
THE BOOKWORM

SOUTH MONTGOMERY COUNTY FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Spring is in the air and with that comes spring cleaning. A big thanks to all for the great donations we are seeing at both libraries. Those donations have generated significant inventories from which our customers can choose one or many books to buy. We have also been able to pull together a great selection books for our Annual Sale, which begins this month on March 22, First Night, at 5 p.m., at the Community Center. (See News from the Shops by Megan VerBerkmoes on the special impact we had with a recent donation at the Mitchell Shop.)

At our last FOL General Meeting on February 6, we were able again to partner with the library for a very informative presentation on DNA and Genealogy. A special thanks to Genealogy Librarian Carl Smith for that well received presentation. Our next FOL General Meeting is this month, March 20, at the Community Center as we kick off the Annual Book Sale. Please join us at 1:30 p.m. for a guaranteed very short meeting as we begin to open the boxes to set up the sale. We expect to set up over 600 flats, so your assistance is really needed to help us organize the books we have collected over the past year into those flats.

Last month, the Mitchell Library was formally recognized as a Family Place Library for its commitment to serving as a center for healthy child and family development. Besides receiving this honor, this commitment at the Mitchell Library transforms it into a learning center to support early childhood education, life long literacy, parental involvement, and community engagement. Stop by the Mitchell Library, particularly the Children's Section, to learn more about the Family Place Library Program and what it can do for you and your families.

As we continue to transition to a new Board and Treasurer, we are going to do an internal audit of the FOL books. While not a huge effort, it is expected to take several hours over two or three days by a volunteer or two with an accounting or CPA background. If you have this background or know someone who does, please contact any officer: Judy Mitchell, VP South; Megan VerBerkmoes, VP Mitchell; Debbie Adams, Treasurer; Lynne Santarsiere, Secretary; or myself.

I hope to see you at upcoming events, at the Book Sale, shopping in the shops and when you drop off donations. With your continued support, it is going to be a great year for our libraries. And, of course, always Happy Reading throughout the year.

Deborah Butler
President, South Montgomery County Friends of the Library

MEMBERSHIP

The South Montgomery County Friends of the Library membership campaign is ongoing. 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.

Adora Meagher
Membership Chair

GENERAL MEETING TUESDAY, MARCH 20, 2018 AT 1:30 P.M. AT THE COMMUNITY CENTER

The second General Meeting is at the Community Center on Tuesday, March 20, 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.

SMCFOL ANNUAL BOOK SALE 2018

We still need more volunteers for Thursday evening and all day Saturday. If you have some time to give and would like to help with the set up or the sale, please feel free to contact samantha.winner72@gmail.com so you can be included on the schedule. 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 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 22nd – from 5pm until 8:00pm
(\$5 donation with each sale)

Friday March 23rd – from 9am until 4:30pm

Saturday March 24th – from 9am until 12pm

Closed from 12:00 until 12:30pm

Saturday March 24th – 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!

SOUTH LIBRARY

Can you believe it is already March? We are very much looking forward to the Friends of the Library book sale and we cannot thank you enough for your continued commitment to our community. As we “spring forward” this month, we are also looking forward to the many fantastic programs that we are able to offer, in large part thanks to all of you! We hope you will be able to join us for one of these events!

Events for Adults

AARP Tax Assistance

South Regional Library is hosting AARP tax assistance volunteers. Free tax assistance will be available Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. until April 17. **Services will not be available March 20 or March 30**

Family Game Night

March 5, April 2, and May 7 at 5:30 p.m. Join us for fun board games and refreshments for the whole family.

Gumshoe Mystery Book Club

March 6 and May 1 at 11 a.m. Please join us in the Small Meeting Room for lively mystery book discussion and refreshments. Seating is limited and registration is required. If you have any questions or you would like to register, please call 936-442-7727, ext. 6371.

