

FRIENDS

THE FRIENDSWOOD PUBLIC LIBRARY

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:

- Purchase outreach vehicle
- Publish anthology of local poetry.
- Sponsor new educational and recreational programs.
- Support the monthly book club, summer youth, and adult reading programs.
- Purchase streaming videos through Kanopy.
- Purchase National Library Week gift giveaways for patrons.



FRIENDS EXECUTIVE BOARD

President - JoBeth Brizendine

Vice President - Brenda Feaster

Treasurer - Randy Waibel

Membership - Karen Hart

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	350,419
Reference Questions	30,013
Door Count	164,039
Programs Held	990
Program Attendance	20,677
New Patrons	3,372
New Titles Added	6,930
Public Internet Stations	13,637

LIBRARY BOARD

Chair - Diane Freeman

Vice Chair - JoBeth Brizendine

Members - Neeta Jambhekar, Betty Stacy, Madeline Short, Benette Rowley, Mark Crawford, Brett Stephen, and Sharon Tait

Council Liaison - Trish Hanks

FISD Liaison - Shawna Lewis

CCISD Liasion - Archon Auzenne

Friendswood Library

2022-2023 Annual Report



416 S. Friendswood Dr.
Friendswood, TX 77546

281-482-7135

www.friendswood.lib.tx.us

YOUTH SERVICES

- The Youth Services Department offered 421 programs for children and young adults last year.
- From Family Lego Hours to Storytimes, Outreach events around the City to an anime convention held in the building, our programs were attended by more than 24,000 patrons!
- Our Summer Reading Program encouraged a year long love of reading. 1,367 kids aged 0-18 read a logged a total 737,458 minutes of reading over the summer, earning them prizes and invitations to exclusive Library events.
- We continued partnering with Community organizations like the Galveston County Food Bank for Summer Kidz Pacz to keep kids fed over the summer, and Bay Area Alliance who generously provided monthly CLEAR Crates filled with free educational activities for all ages.
- The Teen Advisory Group took home several awards for their Lemonade Day Booth which raised money for our annual anime convention, Zaki Con.
- Zaki Con was bigger and better than ever, with more than 1,200 attendees and 40+ artists and vendor booths.

The library was one of 73 Texas public libraries to qualify for the Texas Municipal Library Directors Association "2023 Achievement of Library Excellence Award". The library demonstrated excellence in 10 service categories including underserved populations, summer reading, cultural and educational programming, and literacy support. Friendswood Library is in the top 15% of all public libraries in the state.



NEW RESOURCES

- Outreach Van
- Epson ET-2800 Sublimation Printer
- Celestron telescopes and astronomy binoculars
- 3D Printer Camera
- New AWE Learning stations
- Bluetooth Stereo System



ADULT SERVICES

- 10th year to win the Achievement in Library Excellence Award from Texas Municipal Library Directors Association
- New programs and services added such as Seed Library, 3D Printing and Family Robotics Classes, Music Bath, Electronic Music Makers Meetup, Magic the Gathering and Tabletoppers, and more Book Clubs.
- Provided a new library outreach van for delivery to homebound residents, outreach to local daycare and public schools, assisted living facilities, and for educational field trips.
- Partnered with with Gale Adult High School to provide scholarships to students. Three students have graduated through this program over the past year.
- Partnered with Friends of the Library to host our 3rd Annual Library Fundraising Gala.
- Awarded the Community Champion Award by the Bay Area Alliance for Youth and Families
- Hosted a Community Health Fair and Ceramics and Crafts Fair

