



Long-time Friend & Volunteer Remembered

It is with great sadness that we tell you that former Friends President (2002) and 2 time Volunteer of the Year recipient Margaret Basquette died Sunday, October 8 after a brief illness. Margaret was a stalwart of the annual book sale, sometimes almost single handedly sorting the books for the sale over more than 20 years involvement with the Friends. Margaret was usually found in the basement of the Main Library, always shunning the spotlight, putting her devotion to reading & literacy into practical action to help the Friends largest yearly fundraiser. Margaret's passing leaves a huge hole in the Friends organization, and in the hearts of those who knew her. Her family requests that memorial donations be made to the Friends of the Library, and to the other organizations she volunteered with throughout the years.



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Tim Lillick
PRESIDENT, FOL

Greetings Friends!

Even though the weather is slow to cool, fall is upon us. At this writing, we have just completed the 17th annual West Texas Book Festival. I was fortunate enough to be able to attend both the Culinary Luncheon and the Cookbook Gala, and I can say that they were both exceptional. I hope people enjoyed the new compact format of this year's festival. I thought the

author talks, panels and workshops were great and attendance was good. And I hope everyone enjoyed the new carpet and improved sound system in the downtown library auditorium, both made possible by the Friends of the Library. A tip of the hat to Glenn Dromgoole and the Festival committee for a job well done.



As we near the end of the year, it is customary to thank all our volunteers. We depend so much on those who give us their time. Volunteers help make the spring author series and fall book festival work. Volunteers are crucial for the annual June book sale. But the library has volunteer opportunities throughout the year. Check the library's web page and click the "be a volunteer" quick link to see what is available. Thanks to all of you.

But most of all, I want to urge you to use your libraries. They have so much to offer and can be so many things. Books can be your travel agent, taking you to lands across the world (and even beyond!) and introducing you to new people. Books can be your instructor, teaching you new skills and new ideas. Books can inspire you, providing ways to improve your body, mind and soul. And books can be your best source of entertainment, giving you endless hours of enjoyment. And we get this all for free!

It has been a pleasure and an honor to serve as president of the Friends this year. It has been busy but fulfilling. I look forward to next year, when Emerald Cassidy will be our president. I know it will be another great year for us. Until then, see you at the library!

Tim Lillick
President, FRIENDS of the APL



Friends Annual Meeting

You're invited to the Friends Annual meeting, Tuesday, November 7th, beginning at 11:45 a.m. in the Main Library auditorium, 202 Cedar St. downtown. During the annual meeting, the organization conducts its business, hearing an annual report from current FoAPL President Tim Lillick and from the City Librarian, Lori Grumet. The nominating committee presents a slate of officers to be voted on for the coming year. Also, the Volunteer of the Year is named.

This year's keynote speakers for the gathering will be McGarvey Ice and Amanda Dietz from Abilene Christian University and their topic will be "The Library as a Place to Stand". Ice is Special Collections Librarian and Archivist and Assistant Professor of Library Science, and Dietz is the Archivist and Curator for the Callie Faye Milliken Special Collections in the ACU Brown Library. They will have a special display featuring items from the collection. A light lunch will be provided.

Festival planners pleased with format, turnout

The West Texas Book Festival's new three-day format seemed to work well, with good attendance for all the programs on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, Sept. 21-23.

The festival planning committee was especially pleased to have a good turnout for the five speakers on Friday at the downtown library. It was the first time we had tried having a full day of programs on Friday, and we didn't know what to expect.

We had a strong lineup of authors on Friday and Saturday, and Saturday's attendance numbers were bolstered by nearly 80 teachers and librarians who stayed for the full day of activities and received continuing education credit.

Congratulations to Denise Brunner, winner of the Ricki Brown Abilene Librarian of the Year Award. Denise has coordinated the festival's Author in Schools program for several years and always does an excellent job. The award was presented at Saturday's lunch, hosted by the National Center for Children's Illustrated Literature and underwritten by H-E-B.

Our combined Boots & Books Culinary Luncheon at ACU's Hunter Welcome Center drew a good crowd, though not a sellout as we had hoped. We've already booked the Hunter Center for next year's festival luncheon.

