

# The BOOKMARK



WINTER 2022

## Friends of Lubbock Public Library

FOL is a non-profit organization devoting its members' time and efforts to raising funds for the Lubbock Public Library.

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You are invited to the  
Friends of the Lubbock Public Library

# KRIS KRINGLE BOOK SALE



DEC. 2-3  
9AM-2PM

(Shop until 3pm)

Friday  
Members Only  
Saturday  
Open to the Public

Friends of the Library



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To make a  
reservation, go to  
[bit.ly/FOLBookStore](https://bit.ly/FOLBookStore)  
or scan the  
QR code below.

Reservations are available,  
but not required.  
Walk-ins are welcome!

Shoppers agree to refrain from  
participating if exhibiting COVID symptoms.  
Masks are not required but are appreciated.

MAHON LIBRARY BASEMENT

1306 9TH ST.,  
DOWNTOWN LUBBOCK

CASH, CHECKS, CREDIT AND  
DEBIT CARDS ACCEPTED.

Scan the QR code  
for more info and to  
make a reservation!



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*Thank You*

*A Special Thank You to:*

United Supermarkets, for donating paper bags and providing a drop off location at Frankford and 82nd St.

All of our wonderful patrons who donate items for us to sell. Without you we wouldn't exist!



### **Regular Volunteer Hours**

Mon.	9am-3pm
Tues.	9am-8pm
Wed.	9am-3pm
Thurs.	9am-3pm
Fri.	9am-3pm
Sat.	9:30am-1:30pm

## **From the President...**

by Brian Beauchamp

It seems like the fall just flew by and we are already coming up to the holidays. Early in my business career, I had the pleasure of working with an older salesman who was a wonderful human being. Three days a week, he had a territory out to the east that took about 10 hours to complete. He came in late one afternoon looking a little tired, and I asked him how he was doing. He said he was fine, but there was one thing he just could not understand. He said, "I just don't know how the days can be so long and the years so short." I have always remembered that saying in relation to the passage of time.

This year is almost over. I am writing this article just before our October FOL BookStore sale. We had budgeted \$100,000 for the year for BookStore sales. Right now, we are just a hair over \$86,000 with the October and the December Kris Kringle sales still to go. I think we will surpass our budget number thanks to our wonderful customers. Typically, Fridays have been 60-65% of the total sales. Since Fridays are reserved for FOL members only, I guess you can say that the members of the Friends of the Library are the driving force behind the success of the BookStore sales. We cannot thank you enough for your support of the sales this year. I would also like to thank all the volunteers who work the sales and make it an enjoyable shopping experience.

The Kris Kringle BookSale is scheduled for December 2-3. This will be the last sale of the year. The next sale will not be until January 27-28, so please come and get some of your Christmas shopping done.

I would like to wish all members a Happy Thanksgiving and a very Merry Christmas. We are so lucky to have so many members committed to supporting our public library. Thank you so much for all you do.

## **From Special Projects...**

by Marjorie Malek-Ahmadi

Our Bookstore-To-Go Project has been well received. In this project, a school with students who may not have many books at home can request to pick up a specified number of books at Friends of the Library, or they may choose to have some delivered to the school. If the school is a smaller size, we can even do a Book Fair-like experience, where students must receive a ticket from teachers or principals for great work or excellent behavior to take part. We stage it in a corner of their library or cafeteria, with classes coming by to choose 1-3 books for their ticket.

We began the program last year with a Book Fair giveaway at Overton. We also delivered books to Bean and Brown, and to the Eddie Richardson Head Start. We are currently gathering books for Farwell ISD and for Hardwick Elementary.

If you work for a school or Head Start in need of books, please contact Friends of the Library. We will see how we can help.

## Book donations are welcome!

Donations of books (less than 6 boxes) can be made **anytime** at the following free-standing huts:

**Groves Branch Library**  
5520 19th St.

**Godeke Branch Library**  
5034 Frankford Ave.

**United Supermarket**  
8010 Frankford Ave.

There are also yellow donation bins inside the door at the following Library branches:

**Mahon**, 1306 9th St.

**Patterson**,  
1836 Parkway Dr.

In making donations to the sheds, boxed and bagged books are appreciated. The books arrive in better shape and hold their value for resale.

## Large Donations

Larger donations are accepted at the Mahon Library rear loading dock **BY APPOINTMENT**. Call 806-775-2852 to speak to a volunteer or leave a message for callback to schedule a drop-off time. Our ability to accept donations is dependent on having volunteers available to accept them.

## From the Book Sale VPs...

by Loraine Oglesby  
and Linda Muehlbrad

Now is a great time to get involved with the “behind the scenes” opportunities with the Friends of the Library.

We always welcome people who want to spend time every week or when they can in the sorting area. I know several of the section Chairs would welcome someone who would like to focus on a particular genre assisting in the shelves.

What are “the benefits of being a volunteer,” you may ask? Many say getting first choice on donations in the sales area for the best prices in town! I got a new condition hardback romance thriller for \$4 instead of paying \$30! Library wait time was 10 weeks. Win for me!

Meeting other people who love to read and may have interests in common with you is another great perk. There are lots of great people in the basement to visit with while volunteering.

I love coming and getting to see what books are popular and getting new recommendations. I’ve found some AWESOME new authors.

Volunteering makes it possible to have a monthly bookstore. Raising money to sponsor many library programs, in turn, benefits you, the consumer. Yet another great reason to get involved with Lubbock Friends of the Library!

