



Fifty years of service...

Friends of the Friona Public Library Newsletter Fall 2012

"A little library growing each year is an honorable part of man's history" Henry Ward Beecher

The Friona Public Library began 50 years ago as a grass roots project of the local Women's Clubs and interested citizens. As a sanctioned project of the Texas State Library, the library received 150 core reference works. From that humble, but honorable beginning in 1963, the Library today has over 35,000 volumes in many formats including e-books and online databases via TexShare. Members of the Library committee included Lilah Gaye Gee, Irene McFarland, Irene Osborn, Willard Stewart and Mary Kate Zeman. All of the original members are now deceased, but all of them worked throughout their lifetimes to insure that the FPL would continue to grow and prosper in the future. Friends of the Library were organized in 1968 when the City of Friona assumed operation of the library that same year. The Library is a great source of pride for the community and has served it well. To celebrate and to commemorate our fifty years, the Friends of the Library will be sponsoring a series of events and projects throughout 2013. So many projects have been sponsored through the years by the Friends of the Library to benefit our community. We hope that you, as members of the Friends, will share in this year of celebration with us. Thanks to your support we are now able to plan and sponsor many exciting programs. Our first home was in the Women's Federated Clubhouse built in 1948 and shown here at right. *"A library is a gift a community gives itself..." is one of my favorite sayings, (recently shared by our local librarian of 30 years.)*



A message from the President...Tracy Ellis, Welcome to the Friends!

It is my privilege to serve as your president at this very special and exciting time. Some of you may know that libraries have always been very special in my life. I am from a family of avid readers and am proud to be serving you in this way. The Friends are very busy getting ready for the holiday season. **November 9th & 10th** we will have a booth at the local **Friona Country Market Arts and Crafts show**. We will be selling tickets on chances for an iPad and also accepting membership dues. We will once again serve as greeters for the show. Any of you who would like to donate some time to help us there, please let me know. We will need at least 2 or 3 people on each shift. My phone number is (806) 250-2302 or email me at trellis1125@windstream.net. We will also have a booth at the **Farwell Country Christmas Jubilee** on **Nov. 30 and Dec. 1** selling more iPad chances and recruiting more members, we hope. Let me know if any of you are interested in working there. We are also getting ready for the Veteran's Day Breakfast to be held on Monday, Nov. 12 at the Redeemer Center 1304 Virginia. We will begin cooking at 6 AM and serving is from 7:00 to 9:00 AM. Be sure to invite your favorite Vet. Any willing hands would be greatly appreciated here also. I know that we are going to enjoy our 50th Anniversary Year! Let me know if you have any suggestions or ideas. Thanks so much, Tracy Ellis, Friends President. Our 2012-2014 Officers include: Tracy Ellis, President; Terry Hunt, Vice-President/President-Elect; Secretary, Candi Geske and Darla Bracken, Treasurer.

Literacy Center News: Plans to add a GED class, at the Literacy Center are underway. Registration and orientation will be held Wed. Oct. 10 at 6 PM. Certified instructor will be Karen Renner furnished by Region 16, our literacy Partner. Classes will be on Mondays and Wednesdays from 6 to 9 pm. Our other partners include City of Friona and W T Services (Internet). ESL classes began August 28 for our third consecutive year with 21 students. Afternoon Classes are offered Tuesdays and Thursdays 12 to 2:30 PM & began Sept. 4th. Evening classes are also Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6 to 8:30 PM. Certified instructor is Linda White also furnished through Region 16. We are grateful for these retired teachers who are willing to step up and help us provide this service in our community. GED classes began on October 15th with 14 students registered.



Teddy's First Novel: *Halfwide* is the title local author Teddy Jones has chosen for her debut as a fiction writer. Teddy has also written: *A Stone for Every Journey*, *Left Early, Arrived Late* and *One Hundred Doses*. Teddy and Jim Bob have made their home in Friona since 2000 and have made themselves pretty indispensable around here. We are so lucky to have them in our midst. Congratulations, Teddy! Visit Teddy on [Facebook](#) or at tjoneswrites@wtrt.net.





Steve Messenger, CPA, applied for and received the 501 c 3 non-profit status for the Friends in 1968.

New Faces at the Library: Lucy Hernandez is the new assistant Library Director at Friona Public Library. Lucy has 3 years experience as the Circulation Clerk. Lucinda Zamora, the new Circulation Clerk, began working October 1st. Julie Balli will continue in her position as the part-time circulation clerk, a position she has held for 5 years. Congratulations and Best Wishes, Library Staff!!

I'm a Story Hour Kid! One of the ideas being tossed around for the 50th Anniversary: T-Shirts with this slogan on it and sponsoring a float for the 'kids' to ride on in the 2013 Maize Days Parade. Other ideas being considered are vintage library photography displays, a new bulletin board case, and displays in the west wing. Story Time as we now call it is one our oldest programs. Remember when you were in Story Hour? Send us your story...



Book Shoppe: Thanks to all of our dedicated Book Shoppe Volunteers: Linda White, Glenda Sifford, Jean Roberts, Carolyn Shipp and Eddie Mays. They seem to carry on in hot cold weather and rarely close, even for holidays. Thanks, Girls! Be sure to visit the Book Shoppe as often as you can. We add 'new' items often and the girls are willing to help you look for that special find. Have fun searching! Many of the books find their way to the Veteran's Hospital in Amarillo, Parmer Medical Center, Boys Ranch and other public locations through the generosity of our customers. Donations for the Book Shoppe are given to the Library and the Friends to help with their projects. Some donations to the Book Shoppe may also be sent to Better World Books to sell online. Proceeds from the Book Shoppe benefit the Literacy Center. Help us support the Book Shoppe: **Open Mondays 10 AM to 5 PM & Bag Sale is 3rd Wednesday 10 to 5.** Thanks for your support!

