

# BUILD A BETTER WORLD™

## Friends of the Friona Public Library 2016 Fall/Winter Newsletter

2017 "Libraries Transform", an ALA program with good slogans. Early Literacy "Because learning starts before learning to read"



### Literary Baskets Raffle:

Congratulations to Milk House Market, one of our basket donors, on their grand opening and wonderful renovation just in time for Maize Days! Our literary baskets are widely varied and quite unique, all built around a book... Thanks to our dedicated sponsors, we usually make around \$2000 a year. Once again, the Friends plan to do this popular fundraiser so be ready to get your names in the jars! Baskets should be at the library around March 1. Let us know if you are interested in sponsoring a basket. Katie Gilley, Vice-President, is our Fundraiser Chair. *Back to school "Because a library card is the best school supply of all..."*

**2017 Summer Reading Theme Build a Better World:** Build a Better World is the theme chosen for the National Collaborative Summer Reading Program. Texas State Library still sponsors promotional materials for the program. Friends sponsor programs and the Friona Public Library pays for everything else.

### FRIENDS USED BOOK SHOPPE:

Congratulations to the best operating our little Book Shoppe about the book shoppe.



### LOOK it's the Book Shoppe Lady! Don't miss her Facebook page!

'book' shopkeeper ever, Connie Slagle, who goes above and beyond around the corner. She has a Facebook page and writes a newspaper column about the book shoppe. Lots of great bargains and awesome friendly service & earned \$500.



*Expert in the library "Because librarians are the best search engines ever."*

**Endowment Report:** Jim Bob Jones, Endowment Committee member and Friend, can always be counted on trusted advice & loyal support. 2016 3rd qtr. report as of September 30, 2016: **\$219,607.69.**



**Friends President Jeri Lynn White** proudly poses with our award from the Friona Chamber of Commerce. Jeri Lynn is an volunteer and we are very lucky to have her serving as our a very awesome community servant, is serving as Friends Vice- for 2016-2018.

member of the month awesome community president. Katie Gilley, also President, President-Elect

**Literary Basket Raffle & Annual Membership Meeting:**

our major fundraiser is always a community hit. Local donors, the raffle. This year friends are Walmart,



usually ten, build a "basket/container" around a book and donate the basket for Friends usually have an iPad in their basket and any of them are great fun to win. the annual meeting will be April 23 at the Redeemer Center. All members and welcome to join us for this meeting. Thanks to Hi-Pro Feeds, Book Shoppe & Veterinary Industries, Friona Primary, Friona Elementary, Friona Junior High, Milkhouse Market, Larry Johnston, and Frio Draw Driving School for the excellent baskets!

*Access to information "Because there are more than a quarter of U.S. Households don't have a computer with and Internet connection"*

**On your mark, get set READ!! Join Us for Fun in the Summer Sun:**

**2016 Summer Readers** enjoy Champion Fiddlers, Duffy Hudson Champion Magic by Montgomery. fiddlers: Paige Tyler and Elaina Prather who accompanied them



quality programs thanks to the Friends. Champion Quilters, as Dr. Seuss, Champion Balloon Artist: Korn Pop the Clown, and Extra Special thanks to our local talent of young champion Procter for their awesome concert and to Kim Smiley and Mike on piano and guitar.

*Summer slide "because students who read the fall"*

*during the summer, end up on the*



*honor roll in*

Thanks to Connie Slagle, the Book Shoppe Lady for her program on the Champion and for sharing her 1930s vintage quilt top and for helping with the painted quilt made by the summer readers. Monica Bermea quilted it for us and the quilt display at the Quilt Show during Maize Days along with the 2000 Summer Reader's Quilt both library treasures. Special thanks to Kathy Rector and Monica Bermea for organizing the Quilt Show and inviting us to show.

Quilters handprint was on



*Chloe the Rabbit looks on...Chloe was purchased by the Friends in loving memory of Sayge Caroline Massie, infant granddaughter of Jyl and Jayson Grimsley to help feed needy children, Chloe made summer events very special.*

Monica Bermea set the butterfly quilt together for us. Nice job!!



*Literacy matters "because txt r fine, but srsly, ppl also need 2 c real sentences"*

**Friends**

want to offer a special recognition to the Outdoor Drama, TEXAS, for the family pack donation and to Wonderland Park for the 15 passes celebrating their 65<sup>th</sup> year of operation. Members of the 100 Books Read Club were entered into a drawing for the family pack for free entrance to the outdoor play TEXAS. Janessa Garcia was the winner of the drawing for the trip to TEXAS for her family. The Wonderland Park Passes were given away each week at the programs. Summer Readers LOVED these special prizes!



