of bookmarks to aid your reading endeavors. [Registration required](#).

## Senior Seminar Circle: Mobile Cooking School

February 26 from 1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. Texas A&M Agrilife of Montgomery County is going "On the Road" to teach you how to cook nutritious meals for your family. [Registration required](#).

## Adult Fiction Book Club

February 27 at 1 p.m. Please join us in the Small Meeting Room for a lively book discussion and light refreshments. The book club selection for February is *News of the World* by Paulette Jiles. [Registration required](#).

## Events for Teens

### Create a Succulent Cupcake

February 25 at 4:30 p.m. Teens will learn how to make a cupcake look like a small potted succulent plant. All supplies will be provided. [Registration required](#).

### Teen Writers and Artists Group

If you like to write or draw, this is the group just for you! Meet with other writers and illustrators to discuss ideas, get tips, and share your work with others.

February 8 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

March 8 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

April 12 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

May 10 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

[Register online](#) approximately one month before each meeting date.

#### Teen Book Club and Teen Manga Book Club

February 15, March 22, April 19, and May 17. Teen Book Club begins at 4:30 p.m. and our Teen Manga Book Club begins at 5 p.m. Teens will meet and discuss that month's book selection in a fun and informal setting. The first six teens to register each month will receive a free copy of the book to be discussed the following month. Register each month by calling the Young Adult Librarian, Natasha Benway at 936-442-7727.

#### Teen Anti-Valentine Party

February 22 at 4:30 p.m. Tired of all the Valentine's craziness? Then come relax at the library's grumpy cat themed party. There will be small crafts, foods, and a chocolate fountain. Register by calling the Young Adult Librarian, Natasha Benway at 936-442-7727.

#### Events for Kids

##### Music & Movement

Join us the last Wednesday of the month from 11 a.m. -11:30 a.m, to get your kids moving and grooving during our Music & Movement program. Children age 2 years and older sing, make music, dance, and move using simple instruments, scarves, ribbons, parachutes, and more.

##### Preteen Book Club

February 15 at 4:30 p.m. 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 10 preteens to sign up receive a free copy of that month's book (one book per family). Sign up at the Children's Desk or by calling 936-442-7727 ext 6363.

##### Young Makers STEAM Challenge

February 21 at 4 p.m. Take our monthly STEAM Challenge! Each month features a different challenge that will encourage children to use their science, technology, engineering, arts and math skills to complete. No signup required. This program is intended for children aged 6 and up.

Jenn Wigle  
Assistant South Regional Manager

## MITCHELL LIBRARY

Mitchell Library is delighted to partner with SMCFOL for their General Meeting on Tuesday, February 6, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. in the Mitchell Community Room. The program will be a special presentation on the wonderful new world of Genetic Genealogy. Presented by Genealogy Librarian Carl Smith, "Getting Started with DNA for Genealogy" will provide a fascinating overview of the topic. Whether you are considering having your DNA tested or have submitted a sample already, come to the program and learn about the different DNA tests to choose among, how to compare DNA testing companies, and what DNA can (and can't) do to help with your tricky family heritage questions. The SMCFOL General Meeting will precede the presentation. All are encouraged to attend! If learning more about your family history is on your list for this year, there will also be a Genealogy Open Lab at Mitchell on Monday, January 22, from 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Experts from the Genealogy & Local History Room will be on hand to answer your questions and provide assistance with using the library's digital resources. Computers in the second floor lab will be available to search popular databases including Ancestry Library Edition, Family Search, and Heritage Quest.

**Breaking News:** After intensive preparation over the past year and a half, Mitchell Library will receive formal recognition as an official Family Place Library on Thursday, February 15. Please join us at 10 a.m. in the Children's department for a special presentation by Kathleen Deerr, the National Coordinator of Family Place Libraries. Library Director Jeri Williams, along with members of the Library Advisory Board and other local dignitaries, will be in attendance as our Play-Learn-Grow space is officially dedicated and the Family Place Libraries banner is presented. Family Place Libraries™ is a nationwide network dedicated to helping libraries build healthy communities by nourishing healthy families. A proven change agent, Family Place Libraries supports the transformation of libraries into community centers for early literacy and learning, parent education and engagement, family support and community connectivity, in order to help assure that all children enter school ready and able to learn. The Family Place Libraries network currently includes more than 500 sites in 31 states and continues to grow. Mitchell Library's participation in the Family Place Libraries movement has been supported by a grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services to the Texas State Library and Archives Commission under the provisions of the Library Services and Technology Act, and a State-funded grant from the Texas State Library and Archives Commission. The support of the South Montgomery County Friends of the Library has also contributed to Mitchell's successful effort to bring the Family Place Libraries approach to our community. Please plan to join us at this special event!