Garden: Glendel Jones has worked hard to keep the garden looking nice this summer. Although it was not as dry as last summer, it was still a hard year for gardening. Wendy Carthel of Farmhouse Designs Greenhouse also once again did an excellent job on our planters.

Membership: *According to Terri Ellis, membership chair, anyone interested in making donations to take advantage of tax deductible purposes in 2012 has from now until Dec. 31st to do so. Memberships received after Jan. 1 will be credited for 2013. "We are sorry for the confusion this has created and hope that this clarifies what we are trying to do," noted Darla Bracken, Treasurer. Total new paid memberships for 2012: is 22.*

The Friona Friends of the Library promotes the Library and general Literacy in our community and surrounding areas. We partner with the City of Friona to help keep the Redeemer Literacy Center facility updated and in good working order. We partner with Region 16 Service Center to hold English classes and recently have added GED classes. We celebrate accomplishments of local authors by sponsoring teas, workshops and book signings. We assisted in the formation of Pens and Pages Writer's Guild, an association of local writers. We annually help buy books for all First Grade children as well as purchasing books for the library at the Friona Primary School Book Fair. We participate in the Amarillo Globe News Newspapers in Education Program and sponsor programs for the Summer Reading Program. We partner with the Parmer County Historical Museum on research and displays. The Friends group sponsors the Used Book Shoppe and we serve a Veteran's Day breakfast each year to honor local veterans.

The Friends of the Friona Public Library gets money to do all these various things through fund raising projects like the raffling of Literacy Baskets that are donated by local merchants and individuals. In 2013, the Friends will be celebrating 50 years of library service to the patrons of the Friona Public Library. There will be special events throughout the year to celebrate the library's anniversary. Friends will celebrate 50 years of service in 2018. A critical piece of our funding comes from our membership dues.

This year our 2012 membership drive starts November 1st and ends December 31st. We have about 400 members and rely on this funding to sponsor our projects. The following members have paid their 2012 dues:

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| <i>John and Lavon Renner</i> | <i>David and Krystyna Smith</i> | <i>Chris and Terry Hunt</i> |
| <i>Dennis and Vickie Field</i> | <i>Friona Noon Lions Club</i> | <i>Richard Carson</i> |
| <i>Gary and Barbara Brown</i> | <i>Valoris Osborn</i> | <i>Troy and Mona Sharrock</i> |
| <i>Lonnie and Terri Ellis</i> | <i>Trey and Tracy Ellis</i> | <i>Candice Geske</i> |
| <i>Andy and Julia Alexander</i> | | |

The membership form is included in the newsletter. Please cut it out and return it by mail or drop it by on your next visit to the library. Thank you for your support. We appreciate the generosity of all of our members. Terri Ellis, Chair

Please note that any dues paid after Jan. 1st will be credited for 2013.

Endowment:

Quarterly report for period ending September 30, 2012 stated a balance of \$ 179,652.29 from the Amarillo Area Foundation.

Friends of the Friona Public Library Proposed Budget June 1, 2012 to May 31, 2013

	2011-12 Budget	2011-12 Actual	2012-13 Proposed
Adult Programming	\$ 500	\$292	\$750
Annual Meeting	\$ 500	\$215	\$750
Children's Programming	\$1,250	\$1,305	\$1,250
Endowment	\$775	\$725	\$850
Fundraising	\$750	\$1,000	\$750
Garden	\$500	\$290	\$750
Literacy Center	\$750	\$ 5,045*	\$750
Postage & Printing	\$1,000	\$600	\$750
Special Projects	\$700	\$ 2,345	\$1,000
Youth Programming	\$250	\$170	\$250
Totals	\$ 6,900	\$11,987	\$7,850

*Extra amount required from reserves; money is to be transferred to replace expenditures. Balances as of 9/28/12: Checking \$1,173.75 Savings \$5,283.98, Money Market \$17,215.89 Darla Bracken, Treasurer



Museum News: *"I shot an arrow into the air, it fell to earth, I knew not where; for, so swiftly it flew, the sight could not follow it in its flight."* Henry Wadsworth Longfellow. Special displays are at the museum including many local family histories. Coming soon to the Parmer County Historical Museum: is a 23 ft. arrow marking our location on the Quanah Parker Trail. The museum is open to the public by volunteers on **Mondays and Fridays from 10 AM to 5 PM**. Donations are welcome.

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Friends of the Friona Library honored longtime library director Darla Bracken with a surprise luncheon on Wednesday, September 26th at the Library. Co-workers presented Darla with a wall clock to commemorate the occasion. She has been a fulltime employee for 30 years in September and has served as director since 1985. She began as a high school volunteer in 1967 and also was a college work study student in the summer of 1969. Congratulations, Darla! (**Ron Carr, Friona Star photo**)

Help Wanted: From some of your pinterest fans, we found this free little library (several designs shown), looking for some crafter to build us one for the RV park. It is a neat way to share books from the Book Shoppe for travelers going through town. There are free books to read while they are in town, or they can take one and share one. Great



Idea!



2012 Membership Application

Name: _____

Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

Email: _____

- New Membership
- Renewing
- Non-member, please accept my donation

Student \$1	Individual	\$5.00	Family	\$10.00
Business/Organization		\$25.00	Lifetime	\$200.00

Please return and make check payable to: Friends of Friona Public Library, 109 W 7th Friona, TX 79035
Please note that all donations are tax deductible. Areas of interest: *(circle any/all that apply)* Annual Meeting
Author Events, Bazaars, Book Shoppe, Children's Programs, Easter Egg Hunt, ESL, GED, Garden, Literacy,
Literary Baskets, Programming, Refreshments, Story Time, Technology, Veteran's Breakfast.