**BUILD A BETTER WORLD** Coming in 2017: On tap: Ventriloquist Nancy Worcester & Friends, Pint-sized Polkas, Lazbuddie Robotics and Parmer County 4 H. Thanks, Friends!

**Community Outreach: Large Print books for Friona Heritage Estates Library, Special Basket for Prairie Acres**

**Friona ISD:** Books for 1<sup>st</sup> Graders \$125, Newspapers in Education \$200

**Founder's Memorial Scholarships:** 3<sup>rd</sup> annual, two at \$1000 each awarded to Friona High School Seniors: Hillary Bermea and Joshua Barnett, Class of 2016. Congratulations!!



*Ready access "Because college students can't afford scholarly journals on a ramen noodle budget"*

**ESL Classes: Linda White Literacy Chair** Redeemer Center Burlington English Software \$2600, \$1200 Technical Support, plus equipment updates and adding 2 more PCs to the lab. Special thanks to **WT SERVICES** for upgrading DSL speed, and for providing that special donation since 2012.

**Veterans Breakfast: Nice job,** the painting of the kitchen and Redeemer center plus doing Everything looked so nice. our Fantastic group of Friends 11<sup>th</sup> annual breakfast...honoring our local veterans and their families.



**City Manager, Patricia Phipps and the City of Friona,** on restrooms and for the new kitchen countertops at the landscaping and parking just in time for the breakfast! Thanks also to Connie Slagle for the Veterans Display and to dedicated volunteer who make the breakfast, awesome!



**Friona Heritage Society [Depot] & Friona Pioneer Heritage Museum** \$250 each. Depot is rented for special occasions and the Museum is open on Mondays & Fridays 11 AM to 3 PM.

**Writer's Awards:** Special Award for writing "**Letters to Sayge**" presented to Jena Grimsley Massie. Caleb Geske and Shelby Lewellen received 1<sup>st</sup> Place Ribbons for their entries in Champions.



**Brother and Sisters Acts** also win in writer's contests: the Siblings, Sophia and Marcos, as well as the Rushing Sisters, Bethany, were also winners in the writing contests, all writing Champions. Very well done, everyone!



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*Literacy matters "Because punctuation without imagination makes a sentence, not a story"*



**Friendship Garden in Bloom:** Thanks to our new garden chair, Sue Wells, for the beautiful job she and others did in the garden this season. Thanks to all our volunteer '**garden angels**' who help keep the looking very nice. Don Allred does the Visit [www.frionalibrary.org](http://www.frionalibrary.org) to see more Facebook as Friends of the Friona Public



Friendship Garden heavy projects for us. photos and Like Us on Library.

**Friends Officers 2016-2018**

President.....Jeri Lynn White  
 Vice-President/President Elect.....Katie Gilley  
 Secretary.....Candice Geske  
 Treasurer.....Darla Bracken

**Committee Chairs**

Book Shoppe                      Connie Slagle  
 Endowment                      Darla Bracken  
 Fundraising                      Katie Gilley  
 Garden                              Sue Wells  
 Hospitality                      Jyl Grimsley  
 Literacy                             Linda White  
 Membership                      Kathy Sandoval  
 Publicity                          Lucy Hernandez  
 Scholarship                      Kitty Gallman  
 Scrapbook                         Ruby Rodriguez  
 Social Media                      Jamie Lewellen

**2016-2017 Budget**

Adult Programing	\$ 750
Annual Membership Meeting	500
Children's Programing	1,250
Endowment Expense	750
ESL Software fee	2,600
Fundraising	750
Garden	1,000
Literacy Center	1,200
Postage, Printing Ads	750
Scholarships	2,000
Special Projects	2,000
Contingency Repairs	250
Youth Programming	350
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 14,150</b>

**FRIENDS MEMBERSHIP DRIVE 2017:** We cordially issue this invitation for you to join the Friends of the Friona Public Organization, the helping hands for the Friona Public Library since 1968. Dues are reasonable and tax deductible. Join us to **“Build a Better World”** by supporting our local library and its endeavors to provide and promote excellence in our community.

**For less than the cost of one book,** you and your family can be a part of helping us help our community. Whether it is helping to provide early literacy through the children’s story time program or honoring our local veterans at the annual breakfast, you can join us in creating excellence and integrity in our community. Thanks for being a Friend!

**Annual dues are: circle one**

\$1 students	\$10 per family	\$200 Lifetime Membership
\$5 individual	\$25 per business or organization	Senior Citizens age 65 + are ½ rate.

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Donation only/Non-Member

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Book Shoppe, Garden, Fundraising, Hospitality, Literacy, Membership, Publicity, Scholarship, Scrapbook, Social Media, Veterans Breakfast, Summer Reading, Books for Beds, Summer Reading Programs