

Friends of the Library



The Friends of the Oak Lawn Library is a non-profit organization of volunteers who help promote use of the Oak Lawn Public Library, furnish equipment and materials that are beyond the Library's budget and bring opportunities for cultural enrichment to area residents.

Join the Friends Board

The Friends of the Library Board is looking for new ideas and new members. You're invited to join the Board to make connections; voice your vote about upcoming trips and donations to various Library departments; and hear first-hand about Library events, the Book Sale, membership and the annual dinner meeting. Be part of this special group that meets the first Thursday of the month at 1pm in the Mary Nelson Room, lower level.

Membership - Each year, we have around 575 members who live in Oak Lawn and surrounding cities. Membership dues are:

\$5 for an individual

\$8 for a family (w/spouse & children under age 18)

Membership entitles you to receive news updates from the Friends, an invitation to our Annual Dinner Meeting, a \$5 discount on most trip tickets and access to special members-only events. If you live outside Oak Lawn and would like to receive the library's quarterly newsletter, Check It Out, add \$3 to your membership fee to subscribe.

Friends Trips - Our group schedules and implements bus trips to various cultural attractions, such as plays, concerts and museums.

Membership entitles you to receive a \$5 discount on most trip tickets, with a two ticket limit per person. Unfortunately, trips sponsored by the Friends of the Oak Lawn Library are not wheelchair accessible. For all upcoming trips, check out the online calendar or the Library's newsletter.

Ongoing Book Sale - The Friends Bookstore is open for business during all Library hours.

You will find a remarkable variety of items at bargain prices. Hardcover books (50 cents); paperbacks (25 cents); magazines (10 cents). At any given time, there may be CD's audio cassettes, record albums and other media, price as marked. The Bookstore is located in the northwest corner of the Library's first floor, right next to the Doughs Guys Bakery. Stop by anytime to peruse an ever-changing selection of thousands of books and other items at bargain prices.

To stock the sale, the dedicated Friends volunteers accept donations of "gently used" books, magazines, VHS tapes, DVDs, CDs, books on tape, books on CD, audio cassettes, puzzles, games and records. The drop-off area is near the Cook Avenue entrance, and donors may fill out a form at the first floor Customer Services Desk to receive a tax letter acknowledgment by mail. Funds collected from the bookstore support Library programming and purchases that are beyond the Library's regular budget. Due to space limitations, the Friends will not accept Readers Digest Condensed Books, encyclopedias and outdated textbooks.

Discussion Groups - The Friends of the Library sponsor two discussion groups that meet once a month, September through May, in the Mary Nelson Room.

Everyone is welcome to participate. No fee or registration required. For additional information, call Dorothy Whitney, at 708-422-2390.