South Islamic Arts Calligraphy & Henna Demonstration

March 6 at 5:30 p.m. Experience beautiful Islamic art in the making! Walk-ins are welcome.

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.

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

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

Adult Afternoon – Needlecraft Circle

March 12 and April 9 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.

Walking Book Club

March 20 at 5:30 p.m. Exercise your mind and body by taking book discussions on the move. We will walk the Waterway together, then meet back at the library for refreshments. The title for March is *Maisie Dobbs* by Jacqueline Winspear.

Adult Classic Movie Circle

March 26 from 1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. Enjoy an oldie but a goodie on the big screen. We will bring the popcorn. The movie for March is *It Happened One Night*.

Adult Gardening with Bob Dailey: Herbal Gardening

April 3 at 5:30 p.m. Learn about the millennia of tradition behind herb gardening. Bob will give you tips for what grows best in Montgomery County.

Crafternoon: Paper Flowers

April 17 from 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. Make a bouquet that will last all year long! Fold beautiful flowers out of different types of paper.

Prevent Identity Theft

April 23 from 1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. Presented by the Montgomery County Texas AgriLife Extension, this program will teach you how to protect yourself against identity theft. Find out the facts about this huge issue facing Americans.

Adult Fiction Book Club

April 24 at 1 p.m. Please join us in the Small Meeting Room for a lively book discussion and light refreshments at 1:00 p.m. Seating is limited and [registration is required](#). If you have questions or would like to register please call 936-442-7727 ext. 6369. The book club selection for April will be *The Storied Life of A. J. Fikry* by Gabrielle Zevin. Registration will start on Monday, March 5, 2017 at 10 a.m.

Events for Teens

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

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 De-Stress Sesh

April 26 at 4:30 p.m. Teens will relax, play games, and hang out before the finals season begins. Pizza and other refreshments will be provided. [Registration is required](#) and begins March 26.

Events for Kids

Toddler Storytime

Mondays at 9:15 a.m. and 10 a.m. Toddler Storytime introduces children to books with simple language and predictable plots. This program also introduces toddlers to storytime manners by helping them build listening skills and practice the self-control needed to be a good audience. Toddler 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 Time is about 20 minutes long and concludes with a coloring activity.

Preschooler Storytime

Tuesdays at 10 a.m. Preschooler Storytime provides a place for children to practice the storytime manners they have learned in Toddler Time. Children in Preschooler Storytime are expected to sit or stand still, listen to the storyteller, and practice self-control for longer periods of time than required during Toddler Storytime. Stories are longer and activities are more complex. Children may practice their independence by attending Preschooler Storytime without their caregiver (caregiver must remain on the first floor of the library at all times). Preschool Storytime lasts about 30 minutes.

Baby & Me Storytime

Wednesdays at 9:15 a.m. and 9:45 a.m. Baby & Me Storytime 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 storytime. Each Baby & Me Storytime is about 20 minutes long and concludes with time for babies to explore books and toys.

R.E.A.D.® to the Dogs

Join us the second Saturday of each month for R.E.A.D.® to the Dogs. This program 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.

Preteen Book Club

March 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

March 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.

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.

Story Book Club

April 4 at 4 p.m. Story Book Club is a cross between a storytime for preschoolers and a book club for older readers. Intended for ages 6 through 8 years, kids will hear a different storybook read aloud each month, followed by discussion and themed activities and refreshments. [Registration is required](#) and begins March 7.