**County Holiday:** All County offices, including the libraries, will be closed on Monday, February 19, in observance of President's Day.

**Elections:** Once again the Mitchell Library Community Room will be serving as a polling place during early voting, from Tuesday, February 20, through Friday, March 2. Our



community room is also expected to be used as a precinct polling place for the General Election on Tuesday, March 6.

### Events for Adults

Art Display Presented by the Islamic Arts Society, February 5 through March 2 in the second floor display cases. Art pieces will include paintings, woodwork and ceramics produced by local contemporary artists from the society. We had a preview of the display at South Regional late last year and look forward to seeing both of the Mitchell display cases filled with these wonderful pieces!

#### 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 p.m.-7:30 p.m. in the Community Room. Questions? Call us at 936-442-7728 or email [jennifer.giele@countylibrary.org](mailto:jennifer.giele@countylibrary.org).

February 21 - *The One-In-A-Million Boy* by Monica Wood  
(Plus, discussion of January's selection *Hidden Figures* by Margot Lee Shetterly. The January meeting was cancelled due to inclement weather.)

\*\*\*February's meeting will take place in the 2nd floor Conference Room 222

#### Mitchell Adult Nonfiction Book Club

Join us on Thursday, February 15 for a discussion of the autobiographical bestseller, *When Breath Becomes Air*. Paul Kalanithi was on the verge of becoming a neurosurgeon when, at the age of thirty-six, he became a patient himself, diagnosed with Stage IV lung cancer. In this heart-wrenching and profound memoir, Paul discusses his life as he moves forward, becomes a new father, and comes face to face with his mortality.

Any adult is invited to sign up, and refreshments will be served.

\*\*\* This meeting will be held in the upstairs Conference Room due to Early Voting in the downstairs Community Room. Since the Conference Room is limited to 12 attendees, book club members will be asked to indicate their preference (1 p.m. or 2 p.m.) as to which time he/she is available to attend. Please contact Jackie Greene, Reference Librarian at 936-442-7728, ext. 6314 or at [jgreene@countylibrary.org](mailto:jgreene@countylibrary.org), if you have not previously signed up and plan to attend.

## Mitchell Adult Fiction Book Club

Join us Thursday, February 1 at 2 p.m. to discuss *Death at La Fenice*. This is the first book of the bestselling Detective Guido Brunetti series by Donna Leon. Set in Venice, where the author has been a resident for many years, Ms. Leon's books reveal residential Venice highlighting the background stories of a Venice that not many people know. Main character, Guido Brunetti, is not only smart, he is also socially adept and compassionate towards all the citizens of Venice. Enjoy this mystery and you will learn a lot about Venetian culture, history, food and the complex social nuances of a unique place.

The March selection of the Fiction Book club is *The Unseen World* by Liz Moore. What is it like to have an eccentric and brilliant computer innovator for a father? How did this world of artificial intelligence we encounter everyday come into being? Like all young women, Ada has to find her place in the world, to decide how to become her own person. Her task is complicated by her unusual upbringing. Her computer scientist father started teaching her programming when she was eleven. The problem of living in the insular world of computer geeks is that real life can be messy and disruptive – and there isn't a program to deal with that. Read *The Unseen World* to see how Ada figures it all out and join us for a discussion on Thursday, March 1 at 2 p.m.

## Mitchell Adult Writers Group

Mitchell Writers Group meets on the third Tuesday of every month from 1 p.m -2:30 p.m. For anyone who wants to get started writing but perhaps isn't sure where to start, we will have some materials and ideas for inspiration. Our group will give members a time and place to start a journal, plan a short story, or capture a precious memory. Experienced writers are welcome to join and inspire us. Would you like to leave some special thoughts behind for your children and grandchildren? Craft a poem? Write an essay? Drop in and see what we're up to! We've also started Mitchell Writers Group: Writing Lab. It's a dedicated time and place to get some writing done in an inspirational atmosphere. The Writing Lab is the second Tuesday of the month from 1 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. in Conference Room 222.

## Mitchell Crafternoons

Join us for Crafternoons for a fun, free craft to take home! Supplies and instructions are provided on a first-come, first-served basis. All ages welcome, but be aware that crafts are intended for adults and older children. No registration needed. Happy crafting!

Date: 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays of the month

Time: 1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Location: Community Room 102

Crafternoons Schedule:

January 23 – Button Art

March 13 – Tassel Earrings

\*\*\* There are no Crafternoon events in February due to Early Voting.

