

Hello Spring



Thank you, Volunteers!

Needless to say, 2020 was an unusual year. We missed having in-person meetings and events. Despite not being able to gather, the volunteers in the Book Nook and Butterfly Garden continued to serve the library. The shelves were stocked and books were sold. Volunteers removed dead plants from the freeze in the Butterfly Garden and surrounding area and will replace with new plants under their loving attention! We can't thank our volunteers enough for keeping things running. We appreciate all our volunteers!

Suzanne Kratz, President

Book Nook News

Despite the Library being only partially open, the Book Nook volunteers have continued to work as usual to sort, price and fill the sales shelves. We have been working on a team basis like the Library staff, A Team/B Team, maintaining all COVID protocols and minimizing our physical contact with both staff and patrons as much as possible. Keeping our shelves open for patrons to purchase has allowed us to maintain a source of incoming funds. We have received many compliments from our patrons who have said this service means even more to them at this time. A big thank you to our amazing team who has continued to work so hard during these challenging times, Mary Pettit, Linda Quintero, Maria Kellar, Tammy Anderson, Catherine James and Karen Schmalz.

In March we netted \$652.86 from the Book Nook and also received a \$26.06 check for books we sold to BooksRun for a total of \$678.92. Of that, 75% will go to the Library Director's Discretionary Fund for \$509.19.

For the first quarter of 2021, the Book Nook earned a total of \$1763.03 of which \$1322.27 went to the Library Director's Discretionary Fund.

If you haven't already done so, please come see our amazing selection of books for sale.

Buds and Blooms in the Butterfly Garden

On Thursday, February 25, 2021, we had a clean-up day at the Butterfly Garden at the Mammen Family Public Library. We only had 7 people participate but could have used 30! The team cut back nearly ½ of the gardens, weeded and spread compost.

On Thursday, March 25, 2021 we had 13 volunteers who graciously helped in the gardens to finish trimming dead plants & weed. Vickie MacNaughton was schooled in maintenance of the water feature! The rose gardens are finally receiving some attention and look better after trimming, fertilization and some weeding. Lisa Barry & Jeanette Willard worked very hard to help finish up this project. The cactus gardens were trimmed and weeded. Several interns from the Comal County Master Gardeners were kept busy trimming the naturalist garden area. Volunteers also weeded the front areas by the entrance doors.

Clare Helminiak, Vickie MacNaughton and Helen Kent walked the area and made a list of plants/flowers that will be needed to replace plants that did not make it thru "snowgeden". Our next workday is on April 22, 2021.

Many thanks to Helen Kent, Clare Helminiak, Gene Carnicom and all the fabulous volunteers who keep the gardens looking so great. If you are interested in volunteering in the Butterfly Garden, please send an email to folvp@mfplibrary.org.

Where to Find Info About the FOL

Just a reminder that the Friends of the Library has a presence on the Mammen Family Public Library website. The website has recently been revised so if you are looking for the Friends of the Library information, you will want to open the library website and click on **About** in the top right corner of the page and then click on **Friends of the Bulverde Area Rural Library District**. You'll find a list of officers and committee chairs, membership form, our bylaws, standing rules and policies, financial reports, meeting minutes, and much more. You can also pay your membership fees and make a donation.

Click [here](https://mfplibrary.org/friends-of-the-bulverde-area-rural-library-district/) to check our section of the website or go to <https://mfplibrary.org/friends-of-the-bulverde-area-rural-library-district/>.