



How are the Friends?

Over the last few months we have received many messages from you, our members, stating how grateful we all are that we were able to have our treasured Booksale in February before our community began dealing with the challenges of COVID-19. We echo that gratitude and wanted to take a moment to update you on several key things happening with the Friends of the Library and among Metropolitan Library System locations.

First, we are currently not accepting donations at any location. We are processing items that were donated at or withdrawn from libraries prior to their closures. We have a dedicated team of volunteers currently working on a plan to accept books outside of our libraries. We are choosing this to support our librarians as many donation locations have limited space due to the quarantining of library materials. Additionally, we are working to streamline our processes to avoid the number of ‘touches’ we need to put on each donated item. This shift helps us work more efficiently AND protects our valuable volunteers, many of whom are in the most at risk demographic.

Second, we are honestly not sure what Booksale 2021 will look like. We are planning on it! But we are also looking at alternative ways to get books in the hands of our fans, honor our member benefits, and most importantly, raise money for the Metropolitan Library System! We listened to your feedback from the post-Booksale survey and we are also using this time to consider improvements to our traditional Booksale so that it is more enjoyable for all.

Finally, it is our board’s directive that the Friends ‘stay nimble’ in this time. Our organizational changes and challenges are very similar to what many of you may be facing personally – that need to balance what we want to do with what we can do. We are committed to doing our best to support our community and we remain grateful that you are a part of that journey!

Reminder - Annual Members Meeting



Don’t forget to join us on **Tuesday, July 21 at 6:30pm** for our Annual Members Meeting from the safety of your own home using Zoom! Even though we were unable to meet in person for our Annual Members Meeting in May, we could not miss out on celebrating: our largest Booksale ever, the most Friends members ever, and a record number of fans and followers on social media. None of this would be possible without **YOU** being a part of our Friends family! In addition to celebrating our successes, our board of directors will pose important bylaws updates that will help us stay flexible in these tough times and in the future. You do not need to have a Zoom account to participate nor show your video if you are unable to or simply do not wish to be on camera.

Please [click this link](#) or follow the instructions below:

<https://metrolibrary.zoom.us/j/9094986526pwd=dDF6eGZPS3MrS3k2RE4vMXIMTnhBdz09>

Meeting ID: 909 498 6526

Password: 413248

Or, Dial-In by your location (no computer necessary):

+1 346 248 7799 US (Houston)

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As a reminder, **if you were a member during our 2019-2020 membership year we have automatically renewed your most recent membership for you** – our gift to you this year as we work together to collect and sell books to support the Metropolitan Library System of Oklahoma County. We love our Friends!

Summer Reading—Imagine Your Story



The Friends are proud to sponsor Summer Reading 2020 for the Metropolitan Library System of Oklahoma County. The Summer Reading Program has been a part of our community for over 80 years and it is no longer just for school-age children! You can also [join in the Summer Reading fun](#), record your reading points and work to earn prizes including a fine waiver, a book, or a library tote bag! The Library has set a community goal of 10 million points and once that is reached The Friends along with the Library Endowment Trust will donate approximately 4,000 books to children in need in our community through 'Read It Forward'. Summer Reading takes place June 1 to July 31. Though the first month is over there is still time to sign up! [Join online today!](#)

Tailored Titles—a Service of the Metropolitan Library System



If you miss browsing library shelves and bookstores for your next big read, check out the Metropolitan Library System’s [Tailored Titles](#). This service connects you with book recommendations based on your interests and books you have enjoyed. Participants can subscribe to genre-based newsletters or connect live on social media for

Let’s Get Social!



Stay up to date with all of the latest Friends' announcements, events, and happenings by following us on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).

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