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# Off The Shelf

## President's Message

Thank you for being a part of the Friends of the Library! Spring is here and we are looking forward to some of our most important annual events.

We will hold our Spring Book Sale from Wednesday - Saturday, March 29-April 1, 2017, during normal library business hours. Friends members are invited to attend the Preview Sale held Tuesday, March 28th from 5-9 pm. Annual membership dues in the Friends group begin at \$5.00 a year for individuals, \$10.00 for families, and \$2.00 for Senior Citizens. Membership sign-up and renewal will be available at the door.

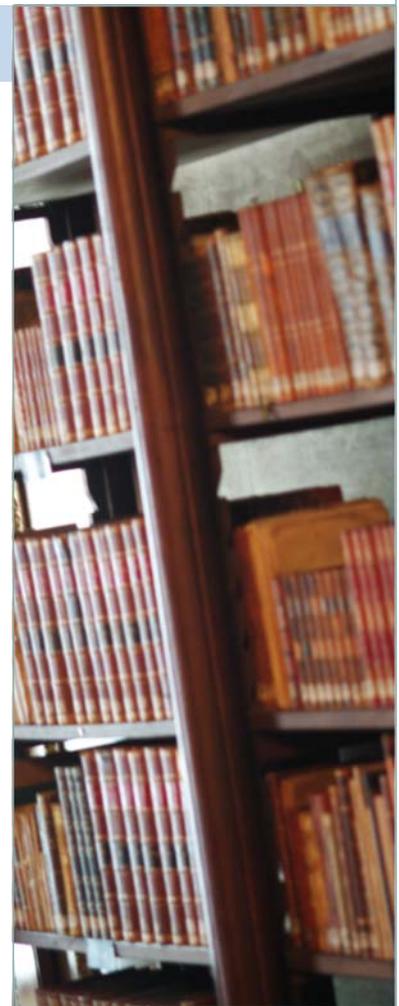
The Friends will host a Scholastic Book Fair in conjunction with Summer Reading Club sign up from May 30-June 10, 2017. Proceeds from the Book Fair provide incentive prizes for Summer Reading Program. Come shop at the Book Fair or volunteer to help sign up Summer Reading Club participants.

Would you like to help the Friends raise money? Donating your time is a fun way to get involved, and you will meet wonderful new people in the process! Volunteers are needed to work both Friends' events this Spring. It's like working at a book store for the community! For more information about volunteering, please call 281-478-2092.

The Friends Annual Meeting will be held Thursday, April 27th at 7 pm in the Library Meeting Room. Our guest speaker will be Marianne Dyson, author and former NASA flight controller. For more information check out the article on the back page. The meeting will be free and open to the general public. Everyone is encouraged to attend this event! We are grateful for your support and hope to see you this Spring!

Penny Henson

President, Friends of the Deer Park Public Library



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### DID YOU KNOW THE LIBRARY OFFERS THESE SERVICES?

- E-Books
- Inter-Library Loans
- Group Study Rooms
- Homework Help
- Craft Classes
- And much more...



### FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK

While the “winter” weather may be unpredictable this time of year, you can count on the Library to bring consistently great programs and events. Starting with our January Featured Friday event, we will be celebrating the City’s 125th anniversary all year long. Check the City’s 125th website, [www.deerparktx.gov/125th](http://www.deerparktx.gov/125th) for special programs at the Library.

Some changes for the New Year are also coming! We will begin checking out magazines in January. Older issues will be available for check out just like books. Remember, many popular magazines are available for immediate checkout and download electronically from Zinio.

Want to jumpstart your reading in 2017? Join us in our yearlong Reading Challenge. For details, call the Reference Desk at 281-478-2092.

Hope to see you at the Library in 2017!

Rebecca Pool  
Library Director

## FEATURED FRIDAY

The Featured Friday series was started in January 2015 to provide programs of cultural, historical and local interest to library visitors. It has continued to include an eclectic variety of presenters and topics. Many of the guest speakers are college professors and several of them have connections to the Deer Park community. Past program subjects have included the Great Galveston Hurricane of 1900, the early Texas concerts of Elvis Presley and the first-hand experience of a WW2 survivor.

The Featured Friday programs will be included in the city-wide celebration of the 125th anniversary of the founding of Deer Park. The 2017 series kicked off on Friday, January 13 with Councilwoman Sherry Garrison’s discussion about the colorful life of Simeon West, the Yankee businessman, who founded Deer Park, Texas. Please join us for special installments of the series throughout the year, as we learn about the history of our City! Check the library’s website for future program information.

*“Keep reading. It’s one of the most marvelous adventures anyone can have.” - Lloyd Anderson*

## TEEN ZONE

### **Teen Time Wednesday 3:45-5:45 pm**

Join us after school Wednesdays for some fun and games! For ages 12-18 we offer video games, board games, snacks and more!

### **Thursday Movie Matinee 4 pm**

Before working on homework, take a break with some popcorn and a show. Movies shown will be PG or PG-13.



### **Special Teen Time**

Teen Mystery Dinner – At this dinner, everyone is a suspect, even you! Participants will be given clues to solve the mystery while enjoying a barbecue dinner provided by the Friends of the Library. Registration starts January 3rd.

