



News & Updates

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A Message From the President

It is truly a privilege to serve as your President for Friends of the Rockwall County Library for 2018-2019. This amazing non-profit organization is instrumental in serving the community providing life-long learning and literacy initiatives. Among the classes taught at our library, our organization makes possible the teaching of English as a Second Language, United States Citizenship, and Graduate Education Diploma courses. The Friends of the Library, through ongoing fundraising efforts, also support the Children's Reading Programs. I believe education is a powerful key to economic, political, cultural, scientific and social change.

Many people in our community are unaware of our organization and the services we provide to the citizens of Rockwall. My goal as President, for the coming year, is to educate our community about Friends of the Rockwall County Library through efforts such as public awareness, speaking at other organizations and increasing attendance at the Friends program meetings.

I am very excited about our upcoming year and the programs we have scheduled. The year we are "going global" with speakers and entertainment from around the world. Our first fundraiser is November 13th with a fashion show partnering with Chico's. December 11th is our main and beloved holiday fundraiser where creative people in our community help by decorating a sponsored table. Personally, the Christmas Luncheon is my favorite event because the décor on the tables are truly amazing. In the Spring, we will again host our Mad Hatters Tea fundraiser. This event was a huge hit with attendees sporting very creative hats! Our other very successful fundraiser is the Book Alcove. Donated books are provided for the Rockwall community and all contributions raised go to the Friends of the Rockwall Library for future community education and support.

I would like to personally thank my board members and committee chair members for volunteering your time. Your support and hard work are so greatly appreciated. Thank you to our members for your continued support of Friends of Rockwall County Library. Please spread the word about our organization and let's make this year a great year!!!

Sincerely, Lynette Coughlin





Welcome to the 2018-2019 Friends Board

The new Friends of the Library Board was inducted at the May Program Meeting. This year's Board is (bottom row L-R) Lynette Coughlin, Holly Mapel, Nancy Barnett; (2nd row) Gloria Bishop, Pat Calhoun, Erin Kincaid; (3rd row) Kathy Melston, Shelli Miller, Brenda Cross; (4th row) Kathleen Broze, Madelyn Hill, Lea Carlson

Upcoming Events

Our Library has been in its "new" digs for 10 YEARS!!

Please come join us for
10 YEARS OF STORIES
on Friday, September 7, 2018,
3-5 PM.

Please RSVP to Doreen Miller by August 31,
972-204-7741 or by email at
damiller@rockwallcountytexas.com

ROCKWALL COUNTY LIBRARY
Invites you to celebrate

10 YEARS OF STORIES
the next chapter begins...

Join us for an afternoon treat to celebrate the library's tenth anniversary and to honor our sweet Friends of the Rockwall County Library who make our ongoing adventures possible.

Friday, September 7, 2018 at 3-5 PM
Large Meeting Room,
Rockwall County Library

Kindly RSVP by August 31, 2018 to Doreen Miller,
(972) 204-7741 or damiller@rockwallcountytexas.com

Program Luncheons



September

Be Sure to Join us this year as we "travel" around the globe together, experiencing a variety of cultures. Learning new ways of life and enjoying the flavors of the planet with our program theme: **Around the World in 80 Ways!**

We will start our travels in the land of the free with a visit from our favorite furry friends at Patriot Paws on **September 11 at 11:00.**

With summer heat still with us, the luncheon buffet is sure to cool you with a delicious array of salads, sandwiches, and desserts including:
Chicken salad with grapes, celery and

onions; Pimento Cheese sandwiches; Spinach salad with strawberries, bacon, pecans, red onion, feta cheese, balsamic vinaigrette dressing; Garden salad with tomatoes, cucumber, cheese, ranch Italian dressings, rolls, croissants, crackers; Fresh strawberry cake, mango tea, strawberry lemonade. Cost for the program and luncheon is \$20. Payment can be made online at www.friendsrockwall.com via PayPal or at the door on the day of the meeting via cash, check or credit card.

