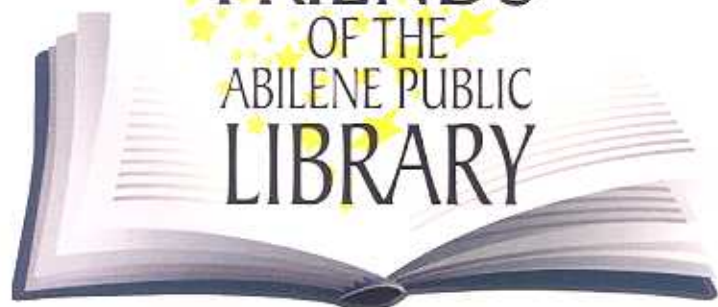


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Got a Record?

Look up your Library Record online
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1. Start at...www.abilenetx.com/apl
2. Click...Catalog
3. Click...My Account
4. Then enter your APL card
and your PIN
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You can view checkouts, bills and holds. You can also renew materials
without having to make a trip to the library.

FOL History...

Some of the people who served as officers of the Friends of the Abilene
Public Library when it was first organized still live in Abilene today.
Names you may recognize are:

Everett Woods, President - Kelly Kinard, Budget - Bill Minter, Mailings
Dick Andrews, Chamber of Commerce Representative

When you see these folks, let them know you appreciate their efforts to
establish our FOL organization!

Gifts from our friends to our endowment fund...

JILL GARRETT MAJORIE ANDREWS BOB AND PEGGY BECKMAN
NANCY BROCK -In honor of Brad Burkett, Immediate Past President
and Jerita Howard, President



Volunteer of the Year Glenn Droomgoole and Outgoing President Brad Burkett



Librarian's Report

In the New Year, I resolve to...

What are your New Year's resolutions for 2012? Maybe it is to eat more veggies, read a new author, or pay off some bills. We hope you look to the library to assist you with many of them.

The Library also has resolutions and plans for the New Year.

- ✓ Maintain excellent customer service with a well-trained and motivated staff. Every library customer has expectations. Our goal must be to exceed those expectations.
- ✓ Provide a collection of diverse formats and content reflecting community needs, wants, and use. I'm frequently asked "How do you decide what to buy for the library?" The answer is simple, we acquire the formats and subjects that our community uses and asks for. For example, best-sellers, Xeriscaping, Westerns, travel guides, financial planning, and mysteries are very popular in Abilene. Books on snow removal – not so much. eBooks demand continues to grow. In response to that demand and with the help of the Friends, we have allocated more resources to that growing collection. We can meet your e-book reading needs with varied flavors of e-readers the most popular being Kindles, iPads, and Nooks and don't forget your smart phone! If you can't find what you are looking for, please let any staff member know.
- ✓ This summer, we will be participating in Abilene's first Children's Arts and Literacy Festival featuring Dr. Seuss. The Main Library will be hosting multiple readings of Horton Hear a Who on Friday, June 15. We hope to see you there. Of course, our annual summer reading club continues the 'Seussical' theme through July. The staff at the Abilene Public Library looks forward to serving you in 2012.

COME TO SEE US SOON!
Ricki V. Brown,
City Librarian

Special Events for 2012

March 5, March 26, April 16 & May 7	BROWN BAG AUTHOR SERIES
April 8-14	NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK
June 7-10	FOL BOOK SALE
September 17-22	WEST TEXAS BOOK AND MUSIC FESTIVAL
November 13	ANNUAL MEETING

Annual Membership

By now you have received your Friends of the Library membership renewal letter. The number one benefit is members are supporting the Abilene Public Libraries. Our libraries have so much to offer and Abilene is fortunate to have locations across our city to serve you. For those of you who enjoy the Internet opportunities, the library has materials ready to download to your electronic device.

What other benefits do Friends enjoy? Friends received early entrance to our annual book sale on Thursday evening before the sale is open to the public. Of course, many Friends volunteer to help with that sale and you are invited to assist. Friends also receive a 25% in store discount at Hastings. Those who join at the \$50 level receive a \$10 gift certificate from Texas Star Trading Company. Friends also receive a newsletter and online updates.

What do the Friends do with your membership money? Funds are used for library programs and improvements, staff training and appreciation activities. The Friends provided funds that helped the city open the Mockingbird branch. Consider joining the Friends of the Library. Our membership letter describes the benefits and levels of membership and includes an envelope for your convenience. There are differing levels of membership but all are invited to become a part of the Abilene Public Library support organization. So, not only do we want you to renew your membership today, but to encourage your friends to join also. Our libraries benefit everyone in Abilene.



**Terry Minami
& Group**

Abilene Public Library Special Programs

GROUP VISITS

Organized groups are welcome to attend all programs. Please call the information number listed for the location you plan to visit well in advance, so we can prepare for your group.

BABY STEPS

Main Library: Thursdays at 10:15
Mockingbird Branch: Wednesdays at 10:45

Ages 0-1 This program is specifically designed for infants and parents. Stories, activities, and stimuli of all kinds are presented in the program. Registration is required. Call for information.

LAPSIT

Main Library: Thursdays at 11:00

Ages 1-2 This program is designed for kids who are past the infant stage but not quite toddling. Parents join their kids for rhymes, music, short stories and more.

TODDLER TIME

Main Library: Mondays & Wednesdays
at 10:45
Mockingbird Branch: Tuesdays at 10:45

Ages 2-3 For toddlers who are ready for longer stories. Parents are encouraged to share this time with their children.

PRE-SCHOOL STORYTIME

Main Library: Tuesdays at 10:45
South Branch Library:
Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday at 10:45
Mockingbird Branch: Thursday at 10:45

Ages 3-6 Held year-round, storytime offers children ages 3-6 the opportunity to listen to stories, join in fingerplays, sing, and watch puppets and other visual presentations.