## Mitchell Movie Matinees

Are you someone who enjoys watching an afternoon movie, complete with popcorn, a drink, and the company of other movie fans? Then the Mitchell Movie Matinee is for you! This exciting big-screen experience is provided right here in the library.

Thursday, January 25, 1:00 p.m.

*Suffragette* stars Carey Mulligan, Helena Bonham Carter, Meryl Streep, and Brendan Gleeson. Inspired by true events, *Suffragette* is about women willing to lose everything in their fight for equality in early 20th Century Britain. Galvanized by outlaw fugitive Emmeline (Streep), Maud (Mulligan) joins the U.K.'s growing movement alongside women from all walks of life. This movie is rated PG-13.

Questions? Contact Jackie Greene, Reference Librarian, at 936-442-7728, ext. 6314

## Mitchell Needlecrafts: Knit & Stitch

Crocheters, knitters, embroiderers, quilters, and all textile artists welcome. Bring your own work-in-progress and supplies! First and third Friday each month, upstairs in Conference Room 222. Drop by for inspiration and to meet fellow crafters.

## Events for Teens (Ages 13-17)

### Teen Girls Who Code

Thursday, January 25 from 5:30 p.m.-7 p.m.  
Thursday, February 1 from 5:30 p.m. -7 p.m.  
Thursday, February 8 from 5:30 p.m.- 7 p.m.  
Thursday, February 15 from 5:30 p.m. - 7 p.m.  
Thursday, February 22 from 5:30 p.m.- 7 p.m.  
Thursday, March 1 from 5:30 p.m.-7 p.m.

### Teen Gaming Unplugged

Tuesday, February 13 from 5:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.

### Teen Hangout Trivia Time

Tuesday, February 6 from 5:30 p.m.- 8 p.m.

### Teen Movie Night

Tuesday, January 25 from 5:30 p.m. - 8 p.m. – Spider-Man (PG-13)

### Teen Practice SAT Exam

Saturday, February 3 from 9 a.m. -1 p.m. (Space is limited and registration is required)

\*\*\*With the exception of Teen Girls Who Code, Mitchell teen programs will cease for one month from February 14 until March 12 due to Early Voting.

### Events for Children

The usual schedule of Children's events resumes on Monday, January 22.

For more information on Children's programming, please call the Mitchell Children's Department at 936-442-7728, ext. 6327

#### LEGO® Fun

Saturday, January 27, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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.

#### Toddler Playdate

Play-Learn-Grow: A Family Place Library weekly event.

Mondays from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Join us for this come-and-go program that encourages play with educational toys and board books. Spend time together, play in a play group atmosphere, make friends and visit with other parents.

#### Family Storytime

Tuesdays and Wednesdays at 10 a.m., 10:30 a.m., and 11 a.m.

This story program is for children of all ages (birth - age 3) with 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 Storytime

Tuesdays and Wednesdays at 1:30 p.m.

This program is for children 4 and up. \*\* Children may attend the 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.

Donna Dzierlenga  
Branch Manager

## **NEWS FROM THE GIFT SHOPS**

### **SOUTH**

At the beginning of the new year, part of a book lover's ritual is to clear those books off the bookcases at home to make way for new reads. Just in the past few weeks, South Library Book Shop has received hundreds of beautiful books all priced, shelved and waiting for new homes. Whether you are looking for nonfiction, fiction, romance, or coffee table books, we hope you'll stop in and browse. We're sure you'll find something that you'll like!

Throughout the year, based on our donations, we offer special sales. We currently are featuring Young Adult books on a Buy One Get One Free sale. Coming in February, South Book Shop will feature special sales on romance titles to celebrate Valentine's Day. We'll also have a selection of children's Valentine Books for our young readers.

You can see there's something for everyone! Come in and browse, you're always welcome.

By the way, have you ever thought of volunteering at the book shop? We are always looking for friendly, book lovers to shelve and sort books. Just fill out a membership form and we'll be in contact. We'd love to have you join our group.

Judy Mitchell  
Vice President for South

### **MITCHELL**

We had a very respectable year at the Mitchell Friends Shop with total sales of \$53,269.40. Thank you to all the dedicated volunteers who are responsible for our success.

With the beginning of the new year, we again are reviewing our procedures and product mix sold at the Mitchell Shop so that we can continue to maximize our sales. The funds which we donate to our libraries help support library programs, events, summer reading and allow for the purchase of more books and DVDs.

Lastly, we at the Mitchell Shop are always interested in prospective volunteers who have the availability to work one or preferably two shifts per month.

Megan VerBerkmoes  
Vice President for Mitchell



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