Don’t wait! Come join us and make a difference.

## From the Online Sales Director...

by Susan Stack

This year is flying by! 2022 is nearing its end but feels like it is just starting.

Online has been very busy researching and adding items to the inventory, not to mention selling and shipping items ordered from the Lubbock FOL online inventory. We also evaluate items from the Online inventory and return some to the general sales area by examining our inventory to maintain the integrity of our listings.

We currently have nine veteran volunteers working directly with the research and listing of items, and two new recruits to our group. One in the group is dedicated to the listing of our foreign language books. Almost all of these volunteers have other duties in the organization, so if you are in the facility, you might run into them almost anywhere.

As of October 27th, we have sold 1,453 items in 2022, shipping to approximately 43 states and 20 foreign countries. Our customer satisfaction is 99.8% and we have many complimentary comments and notes.

With the dedicated volunteers and donations continuing to come in, we hope to continue to be a valued addition to the general sales area.

## Join Today!

### Annual Membership:

- \$10 – Individual/Family
- \$5 – Student/Educator
- \$25 – Bronze Patron
- \$50 – Silver Patron
- \$75 – Gold Patron
- \$100 – Platinum Patron



### Benefits of Membership:

- Online Discount (25%)
- Entry to Members Only Sale Days
- Online Newsletter
- Email Announcements
- Special Speaker Events

## From the Director of Operations... by LaFonda Gerhart

The FOL board has been working diligently to keep improving our organization. One of our decisions this month is to change the name of our bookstore from the “Last Friday BookStore” to the “**FOL BookStore**”. As we began working out the schedule for 2023, we discovered that we weren’t necessarily sticking to “last Fridays.” We hope that this change will be less confusing to our patrons. With all your help making the BookStore the success it is, we want everyone to know when to find us.

I discovered an amazing fact at the last board meeting. Volunteers must be members of FOL, but members of FOL are not automatically volunteers! I have been a member for several years, but as I moved into volunteering, I thought it was simply a step of membership! I am revealing my naivety to encourage members to sign up as volunteers! It is very easy; just talk to any volunteer to share your interest and we will help you with each step. Volunteering is a great opportunity to work closely with books and can be done around YOUR schedule!



In addition to our hard work with the books and the FOL BookStore supporting the Lubbock Library system, FOL also has relationships with over a dozen local nonprofits and local little libraries. If you know of any nonprofit organization who would like to work with us, have them give us a call at (806) 775-2852, or drop us an email at [FOL@lubbockfol.org](mailto:FOL@lubbockfol.org). We want to get books out to as many people as possible!

The holidays are rapidly approaching, and we hope that everyone is ready. Our final sale for 2022 will be our Kris Kringle sale on Dec. 2nd and 3rd. This is a wonderful chance to finish (or start!) your Christmas Shopping. FOL is ready to end the year with a bang and start 2023 with fresh energy!



### Shop Our Online Book Sales Anytime!



**eBay.com**  
<http://tiny.cc/FOLeBay>



**AbeBooks.com**  
<http://tiny.cc/FOLabebooks>

FOL members receive a 25% discount on any of our listings purchased directly through our online sales office!



**“I find television very educating. Every time somebody turns on the set, I go into the other room and read a book.”**

**– Groucho Marx**



## Volunteer!

Hours of Operation:

Mahon Library  
Basement

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### Benefits of Volunteering:

- Unlimited purchases from Regular and Better Book Shelves
- Name Badge
- Volunteer Announcements
- Free Books from the Free Table and Unwanted-Book Carts



## From the Publicity Director...

by Tony Kite

### *The Life of a Donated Book*

Have you given any thought to what happens to the donations FOL receives? Speaking solely about the books, here's something of the life-cycle.

Donations from members or the public generally start in one of our sheds at Groves or Godeke Libraries or at the shed on the United Supermarket parking lot at 80th and Frankford. From there they begin traveling through the system.

Books that are unsaleable due to condition or other factors may immediately be destined for Goodwill for recycle or other uses, as the charity determines. Most books are boxed to be brought to the basement of the Mahon Library for processing.

Processing begins with sorting to determine value, need, or special handling. Many books are evaluated for value beyond the \$1 hardback or \$0.50 paperback prices we primarily offer in the FOL BookStore. Some of these may be listed online with eBay, routed to one of a number of companies that buy books directly (saving us handling, storage, and shipping), or possibly sent to Better World Books who pay us a percentage of our books that sell.

Otherwise, they may end up on our shelves or, after further evaluation, be sent on to Goodwill for the actions mentioned above.

Good books, in great condition, handled by dedicated volunteers result in the thousands of dollars we are able to give the Lubbock Library for their programs and needs not met in their budget. Thank you for your donations. You make our mission possible.



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## Membership Form

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Would you would like to volunteer? YES / NO

Are you a Teacher? YES / NO

Are you a Bookseller/Bulk Buyer? YES / NO

Annual Membership Level (Circle one):

- \$10 - Individual/Family
- \$5 - Student/Educator
- \$25 - Bronze Patron
- \$50 - Silver Patron
- \$75 - Gold Patron
- \$100 - Platinum Patron

### OFFICE USE ONLY

Paid by:

- Cash
- Check # \_\_\_\_\_
- Credit Card

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Received by \_\_\_\_\_

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