



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 Autolend Library kiosk (coming soon)
- 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** - Madeline Short
- **Vice President** - Benette Rowley
- **Treasurer** - Randy Waibel
- **Assistant Treasurer** - Steve Rockey
- **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	368,745
Reference Questions	34,332
Door Count	181,998
Programs Held	1,203
Program Attendance	39,398
New Patrons	3,482
New Titles Added	5,956
Public Internet Station Usage	9,656

LIBRARY BOARD

- **Chair** - Laurie Spangle
- **Vice Chair** - JoBeth Brizendine
- **Members** - Neeta Jambhekar, Madeline Short, Benette Rowley, Mark Crawford, Brett Stephen, Sharon Tait, and Diane Freeman
- **Council Liaison** - Michael Ross
- **FISD Liaison** - Shawna Lewis
- **CCISD Liaison** - Archon Auzenne
- **Homeschool Liaison** - Bethany Shelley

Friendswood Library

2024-2025

Annual Report



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YOUTH SERVICES

- Over the past year, 28,748 patrons attended 595 youth services programs! Kids and families of all ages participated in storytimes, finger painting, dance parties, Wings of Fire Club, gaming, art club, K-pop Club and much more.
- The annual Summer Reading Challenge, which encourages and incentivizes continued reading during the summer months, saw 1,300 readers from ages 0-18 read for a total of 811,363 minutes (that's about 13,523 hours)! Studies show that kids who keep reading for fun during the summer are better prepared for the next school year.
- Our continued partnership with the Galveston County Food Bank resulted in 46 weekly Kidz Pacz™ distributed to families who experience food insecurity.
- Library programs don't happen without a lot of preparation and hard work, and volunteers help with much of this throughout the year. Between teen volunteers assisting with programs, craft prep, and general cleaning; and our Friends of the Library who work tirelessly on programs like our book sales, library volunteers racked up 1,312 hours of community service!
- Of that total number of volunteer hours, 661 hours were directly volunteered by the Teen Advisory Group who meet weekly and help plan events and programs such as our annual anime and pop culture convention, ZakiCon.
- Speaking of ZakiCon, this year's convention surpassed all expectations. More than 3,000 people attended, perusing the Artist Alley featuring 50 artists and vendors, food trucks, Cat Café (with adoptable cats from Friendswood Animal Services), movies, crafts, gaming, and more!



The library was one of 101 Texas public libraries to qualify for the Texas Municipal Library Directors Association "2025 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 20% of all public libraries in the state.



NEW RESOURCES

- New online resources: Weiss Financial Ratings and Blackstone Audiobooks.
- Blu-ray/DVD players now available for patron checkout.
- More WiFi hotspots added for patron checkout.
- New soundproof privacy booth.



ADULT SERVICES

- New programs and services added include monthly Writing Workshops, Watercolor Classes, Sublimation Classes, Local Author Panels, Music Bath, monthly Lone Star Flight Museum presentations, Junk Journal Meetup, Collage Night, and additional Book Clubs.
- Adult Summer Reading Challenge had 179 registrations. The participants collectively completed 1,040 activities and earned 535 badges.
- Provided home delivery to homebound residents 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.
- Hosted a Community Health Fair and Ceramics and Crafts Fair.