Jenn Wigle
Assistant South Regional Manager



MITCHELL LIBRARY

The Family Place Libraries™ dedication held on Thursday, February 15, was a very special event, culminating almost eighteen months of hard work putting together all the elements of our Family Place Library. Kathy Deerr, the National Coordinator of Family Place Libraries™, flew in from New York to make the official banner presentation. Mark Smith, Director of the Texas State Library and Archives Commission, spoke about the importance of libraries to the community and the value of the federal support that his agency administers--and which funded the grant we received to support our project. Heather Washburn, District Director of Congressman Kevin Brady's office, presented Library Director Jeri Williams with an official proclamation in honor of the dedication. We had a number of other special guests in attendance: Adrienne Ropp, the granddaughter of George and Cynthia Woods Mitchell; Dr. Don Stockton, Superintendent of the Conroe Independent School District; Carol Stromatt, Director, The Woodlands Township; J. J. Hollie, President and CEO of The Woodlands Area Chamber of Commerce; Dr. Rebecca Riley, President of Lone Star College – Montgomery, and board member of the Greater Magnolia Parkway Chamber of Commerce; and Arthur J. Bredehoff, Chair of the Library Advisory Board. The South Montgomery County Friends of the Library were well represented by Deborah Butler, President of the SMCFOL, and Chantal Weller. Representatives of Texas Children's Hospital, Texas Agrilife Extension, Interfaith of The Woodlands, and The Woodlands Children's Museum were also present. The banner is now up in the Children's Area—stop by to admire it and to see the Play-Learn-Grow Early Literacy Space!

Please note that all libraries will be closed on Friday, March 30 and Saturday, March 30 for the Easter Holiday; and on Monday, May 28, for Memorial Day.

Events for Adults

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

Evening Book Club Schedule:

March 21 – *We Were the Lucky Ones* by Georgia Hunter

April 18 – *The Curious Charms of Arthur Pepper* by Phaedra Patrick

May 16 – *A Piece of the World* by Christina Baker Kline

Mitchell Adult Nonfiction Book Club

Come and enjoy the camaraderie of like-minded readers! Any adult is invited to attend and refreshments will be served. We meet at 1 p.m. in the Community Room. For more information, contact Jackie Greene, Reference Librarian, at 936-442-7728, ext. 6314 or at jgreene@countylibrary.org

March 15 – *Bellevue: Three Centuries of Medicine and Mayhem at America's Most Storied Hospital* by David Oshinsky

Founded in 1738, New York's iconic hospital charts the rise of American medicine from butchery and quackery to a professional and scientific endeavor.

April 19 – *The Undoing Project* by Michael Lewis

Two famous psychologists, Kahneman and Tversky, create groundbreaking studies in the decision-making process.

May 17 – *Killers of the Flower Moon: The Osage Murders and the Birth of the FBI* by David Grann

Disturbing and riveting story of how members of the Osage tribe, rich from oil, were mysteriously murdered in the 1920s, sparking an investigation by the FBI.

Mitchell Adult Fiction Book Club

The April 5th selection for the Fiction Book Club is *Pachinko* by Min Jin Lee. Pachinko is the story of a young girl who falls for an older man. When she becomes pregnant, she discovers that he is a married man, and a very powerful one. Suffering, hurt, and shamed, she declines to be his mistress. Instead, she marries a minister who is on his way to Japan. This decision affects four generations of her family. The story of their struggle to find acceptance and success in Japan is dramatic and engrossing. Their strong passions and the many levels of Japanese society they explore will hold your interest. This Korean family story truly unfolds the history of Korea – in a real and personal version.

The May 3rd selection for the Fiction Book Club is *Plainsong* by Kent Haruf. Haruf writes slowly, gently, and deceptively simple stories. They are crafted with great insight into human nature. He builds his characters and their lives with precision. They are ordinary people who rise to do the unexpected and hopeful things that give lives real meaning. The very sparseness of the prose and the story make it quite beautiful. Haruf's world is

a place we would all want to live in – and the characters are people we would admire. It's a story about a girl, a special teacher, and two eccentric bachelors.

The Fiction Book Club meets the first Thursday of the month at 2 p.m. in Community Room 102.

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 gives 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, 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: 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month

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

Location: Community Room 102

Crafternoons Schedule:

March 13 – Tassel Earrings

March 27 – Canvas Scrapbook Paper Art

April 10 – Due Date Tote

April 24 – Hexagon Wall Shelf

May 8 – Jar Pin Cushions

Please Note There will be only one Crafternoons program in May due to the Primary Runoff Election.

