

Friends of the Library (FOL) Report November 26, 2024

Community Outreach Activities

- Member of the Burleson Chamber of Commerce
- New committee organizational structure, including Membership Chairperson, for encouraging more involvement and increasing membership – all a part of updating organization by-laws (current membership, 32 persons)
- Participated in Founders Day, City Fest, Great Give Back, City Council and City planning committee meetings in support of the Burleson Public Library
- Continuing use of the book sales in the library foyer not only for fundraising, but as a source of social media posts and promotion of the FOL
- Signage noting when Library activities were supported by the FOL
- Participation in National Friends of the Library Week, with a proclamation by the Burleson City Council
- Donations of books and materials to nonprofit organizations, including the VA
- Provided solar glasses for the solar eclipse (over \$1000)

Fundraisers (year-to-date figures to 9/30/2024)

- Membership dues and donations (\$525)
- Lobby Book Sales - Ongoing sales in the library lobby, quarterly week-long Bag of Books Bonanza, special Bag of Books Bonanza the week of Founders Day (\$3806)
- Sales through the Texas Book Consignments (\$234)
- Annual Craft Sales event held at the Burleson Senior Activity Center (\$1015)
- Regular sales of earbuds and USB drives in the library (\$100)

Summer Reading Program Support

- FOL members contacted over 50 local businesses for donations to summer reading activities and rewards, and helped pass out rewards and facilitate activities
- \$3550 in funding for summer reading activities and materials

Upcoming Activities

- Christmas at the Library, December 7, 2024, sponsor activity table (Ugly Sweater Ornaments)
- Quarterly Book Sale, Bag of Books Bonanza, December 7-14, 2024
- Provide holiday snacks and presents for library staff for a week in December 2024
- Plans for larger group gatherings in 2025 that will include a Library volunteer appreciation event, sponsoring a luncheon featuring an author as speaker, and a membership event for approval of the revised by-laws