Jeff Guinn, our A.C. Greene Award winner, was a big hit as he told stories about his life as an author on book tours. Tiffany Harelik (rhymes with garlic), author of *The Big Country Cookbook*, was featured at the luncheon and at the sold-out Texas Cookbook Gala fundraiser on Thursday evening. And she attended most of Friday's programs as well.

The festival "preview" event, the Abilene Author Showcase, drew an appreciative crowd at the South Branch on Sunday, Sept. 17, to kick off the week.

Thanks to the planning committee and all the volunteers who helped with the festival in so many different capacities. A special thanks to our underwriting sponsors and, of course, to everyone who came out to hear the authors speak. We don't have final numbers yet on how much the festival netted for Friends of the Library, but it's usually somewhere between \$30,000 and \$40,000.

The 18th annual West Texas Book Festival is scheduled for Sept. 20-22, 2018. And the Texas Author Series this spring, also sponsored by Friends of the Library, will feature some more interesting Texas writers. The dates and topics will be announced later.

Glenn Dromgoole
West Texas Book Festival Chair



"A celebration of reading and writing"



GREENE AWARD WINNER
Jeff Guinn & Glenn Dromgoole
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Library Programs - NOVEMBER, DECEMBER & JANUARY

TECH TIME MONDAYS

EVERY MONDAY - SOUTH BRANCH - 2 P.M.

TECH TIME THURSDAYS

EVERY THURSDAY - MAIN LIBRARY - 2 P.M.

- As more people acquire smartphones, tablets, laptops, and other devices, there can be a learning curve when it comes to being comfortable using them. If you need help learning to use your device, or with any of our downloadable resources, your Tech Team librarians will be on hand to help patrons on a first-come, first-served, one-on-one basis. Free.

JOB TIME: APPLICATION ASSISTANCE

EVERY WEDNESDAY - MOCKINGBIRD BRANCH - 4-6 P.M.

- If you need help applying for a job or creating a resume or cover letter, stop by the Mockingbird Branch and let us get you started on the road to success. We will cover how to search for jobs, how to create a resume, share advice on how to dress for and succeed in an interview and much more. Phone us 325-437-7323 as spots are limited and you do not want to miss out! Free.

THE CREATION STATION

IS OPEN AT THE MAIN LIBRARY!

- Our Maker Space is now available, with a 3D Printer, Cricut, sewing machines and many more crafting tools for both technological and traditional purposes. To enjoy all of the crafting equipment we ask that you have a library card, register and take our Creation Station Orientation Class. In this class we will cover the equipment that is available for use, Creation Hours, Usage Policies, Safety Guidelines, Fees, and tour the facility. We also have various classes on how to safely use our various pieces of equipment, and we'll schedule one-on-one orientations if needed. To find the class most convenient for you, check our online program calendar at www.abilenetx.com/apl or call 325-676-6025 for more information.

COVER-TO-COVER BOOK CLUB

THIRD THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH
MAIN LIBRARY AUDITORIUM - 7 P.M.

- Adults who love to read make up the Cover-to-Cover Book Club. Club members vote on book selections, and discuss those selections at each meeting. Free.

4-4-43: LT. COL. WILLIAM EDWIN DYESS AND THE GREATEST STORY OF THE WAR IN THE PACIFIC

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2017

MAIN LIBRARY AUDITORIUM - 7 P.M.

- Many in Abilene know that the Air Force presence in our community is located at Dyess Air Force Base, but they do not know much about the man it was named for. The Main Library will screen a film by John Lukacs that tells an important part of the story of Edwin Dyess and his brave comrades seeking freedom from the oppression of a Japanese Prisoner of War camp. In honor of all the military veterans of Abilene, especially those among the Greatest Generation, we have obtained special permission to show this film to the community. Come and join us for a walk through history. Free.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, SOUTH BRANCH!

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2017

SOUTH BRANCH LIBRARY - 1-6 P.M.

