



Friends of the Library

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“Tell Me Something Good!” I watch the news at 5 p.m. most days, and I’m happy that KWTX has a segment towards the end called, “Tell Me Something Good.” After hearing about many tragedies happening around the world, in the U.S., in Texas, and in Bell County, I love hearing about something positive happening in our world!

Something good happening now is the cooler fall weather and some rain! But one of the best “Something Good” findings in Salado is our public library. We have had an increase in children and parents attending Story Time so now we have Story Time two times a week! Amazing! Sharing books with children sparks their imagination and interest in learning to read and explore the world around them in books.

Our library also hosts teen activities and adult book clubs providing opportunities throughout your lifetime to engage in learning plus to make new friends. There are also Arts and Crafts opportunities to attend. I remember when I was in my twenties and we moved to Ponca City, Oklahoma. I signed up for a crafts class to make a fabric cornucopia. I made lifetime friends and still put the fall decoration out every fall.

So share with all you meet the “Tell Me Something Good” in Salado - our library. During this season of Thanksgiving we are blessed to have Salado Public Library where we can make new friends, find books we’ve always wanted to read, and much, much more!

Mary French

Friends of the Library President



Author Sara Dykman Visits Salado Public Library

On October 7th, Salado Library patrons were treated to a delightful presentation by Bicycling with Butterflies author, Sara Dykman.

In 2017, Sara became the first person to cycle the entire route of migration of the Monarch butterfly, which took her over 10,000 miles from the Monarch's overwintering grounds in Mexico, north through the United States to Canada, and back to Mexico.

The purpose for her amazing trip was to educate people along her route about what we all can do to help save the Monarch, whose population has declined dramatically in recent years. They are threatened due to loss of their only food source – milkweed, which formerly grew wild but now all too often gets mowed down by road crews or destroyed by herbicides. Dykman explains that her book is “part science, part adventure, part love letter to nature.” Bicycling with Butterflies is a National Outdoor Book Award winner and is available for checkout here at the Salado Public Library.

Salado Public Library Acquires Historical Collection

Over a period of many years, the Robertson family of Central Texas collected books on their Texas heritage and local history. Those books eventually made their way to the Central Texas Area Museum, later known as the Salado Museum and College Park. When the Salado Museum closed their library in 2017, a Robertson family descendant, Sterling Ambrose, made the decision to donate the books to the Salado Public Library if they would be kept together as a collection.

The Salado Public Library accepted the donation and began the task of cataloging the 675 fiction and nonfiction titles, preparing them for shelving, and placing the titles on the library website. (salado.biblionix.com/catalog/)

On June 30, 2022, Salado Historical Society President Bill Kinnison presided over a dedication ceremony, at which the collection was formally opened for use by the public. Sterling Ambrose spoke of his mother and grandmother's love of history and how pleased they would be to know that the collection is now available to scholars, writers, researchers, and history buffs.

Library Director Jeanie Lively expressed thanks to all who worked on preparing the collection: Rachel Gerik, Susan Starnes, Emmy Alvarez, Julie Hoy, Elizabeth Lively, Pat Hart, and June Lubowinski.

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2022 Honorees

Susan Starnes has been a multi-talented volunteer and asset to the Salado Public Library. Susan has served in the library shelving, manning the checkout desk, processing new movies and audiobooks, and helping Jeanie with whatever was needed. In addition, she has served on the Friends of the Library board in two capacities, as newsletter editor and chairman of the adult arts and crafts classes. Last year, Susan was elected to serve on the Library District Board, but she has maintained her work with the craft classes, increasing the classes to some evening events, with the possibility of starting a craft club.

Judith Hughes retired from working with the Temple Library for 26 years but still needed some connection with library work. When she discovered BookEnds, she knew she found her home away from home. Judith has worked tirelessly to organize, reshelve, and make BookEnds merchandise more accessible to shoppers. She puts in countless hours every week handling new donations and keeping the shop looking neat and ready for everyone to browse for their favorite authors and titles.

April Edmiston joined the Salado Library staff as the youth assistant in the fall of 2018. April had previously worked in the Children's Department of another Central Texas library. Since joining Salado Public Library, April has developed an incredible array of children's programs, including two storytimes per week, a music program called "Music Munchkins," and many other activities. Last spring, April took over Teen programming. If you have ever worked with or raised teenagers, you know how difficult it is to keep them engaged. April has managed to bring in many teens who actively participate in several of the teen programs offered by the library every month. Some of the events April organizes include a Teen Writers Group, teen craft times and a regular Teen Dungeons & Dragons group.



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