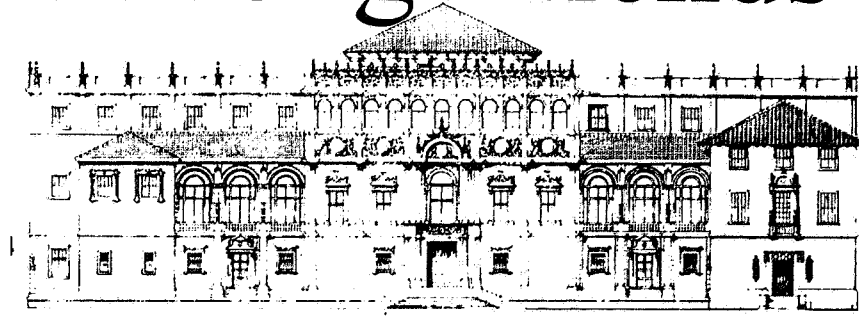


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Season's Greetings! from the Board of the Friends of the Houston Public Library.

This newsletter should arrive in your mailbox as you are in the midst of preparations for the holidays. We want to take this opportunity to thank you for your support during the past year and to ask for your continued support in 2008.

Our last newsletter contained a membership form and a return envelope. If you used them to renew your membership, thank you. If you haven't renewed yet, please consider doing so now. We've included the membership form again in this newsletter.

Since this is the season of giving, why not give a Friends membership to a family member, business colleague, or friend. What better gift for a book lover than a Friends membership that includes a pass to the Preview sale on May 16, the opening night of our 30th Annual Bargain Book Sale, where you

will find thousands of books at bargain prices.

This is the time for end-of-year contributions to community organizations that are important to you. We hope the Friends of the Houston Public Library is one whose mission you support.

Take a look at the membership incentives at the Patron, Benefactor, and Sustaining Benefactor level and think how much fun it would be to receive those gifts and know that through your support the Houston Public Library benefits greatly.

Remember that your membership at any level, and any gift membership you purchase is tax deductible. Please indicate if you need a receipt for your tax records. If you work for a company that has a matching gift program be sure to let us know. A matching gift program can add considerably to your gift.

Your support in 2007 resulted in a total gift of \$85,000 to the Houston Public Library. This gift includes \$10,000 for scholarships for HPL employees to obtain their master's degree in library

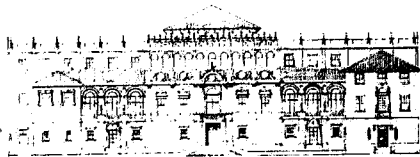
science. Additional monies were used to fund the branch libraries and the Summer Reading Program. We'll have a full report on the gift to HPL in our next newsletter.

As the year ends, the Friends Board thanks you for your contributions. We couldn't do it without you! Have a safe and happy New Year!



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