

Friends of the Library is a non-profit 501 (c)(3) organization made up of library patrons who support the interests of the Friendswood Public Library. Through the use of membership drives, fundraisers and book sales, the organization is able to provide additional programs and activities that would otherwise not be available.

**FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY FUNDS WERE USED TO:**

- Support the monthly book club, summer youth, and adult reading programs.
- Purchase streaming videos through Kanopy.
- Purchase National Library Week gift giveaways for patrons.
- Purchased fountain for front courtyard.

**FRIENDS EXECUTIVE BOARD**

President - Madeline Short

Vice President - Jim Foreman

Treasurer - Randy Waibel

Membership - Mona Palmer

Book Sale - Diane Freeman

**LIBRARY MISSION**

The mission of the Friendswood Public Library is to provide all persons in the community confidential access to materials that can improve their minds, and also to provide an environment in which individuals may freely pursue intellectual, educational, and recreational interests through diverse services and resources in a variety of formats.

**FISCAL YEAR STATISTICS\***

Total Items Checked Out	271,078
Reference Questions	46,812
Door Count	113,398
Programs Held	838
New Patrons	1,965
New Titles Added	6,912
Program Attendance	26,051
Public Internet Stations	47,468

*\*Numbers impacted by COVID-19 pandemic*

**LIBRARY BOARD**

Chair - Diane Freeman

Vice Chair - JoBeth Brizendine

Members - Neeta Jambhekar, Elizabeth Stacy, Madeline Short, Mike Czarowitz, Benette Rowley, Ted Thomas and Bryan Corey

Council Liaison - Steve Rockey

FISD Liaison - Robert McCabe

**2019-2020  
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# YOUTH SERVICES

- During the pandemic closure, we offered personalized book bags for patrons based on age and interests that could be picked up at our drive through window. This proved so popular (1,000+ bags made over the summer) that we are continuing the practice indefinitely.
- Many of our regular programs went virtual with online Teen Advisory Group meetings, Facebook Live and pre-recorded Storytimes, Zoom book clubs, Family Cookbook Club Facebook group, Chapter Book Readalongs on Instagram, professional performances, and more.
- Craft Kits are available for kids aged 2-18 three times a week from the drive through or the Children's Dept.
- Friendswood Library provided Neighborhood Storytimes to kids in their own neighborhoods in a safe, socially distanced environment.
- To engage with teens we started Stream with Sti, a channel on the popular video game streaming platform Twitch. Twice a week, Youth Services Librarian Sti and other librarians play games and interact with teens online. Our Twitch channel also hosted the virtual Zaki Con 12-hour livestream event that including gaming, panels, a virtual artist's alley, crafts, special guests, and more.



The library was one of 56 Texas public libraries to qualify for the Texas Municipal Library Directors Association "2020 Achievement of Library Excellence Award".

The library demonstrated excellence in 10 service categories including underserved populations, summer reading, cultural and education programming, and literacy support.



# NEW RESOURCES

4K HD Movie Projector

Mobile Wi-Fi Hotspots

Local history digital archive

Self-checkout system

Reading challenge software

Outdoor water fountain



# ADULT SERVICES

- During the pandemic, virtual programs and classes were offered and attended by 2, 849 people.
- Served patrons in over 25,000 vehicles at the drive through window during the pandemic.
- Created local historical digital archive that can be accessed on library's website.
- Provided monthly book club and basic computer literacy classes, bi-monthly movie and trivia nights, quarterly poetry readings, bi-monthly Workforce Solutions Job search seminars, spring and summer reading challenge, Score Business workshops, and weekly meditation programs.
- Provided home delivery of library material to at risk patrons.
- Answered over 46,812 reference questions.