- South Branch Library in the Mall of Abilene is turning one and everyone is invited to our Birthday Party! We want to say a great big "Thank You" to all our wonderful library patrons who supported and visited our new location over this past year. We'll have storytime and a movie showing. There'll be games, prize drawings, crafts, and so much more! Please join us for a fun-filled afternoon at your South Branch Library in the Mall of Abilene. Call 325-698-7565 for more information.

Complete information on Library programs is available on our website, www.abilenetx.com/apl. Click on the 'Events & Programs' link on the left side of the page.



From the
Library
Director

Fiscal year 2018 is well underway and some really exciting things are happening at the library. On Nov 19th we will celebrate the completion of our first year at the new South Branch. The numbers there have been really significant and we have witnessed a significant increase in the number of people with new library cards. You made South a reality for us and it has been an unqualified success!

The West Texas Book Festival was so much fun this year. The authors were engaging and exciting to hear speak. We had a really good turnout for the new format and the new luncheon location was a big hit. Thank you ACU Hunter Center! Denise Brunner from AISD is our latest Ricki Brown Librarian of the Year. Her passion for connecting children with reading and her love of literacy made her the perfect choice this year. We are so blessed in Abilene to have so many talented librarians in our community. We are so very grateful for the support the Friends gave, not only in the programming, but also in updating our auditorium to give it a fresh look and upgrading our ancient sound system so that all can hear. We have even used the new system for our FOL board meeting and although we still have a way to go in perfecting the sound set-up for meetings – people are so much easier and clearer to hear.



Lori Grumet
LIBRARY DIRECTOR



Our Maker Space – The Creation Station – has quietly opened with makers ready to roll up their sleeves and get to creating wonderful things. Staff has planned training and orientation sessions and has been indulging their own creative sides as they learn how to best utilize the space. We are partnering with the local Girl Scout council and will be providing the girls a fun patch for participating in a maker program at the Creation Station. We are going to continue working on brightening up the space and getting the computer lab going and hope that by the time January rolls around – that all is in place.

Staff are working on grant writing and program planning and we have completed our technology plan. We hope that you will be interested in partnering with us to further the technology items we are presently dreaming about!

Big things are ahead for the library. I am sure you have heard about the potential plans for Lincoln Middle School on S. 1st Street. This project has been simmering for a few years and things look very favorable for it going forward. As more develops I will be sure to write a few lines in each newsletter to keep you all up to date with the progress.

As ever, we are grateful for your friendship and hard work on our behalf.

Lori Grumet
Library Director



Library Hours

MAIN & MOCKINGBIRD:

- Monday, Tuesday & Thursday
9 a.m. - 9 p.m.
- Wednesday, Friday & Saturday
9 a.m. - 6 p.m.
- Sunday - Closed

SOUTH BRANCH:

- Monday, Tuesday & Thursday
10 a.m. - 9 p.m.
- Wednesday, Friday & Saturday
10 a.m. - 6 p.m.
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Abilene Public Library is going green! Patrons are no longer receiving printed notices for items on hold, overdue items and library fees. If you are not already receiving library notifications via email, and wish to continue receiving notices, patrons will need to register a primary email address with the library.

By registering, you will receive library email notifications when an outstanding hold becomes available, 48 hours before items are due and when you have new fees on your account. By going paperless, you'll receive your notices faster, and help eliminate your chances of getting a late fee by being alerted when your materials are about to be due.

Please Note: All of the above notifications are generated automatically from a server. We ask that you do not reply to these messages if you have questions. Instead, contact your branch library directly.

We promise that we will not send you spam, nor will we share your email address with any other organizations or businesses. Patrons can sign up on our webpage, www.abilenetx.com/apl by clicking on the Go Green graphic.

We also have Library Elf, a web-based email tool for library users to keep track of their library borrowings. Elf is like a personal assistant, whose task is to help with keeping track of what one has on loan from the library. Elf makes it easier to keep track of what's due, overdue or ready for pickup from one or more library accounts. Patrons can sign up for this service on our webpage by clicking on the Digital Services link on the left side of the front page.

If you have any questions, feel free to call us at 325-677-2474.