

January 2021

From Our President



Hello, Friends:

Well, we still can't gather in person for Friends of the Library events. However, your Friends Board is working behind the scenes (virtually, of course), planning for when we CAN meet again. We're looking forward to events a little later in this new year, so stay tuned for those! Meanwhile, if you're feeling a little extra stress from the current climate in the world, here are a couple of resources that might help (can you tell I'm a school counselor by day?).

This website has some simple meditations and other anxiety fighters:

<https://www.headspace.com/covid-19>

Below is a reminder about what we can control and what we cannot.

Hang in there and be kind to each other; a little extra kindness goes a *LONG* way.

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Friends needs YOU!

We are building the 21-22 Slate of officers and committee chairs. If you are interested in serving with us, please let me know. Please email me at Madelyn.hill19@gmail.com for more information.

Hartman Award Nominations

It is time once again for Hartman Award nominations.

The Hartman Award is given annually to a Friends member who has performed over and above the requirements of their position and has promoted the Library and Friends beyond required activities. The recipients of the award have been people who willingly gave of their time for the good of the Library and Friends. Recipients of the award have been members who gave of themselves willingly for the good of Friends and the library and Friends. As no one has had the opportunity to serve over the past year, please consider past service.

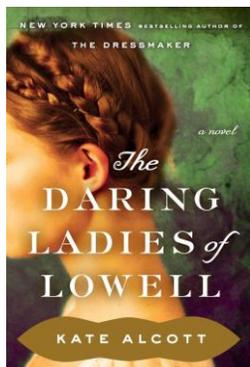
Nominations will be in writing with a brief statement of between 100 and 175 words, giving the reasons why this member deserves to receive the award. Before submitting the nomination, the individual will be contacted for permission to place their name before the general membership for a vote. This is also an opportunity to get information to include in the supporting statement.

Nominations should be sent to last year's Hartman Award winner, Karen Frederick at karen.frederick@inwood.com by **March 1, 2021**.

The award was named for Alfred and Grace Hartman. Alfred Hartman was the Librarian from 1966-1976. Grace Hartman was instrumental in the formation of a public library in Rockwall.

Book Club

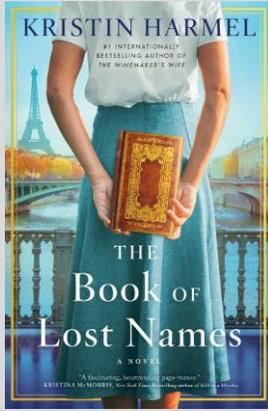
The Friends of the Rockwall County Library Book Club meets on the 3rd Monday* of each month via Zoom. There are no officers, bylaws, or rules – just a group of people that enjoy reading and discussing books. Contact **Joan Wells** for a Zoom invite.



February 15 2021:
The Daring Ladies of Lowell
by **Kate Alcott**



March 15, 2021:
Refugee
by **Alan Gratz**



April 19, 2021:
The Book of Lost Names
by Kristin Harmel



Giving Back

Each time you make a purchase at Kroger or Amazon, these vendors will donate a percentage of your total purchase to Friends.

Kroger

Use your Kroger Plus card to create or sign into your online account at [Kroger.com](https://www.kroger.com). Under "Save", select "Community Rewards" and choose "Friends of the Rockwall County Library" (#80320). *Please note you must re-enroll each year.*

Amazon

Visit smile.amazon.com and select "Friends of the Rockwall County Public Library" as your charity. You do not need to re-enroll annually.

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.

To volunteer at the Book Alcove, email info@friendsrockwall.com

Giving Tree

Looking for a way to honor and remember family and friends? Add a leaf to this beautiful permanent display in the Library! Businesses can purchase a leaf as a way to show support for the Library and its mission.

Visit the [Friends' donation page](#) for more information about the Giving Tree and donation options.

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