Please make a reservation by September 4, either online (click the link below), or by contacting Leigh Plagens at 972-771-8976 or cplagens65@aol.com

[Register online here](#)

October

In October we will learn about the work being done by two amazing young ladies in Africa, the Middle East, and Asia as we learn to help with a massive origami project.

October 9th Luncheon Menu will be a Potini Bar:
Mashed Potatoes, Grilled Chicken, Vegetable Medley
Rolls, Fruit Salad, Chocolate Cake, Strawberry Hibiscus Tea,
Lemonade.



Christmas Luncheon



Plans underway for 16th annual Christmas Luncheon

Only two tables remain available for hostesses who wish to create holiday tables for this annual event. The luncheon is scheduled for December 11, 2018 at The Center at Rockwall CityPlace, 108 East Washington. Friends will set up 30 large round dining tables covered with white tablecloths. Hostesses will add special touches with favorite china, flatware, crystal, and centerpiece.

Paid reservations at \$25 each will be taken at the September 11th Friends meeting. Checks payable to Friends of the Library are preferred but cash will be accepted. It will be helpful if checks are completed in advance or if exact change is offered. On the day of the event, the doors open at 11:00 a.m. so the public will have time to see all the tables before the program starts at 11:30. A catered buffet lunch will be served at noon.

To make reservations by email or phone, contact:
Kathleen Broze, brkathking@aol.com 972-771-3149

For information about hosting a table or reservations
for hostess guests, contact:
Pat Calhoun, pat2792@att.net 214-738-7547.

Membership Renewal

THANK YOU!!!!

TO ALL THE “FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY” WHO HAVE JOINED OR
RENEWED THEIR MEMBERSHIP
FOR 2018 – 2019.

DID YOU FORGET TO RENEW??

PICK UP A MEMBERSHIP FORM TODAY AT THE LIBRARY OR
CLICK
[HERE](#)

BECAUSE YOU CAN NEVER HAVE TOO MANY FRIENDS!

Business Memberships

There are 34 business members so far this year. We would like to get more. So if you know of a business to approach, be sure to pick up a business membership form.

Once again this year at the Christmas Luncheon we will be raffling a piece of jewelry created by Professional Jewelers. This year they have made a beautiful pair of earrings valued at over \$1,000. There will be a picture of it at the September meeting and raffle tickets will be available.

If you are interested in marketing and helping Friends get more business members, we are always looking for more committee members. Someone to keep our Excel spreadsheet is needed. If you want to get involved, please contact Kathy Melston at kmelston@sbcglobal.net.

Opportunities to Give



Book Alcove

Located near the front desk in the library, the Book Alcove stocks books, DVDs, and CDs that may be “purchased” by donation. Here’s how you can help:

- Bring your gently used books, DVDs and CDs to the library to donate.
- Shop at the Alcove and donate generously for your selections.

For more information about volunteering at the Book Alcove, email info@friendsrockwall.com



Giving Tree

This beautiful sculpture, on permanent display in the library, is a meaningful way to honor and remember family, friends, and special people in your life.

Businesses, too, can purchase a leaf as a way to show support for the library. For more information about Giving Tree donation options, click [here](#) to complete the Donation Form and select your payment option.

Kroger Rewards

Register with Kroger and a portion of your spending will be donated to Friends. Click [here](#) to register. Select Friends of the Rockwall County Library (#80320) and click “Save.” In August of every year, you will need to re-enroll.

[Click here to enroll](#)



The Amazon Smile logo, which features the word "amazon" in black and "smile" in orange, with a curved orange arrow underneath "amazon" pointing to the right.

Amazon Smiles

Register with Amazon and a portion of your spending will be donated to Friends. Go to smile.amazon.com and sign into your regular Amazon account or create a new account if you don’t have one. Click on Your Account > Change Your Charity; type “Friends of the Rockwall County Library” in the search bar and click “Search.” Select Friends of the Rockwall County Library located in Rockwall, TX.

[Click here to register](#)