



Wishing you a

HAPPY THANKSGIVING

& Holiday Season

A Message from the FOL Board

From the run on toilet paper to social distancing, 2020 is a year we will never forget. Although the hospitality arm of the Friends of the Library was not called upon because there was no in-person programming at the library, we were still able to support the Library in other ways. The FOL Board voted to contribute 90% of the Book Nook Sales each month to the library. To date we have contributed \$6,143.34 from our monthly sales. We also had a successful Bag Sale in July and were able to contribute another \$662.36. Our online giving platform, the BIG GIVE, raised \$5,736.65 which was given to the library to enhance their digital collection. The Butterfly Garden committee was busy all year. In December we will offer another BAG SALE and a “to go” version of the holiday tea. Although most of our normal events and fundraising activities were curtailed due to the pandemic, we are proud of what we did accomplish in this unusual year.

Annual Meeting

Traditionally, the Friends hold their annual meeting and lasagna supper at the end of January. We plan on having a meeting but due to COVID-19 restrictions, it will look different in 2021. We are working out the details, but look for a virtual meeting via Zoom. This meeting is important so the board can share what happened in 2020 and elect directors. Since three directors will complete their three-year term in January, we will be looking for nominees to replace them on the Board. Look for more details as we move into 2021. We hope everyone can attend on ZOOM. If you are interested in serving on the Friends' Board of Directors, please contact folpresident@mfplibrary.org for more details.

BUTTERFLY GARDEN

The garden is ready for winter. The wildflower seed was scattered in September. Gene Carnicom & Clare Helminiak cleaned the leaves out of the water feature every few weeks and added any necessary additives. Our next garden day will be the 4th Thursday of January 2021. Hopefully there will be a new Comal Master Gardener class to assist. The Girl Scouts that help in the garden have built 4 new benches for the garden. We are planning now for new plants to be added in the spring.



Butterfly bench in memory of Lee Franzel.



Water Feature



GRAB BAG BOOK SALE

Friday, Dec 4, 2020

10 am to 4 pm

Meeting Room C, Patio

- Prefilled category bags--\$1 to \$5
- Individual books--\$.25 to \$2
- Masks required, social distancing
- FOL sales tax-free day--Cash or check only! We will not be able to make change for large bills so bring lots of smaller bills

Holiday Tea to Go

On your way out of the sale, we will serve your favorite tea "to go" in a holiday cup. In addition, a token of our appreciation will be given to adult patrons (while supplies last). We will not be serving food, but want to pass along our gratitude for staying the course as we try to find ways to support the library.

Local authors will also have their books for sale on the patio. A portion of their proceeds are going to the Friends of the Library. So please support our local authors.



This year the focus of the BIG GIVE was to provide funds to the library so they could increase what they offer digitally. The need for this became apparent during the many months the library was closed. More and more people were looking for eBooks. We are happy we were able to raise \$5,736.65 toward this effort. Many thanks to everyone who contributed. Our supporters are **AWESOME!**

Thank You!

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IT'S TIME TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP!

It's time to renew your membership for 2021. We rely on your dues to help support the Library and pay operating expenses for the FOL. Your dues are tax deductible. There are several options for renewal. Dues are as low as \$10 per person per year, or consider becoming a sponsor, contributing or a lifetime member. Download the form below, pay with cash or check, mail or drop off curbside or at the library help desk. You can also pay by credit card on Event Brite (fees apply).

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