2012 President Jerita Howard with
Brad Burkett and Glenn Droomgoole



President's Report

Dear Friends,

With the beginning of any new year, we start with personal resolutions. We strive to improve in areas of growth, finances and relationships. The Friends of the Abilene Public Library focuses on the same yearly initiatives! We begin with great optimism that our library system will be a continuing catalyst for community development through our programs and services.

GROWTH

One of our goals is to increase the membership of our organization. I encourage you to recruit as many of your friends and neighbors as you can. Your center of influence can be far reaching in the number of people who can be told about the resources of our library. Need a "novel" gift idea? Give them a membership to the Friends and, hopefully, we can gain momentum as they in turn pass the generosity onto others.

FINANCES

While membership dues are a vital part of our budget, our fundraising efforts have always been one of the strengths of our organization. The FOL Book Sale will be June 7-10 and the West Texas Book & Music Festival will be September 17-22 and we want you to be a part of these wonderful events! If you have volunteered with the Book Sale in the past or if you would like to begin, our co-chairs, Rob Carlton and Bob Milstead, will help guide you to the perfect place to serve. Co-chairs, Glenn Droomgoole and Rhonda Bolt, will do the same for the Book and Music Festival for volunteering and/or sponsorships.

RELATIONSHIPS

We are fortunate to have library staff that is dedicated and passionate. As a group, our role is to do whatever is necessary to support their efforts. Through our encouragement and monetary resources, they can continue offering the services that make the Abilene Public Library a valuable asset to everyone in our community!

With your continued support we can ensure that EVERYONE is aware of the many opportunities available to them through our Abilene Public Library System!

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Jerita Howard, President
Friends of the Abilene Public Library

Texas Author Series begins March 5

We have a great lineup for this year's Texas Author Series, sponsored by Friends of the Library.

Four Texas writers will be featured this spring. The programs, which are free to the public, will be at noon at the downtown library, 202 Cedar, on four Mondays -- March 5, March 26, April 16 and May 7. Lunch will be available for \$5 or those attending may bring their own lunch.

- **March 5:** Kaleta Doolin, author of *Fritos Pie: Stories, Recipes and More*, will lead off the series. Her book tells the story of Fritos Corn Chips, founded by the author's father, and includes more than 150 recipes. Yes, Fritos Pie will be served.
- **March 26:** Historian T. Lindsay Baker will relate tales from his two new books – *Texas Stories I Like to Tell My Friends* and *Gangster Tour of Texas*. Baker is director of the W.K. Gordon Center for Industrial History of Texas in Thurber.
- **April 16:** Best-selling novelist Jodi Thomas will discuss her *Harmony* series, set in a fictional Texas small town. Three novels in the upbeat series have been published, beginning with *Welcome to Harmony*, with at least four more in the works. Thomas is writer in residence at West Texas A&M in Canyon.
- **May 7:** Joe Nick Patoski will wrap up the series with a talk about his book on Texas High School Football: *More Than the Game*, published in conjunction with an exhibit at the Bob Bullock Texas State History Museum.

Plan to come and bring a friend and enjoy these special programs, made possible by funding from the West Texas Book & Music Festival. The authors will sign copies of their books after their talks.

Book Sale

...and the books are pouring in. Several people about town have decided that this is the year to reorganize their libraries and the Book Sale is the beneficiary of their largesse. Is it time for you to make room for new books on your bookshelves? There is definitely a volume increase in donated books and audio/visual over one year ago. The Cooper student council has transported loads to the Store Room twice this fall. Their help is invaluable. Other FOL members have also helped sort and pack (bet you didn't know that every item that comes in is organized by category, then boxed so that at unpacking time, every item is in its' proper place for unboxing). Bob Milstead and I will meet soon to add a new leadership position over regular book transfers throughout the year. Also to be reviewed is added oversight of traffic flow on the sales floor and around checkout during Sale Week. Other needs will be discussed with the Book Sale committee soon.

Rob Carlton,
Book Sale Co-Chair

Find your library

Hours at all branches:

Monday,
Tuesday & Thursday
9:00 am to 9:00 pm

Wednesday,
Friday & Saturday
9:00 am to 6:00 pm

Main Branch:
202 Cedar

South Branch:
1401 S. Danville

Mockingbird Branch:
1214 N. Mockingbird Ln.

APL Website:
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Wednesday, February 1 - Thursday, April 14

Free Tax Assistance with the AARP. Main Library Auditorium, 12:30 – 4:30 Wednesdays and Thursdays; Mockingbird Branch, Fridays and Saturdays, 10:00 – 5:00. For those with uncomplicated tax returns who just need a helping hand.

Saturday, February 11th, 2012

Fantastic World of Dan Yaccarino in conjunction with NCCIL. Children the world over know Yaccarino from his children's books such as his Unlovable, The Fantastic Undersea Life Of Jacques Cousteau, Five Little Pumpkins, and All The Way To America. He is an award winning artist with more than 30 children's books to his credit.

Tuesday, Feb. 28

Spring Gardening with Master Gardener Betty Sims. Let Betty show you the path toward spring and how to prepare your gardens for abundant results during this free program.

Tuesday, March 6 at 6:30p.m

Creating a Website - "Learn, plan, design, code, launch, maintain a website, using a familiar framework. Riley Wills from the Abilene Christian University Office of Online Marketing will walk through each step of creating a website. You'll leave this seminar equipped with a solid framework and quality resources to assist with developing a website of any type."

Thursday, March 22 6:30 p.m. at Mockingbird

Antique and Collectibles Appraisal Fair - is it trash, or treasure? Join local antiques & collectibles experts in the library's annual version of The Antiques Roadshow™ to find out about unique or interesting items you may have.