# CHILDREN'S CORNER

## Storytime

Storytime programs incorporate books, finger plays, songs, & activities to promote interest in reading and lifelong learning. We currently offer three programs which are divided by recommended ages.

### **Infant Lapsit Storytime Wednesday @ 11:00 am**

This program, recommended for 0-2 years, features songs, rhymes, socialization, bubbles, and board books. Caregivers are required to stay with the child and help them participate in the program.

### **Toddler Storytime Thursday @ 10:15 am**

Recommended for children 2- 3½. Songs, activities, and stories encouraging a love for books and language, increase attention span and develop basic social skills. Caregivers are required to stay with the toddler and encourage participation in the program.

### **Preschool Storytime Thursday @ 11:00 am**

Recommended for children 3 ½ - 6. Children listen to stories, and participate in group activities during the 30-40 minute sessions. A craft often enhances the story theme.

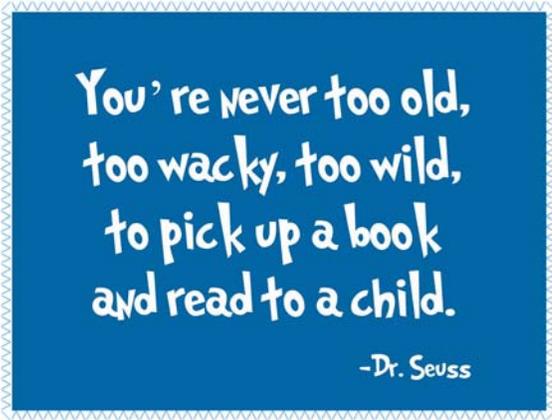


### **Special Storytimes**

A special Egg Hunt Storytime will be held on April 13, at 10:15 am. We will have a Spring themed story-time with a special egg hunt inside the library to follow!

### **Read Across America: Celebrate Dr. Seuss!**

Join us under the Truffala trees on Thursday, March 2nd @ 3:30 pm to celebrate Dr. Seuss's birthday! We will have some crafty fun and enjoy cake as we lead into our Thursday afternoon movie showing of a great Dr. Seuss Classic.



## FROM THE CHILDREN'S LIBRARIAN

Did you know that the Deer Park Public Library has great electronic resources for children? The Youth Services page of our website offers materials for children with wonderful options for homework help and fun and games. Everything is accessible from inside the library and also from home with your library card!

**Homework Help** offers links to resources such as

- Primary Search- designed for elementary school aged
- Middle Search Plus- designed for middle school aged
- Explora- designed for multiple ages; providing searching by popular topic and by keyword and delivers results as articles, essays, images and more.

**Books & Games** provides links to

- Pebble Go- databases on popular subjects for younger learners with leveled text. Audio/video media makes this interactive database more fun!
- Capstone Interactive Library- Interactive eBooks featuring text highlighting and read-to-me audio for readers of all types and ages
- Tumblebooks—eBooks for eKids! These animated picture books help our little one learn to love reading through adding animation, sound, music, and narration.

Happy Reading,

Susan Zykorie  
Children's Librarian



### FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

The Friends of the Library is a citizen's organization that contributes greatly to the library. The members promote library services, organize public event raise money, and sponsor a variety of library activities.

### FRIENDS OFFICERS

President ..... Penny Henson  
Vice President ..... Paulette Lawther  
Treasurer ..... Pat Adams  
Secretary ..... Linda McHone

### Membership Dues

The Friends welcome new members. Membership dues are \$5 for individuals, \$10 for families, and \$2 for seniors and students.

For more information on how you can get involved please call the library at 281-478-7208 or visit us online at [www.deerparktx.gov/library](http://www.deerparktx.gov/library). We are also on Facebook at [deerparktx.gov/library](http://deerparktx.gov/library)

## MARIANNE DYSON SPEAKER @ ANNUAL MEETING

The Friends are excited to announce that the speaker for our Annual Meeting will be Marianne Dyson. Ms. Dyson was one of NASA's first female flight controllers. She is a speaker on space topics, a technical editor, science fiction writer, and book reviewer. She is best known for her award-winning children's books about space, including the NSTA 2016 Outstanding Trade Book *Welcome to Mars* which she coauthored with Apollo 11's Buzz Aldrin for National Geographic. Ms. Dyson will be speaking about her NASA experience and the humorous and serious aspects of working the shuttle program. Please join us at the Library on Thursday, April 27 at 7:00 pm for this exciting event!

## FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY SPRING CALENDAR

Take a look at the Friends Calendar for January-April and make plans to join us. All Friends members are encouraged to help with these special events.

**January 30 @ 5 pm** - Friends of the Library monthly meeting

**February 27 @ 5 pm** - Friends of the Library monthly meeting

**March 25 @ 10 am** - Set up for Spring Friends Book Sale

**March 28 5-9 pm** - Friends' members only Book Sale preview night

**March 29-April 1** - Spring Friends Book Sale during normal library hours

**April 3 @ 10 am** - Book Sale take down

**April 27 @ 7 pm** - Friends' Annual Meeting featuring Marianne Dyson, author and former NASA flight controller.

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### LIBRARY HOURS

Monday ..... 10-6  
Tuesday ..... 10-9  
Wednesday ..... 10-6  
Thursday ..... 10-9  
Friday ..... 10-5  
Saturday ..... 10-5  
Sunday ..... Closed



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