Mitchell Movie Matinees

Join us for a relaxing afternoon movie, some popcorn, a drink, and the company of other movie fans!

March 29 – *Victoria and Abdul* starring Judi Dench and Ali Fazal
Queen Victoria strikes up an unlikely friendship with a young Indian clerk named Abdul. Rated: PG-13

April 26 – *The Darkest Hour* starring Gary Oldman and Kristin Scott Thomas
Prime Minister Winston Churchill must rally the nation to war against the Nazis. Rated: PG-13

May 31 – *Wonder* starring Julia Roberts, Owen Wilson, and Jacob Tremblay
With the support of his parents, a ten-year-old boy with a facial deformity begins school and learns to form friendships and adjust to his new environment. 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 Craft Fun

Tuesday, April 17 from 5:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.
Tuesday, May 15 from 5:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Teen Gaming Rebooted

Tuesday, March 13 from 5:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.
Tuesday, April 10 from 5:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.
Tuesday, May 8 from 5:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Teen Movie Night

Tuesday, March 27 from 5:30 p.m.-8 p.m. – *Thor: Ragnarok* (PG-13)
Tuesday, April 24 from 5:30 p.m. - 8 p.m. – *Justice League* (PG-13)
Tuesday, May 29 from 5:30 p.m. - 8 p.m. – *Black Panther* (PG-13)

Teen Trivia Night

Tuesday, April 3 from 5:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.
Tuesday, May 1 from 5:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Teen Volunteer Orientation

Tuesday, May 22 from 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. *Registration Required*

Events for Children (Ages Birth to 12)

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

Craft Fun

Wednesday, March 14, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The activity room will be setup with simple craft activities for children to make and take home. This event is a come and go activity and a child must be supervised by an adult.

LEGO® Fun

Saturday, March 17, and Saturday, April 28, from 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

Book Clubs – library sponsored book clubs, neighborhood book clubs, teen book clubs – are plentiful around The Woodlands. Whether you belong to a mystery, non fiction, or classic book club, South FOL Book Shop is a great place to find books that are on your book club lists. We love to see customers come through the door with a book list in their hand. Our volunteers enjoy helping customers find books – it is sort of like a treasure hunt! If we don't have the book, you can request it. All you do is fill out a card with pertinent information – title, author, etc., and leave the rest to us! We'll do our best to find what you want and if the book comes in, we'll give you a call!

South Book Shop is a great place for teachers and parents to find books for students. We have a great supply of classics and books for children of all ages. We also keep a binder with Conroe ISD and John Cooper School's Required Summer Reading lists. We gather titles from the lists and display them in a special section. Parents appreciate the service and the great prices.

We hope you'll come in and check out our great collections...and bring your lists!

Judy Mitchell
Vice President for South

MITCHELL

I am delighted to report the January total sales for the Mitchell Friends Shop at \$4,730.86, which is the highest January total since the shop opened per Barb Williams, our volunteer responsible for deposits. I would also like to add that Barb has been performing this service for us for years and is so very diligent. We are extremely grateful to her.

The Mitchell shop would like to recognize the contribution of Maureen Dalton, one of our most senior sorters. Maureen spotted a valuable item in a box of vintage books, and her discovery resulted in a significant boost to the shop's February revenue. The book was an ordinary, fairly decrepit ex-library copy of The Life of Marlborough. What made it special was the gift inscription from the author, Winston Churchill. The Friends were able to sell the book to a rare book dealer for a very tidy sum. Thanks to Maureen and to all of our dedicated sorters for their skill in identifying treasures such as this one.

Lastly, we welcome Joanne Noack to our Mitchell Friends Shop. Joanne has been an SMCFOL member for many years and has decided to join our volunteer group in the shop.

Megan VerBerkmoes
Vice President for Mitchell



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