



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 - Benette Rowley
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	333,029
Reference Questions	29,961
Door Count	172,564
Programs Held	1,294
Program Attendance	30,091
New Patrons	3,521
New Titles Added	6,678
Public Internet Station Usage	9,612

LIBRARY BOARD

Chair - Diane Freeman

Vice Chair - JoBeth Brizendine

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

Council Liaison - Trish Hanks and John Ellisor

FISD Liaison - Shawna Lewis

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Friendswood Library 2023-2024 Annual Report



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YOUTH SERVICES

- Between Stuffed Animal Sleepovers, K-pop Club, Video/Board Games, Storytimes, live performances, themed events such as Swiftie Saturday, crafts, and more, 26,000+ patrons attended the 449 programs put on by the Youth Services Department last year.
- Our annual Summer Reading Challenge continued to combat summer slide in academics and grow a lifelong love of reading with 1,441 participants who read 750,738 minutes (that's more than 12,500 hours!) in less than 3 months.
- We continued our partnership with Galveston County Food Bank, providing 101 weekly Kidz Pacz for children experiencing food insecurity during the summer months.
- Volunteers young and old made many of our programs possible. Teen volunteers clocked more than 400 hours helping us prep and put on various programs, especially during the busy summer months. Our adult Friends of the Friendswood Library donated their time to sorting donated books and organizing book sales whose profits help fund Library programming.
- Speaking of volunteers, the Teen Advisory Group alone volunteered 437 hours. TAG meets weekly and is largely responsible for planning and helping to put on the ever growing ZakiCon Anime and Pop Culture Convention.
- ZakiCon 2024 was bigger than ever, hosting 40+ artists and vendors, crafts, movies, cosplay and gaming contests for 1,200 attendees.



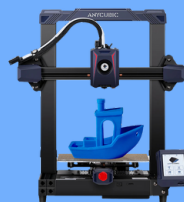
The library was one of 73 Texas public libraries to qualify for the Texas Municipal Library Directors Association "2024 Achievement of Library Excellence Award". The library demonstrated excellence in 10 service categories including underserved populations, summer reading, cultural and educational programming, and literacy support. Friendswood Library is in the top 15% of all public libraries in the state.



NEW RESOURCES

- Upgraded ILS system with a new mobile app, enhanced catalog, improved room reservations, and an easier event calendar.
- New 3D printer with better performance and faster prints.
- More WiFi hotspots available for patrons to checkout.

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ADULT SERVICES

- 11th year to win the Achievement in Library Excellence Award from Texas Municipal Library Directors Association.
- New programs and services added such as Intro to Improv, Sublimation Classes, Photography Club, Collage Night, 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 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 4th Annual Library Fundraising Gala.
- Hosted a Community Health Fair and Ceramics and Crafts Fair

