



FRIEND TO FRIEND, FALL 2018

## **FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY PRESIDENT'S NOTE**



*“Yes, Linus. There is a Great Pumpkin”*

How many of you grew up hearing this? I remember it well. If you have not noticed, it is that time of year already. The First United Methodist Church's annual Pumpkin Patch is in full swing as well as others around Seguin. There are seas of orange around town, and I do not mean Burnt Orange in Memorial Stadium on the U.T. Campus.

Have you ever wondered how much work and love is involved in growing a pumpkin? Imagine such a large object being produced from such a tiny seed. Watching a vine sprout from the ground, fingers spreading out in every direction and the pod springing forth. It must be a proud experience for the farmer.

Think about this in relation to the raising of a small child. We plant the seed, wait anxiously for its birth, and then watch it grow and spread its fingers out and expand its mind and experiences as it matures.

This is so much like the Seguin Public Library. The first books were placed on a shelf in one room. The seeds sprouted to a full book case. Then fingers and vines spread into reality, a full room of books and then into a building, only to outgrow and produce what we know today as the new Seguin Public Library. The growth has not stopped here. Library staff is constantly planning and researching new programs for children, youth, adults, and we must not

forget our seniors, who I am proud to be part of finally. However, at some point in our lives our growth slows down a bit. Sometimes funds are not available to meet our expanding need for information and education, or in the library's case the funds are not available in their budget to achieve the library's dreams.

This is where we, the Friends of the Library, are able to step in and aid the patch to continuing growing. The books donated by Seguin residents and the many hours the volunteers give at the Bookstore help provide the funds to make new programs and resources available to the community.

Keep up the good work and assure Linus there is a great pumpkin. The growth does not stop here. The FOL organization is always looking for members and volunteers. Keep reaching out to your friends and let them know about the FOL and encourage all to become members or train to volunteer.

Keep telling Linus that there is a Great Pumpkin. If we all believe this then our pumpkin will grow fast and furious.

Thanks,  
Danny Vinson, Friends of the Library



### **FRIENDS' FALL MEETING & PROGRAM**

The Friends' fall meeting and program will take place on Tuesday, October 16, 2018 from 6:00 PM – 7:45 PM. The location is the Community Meeting Room at the Seguin Public Library. The event will begin

with a short business meeting. The evening's program is entitled *Saints Alive! Cemetery Tour Teasers*. This program will provide an intriguing preview of the larger 2018 cemetery tour event, in which portrayals of historic Seguin citizens will be presented by local actors. The program is brought to us by The Affiliation for the Preservation of the Shakespeare and Federated Club Rooms. Please join us for what promises to be an exciting (and perhaps spooky!) program that will undoubtedly entice you to participate in the full *Saints Alive!* cemetery tour later in October. As always, be sure to invite your friends.



### **BOOKSTORE REPORT**

The Bookstore in the Seguin library is having another good year with sales exceeding the first year. Your donations of books and magazines make this possible. Our customers are from Guadalupe County and many of our surrounding counties. We opened our back room in late December so now you have more than double the number of books to tempt you. So many of our books are in perfect condition and make wonderful gifts at great savings. Christmas is coming.

Thank you to the volunteers that generously give their time to make this store a success.

If you would like to volunteer please fill out a form which is available at our desk.

Store hours are 10 to 6 Monday thru Thursday, 10 to 4 on Friday and 10 to 2 on Saturday.

See you in the store,

Linda Williams, Store Manager



### **THANKS TO BOOKSTORE VOLUNTEERS**

A note of thanks from Karen Wallock: I am most grateful to be working with such fabulous volunteers! Whenever a need arises, so does a volunteer! You do a wonderful job of letting me know when something comes up, and are very diligent in serving our library! We are lucky to have the new library, and the library is lucky to have you!

Karen Wallock



### **BOOKSTORE CONTACT AND HOURS**

As shown in the previous report, business is booming at the Friends Bookstore! The Friends Bookstore phone number is 830-386-2204. Bookstore hours are:

Monday-Thursday, 10:00 AM – 6:00 PM

Friday, 10:00 AM -- 4:00 PM

Saturday, 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM



### **FRIENDS OFFICERS**

*President* – Danny Vinson

*Vice President* – Janet Wolber

*Secretary* – Martha Rinn

*Treasurer* – Ruth Ander

*Members-at-Large* – Sydney Burton, Stella Ozuna, and Dacia Roberts





### **FRIENDS FINANCIALS**

The Friends organization exists for the purpose of supporting the Seguin Public Library. The following expenditures have occurred since the spring 2018 FOL meeting.

*Library's Summer Funding Proposal-\$7,000*

- \$800 – Additional Yoga Classes
  - \$3,000 – CloudLibrary e-books & e-audios
  - \$650 – Teen programming and parties
  - \$250 – Teatro de Artes de Juan Seguin performances, Summer Reading Program
  - \$50 – Youth Services Program (gift card for performer)
  - \$800 – Lazy Days of Summer, Magik Theatre Goldilocks performance
  - \$1,450 – Adult Summer Reading Program events, prizes, snacks
- Other Expenditures*
- \$200 – Additional Yoga Classes
  - \$3,552 – Large print books (paid from Memorial Fund)
  - \$140 – Seguin Area Chamber of Commerce membership renewal
  - \$50 – Ad in Retired Teachers Association directory.

We wanted to mention the continued resounding success of the Friends Bookstore. In the two years since the new store opened (September 2016 through September 2018) book sales have totaled an astounding **\$36,647!** In addition, the Bookstore Donations Jar has yielded \$926. All this money goes toward library projects and resources that simply would not be possible without the support of the Friends.

Additional information will be included in the Treasurer's Report that will be delivered at the October 16<sup>th</sup> business meeting.



### **FRIENDS MEMBERSHIP RECAP**

If you are a Friend of the Library you are a member of a robust, growing group! Since January 1, 2018 we have added 8 new memberships (13 individual, one family, and 2 couples). Total current memberships are as follows:

64 individual  
33 couple  
11 family  
7 business  
112 lifetime

Please spread the word and encourage your friends and neighbors to become members of this worthwhile organization.



### **CONTACT & HOURS FOR THE SEGUIN PUBLIC LIBRARY**

**Phone:** 830.401.2422

**Hours:**

Monday-Thursday, 9:00 AM – 8:00 PM  
Friday, 9:00 AM – 6:00 PM  
Saturday, 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM  
Sunday, 1:00 PM – 5:00 PM

**Web site:** [library.seguintexas.gov](http://library.seguintexas.gov)

**Mailing Address:** 313 West Nolte Street,  
Seguin, TX 78155

