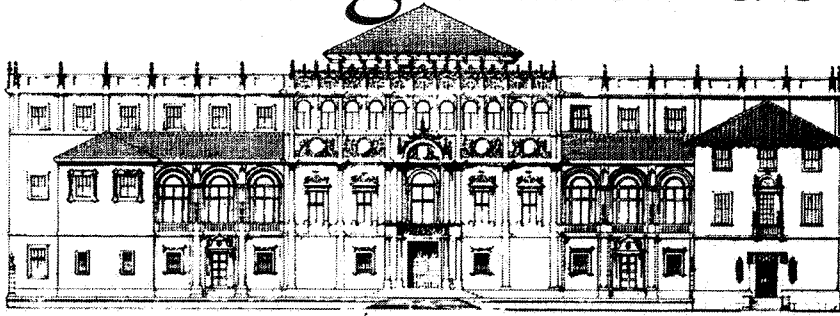


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29th Annual Bargain Book Sale at the GRB

Get ready, get set...it's book sale time in Houston! The 29th Annual Bargain Book Sale is just around the corner. It will be held at the George R. Brown Convention Center, Hall A, on April 20-22, 2007. The Friends of the Houston Public Library are anticipating one of the most successful sales ever.

The perfect combination of book enthusiasts and devoted volunteers guarantee a successful sale. Our customers have a real treat waiting for them! It's a book lover's dream to have your pick of 80,000 books at an average price of \$2. Here is just a brief preview of some of the "gems" we'll offer for sale this year:

We have received many books from the collection of the late Senator Lloyd Bensten and his wife, B.A. Collectors will find many books inscribed to the Senator, and many cookbooks inscribed to his wife. Of course, cookbooks are always a popular subject, and this year should be no exception.

This year's sale will feature an exceptionally strong selection of books on religion. Virtually every religion is represented, and virtually every aspect of each religion is covered. Look for encyclopedias and atlases of religion, too. History buffs are among our best customers, and

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this year that section will have it's usual outstanding collection. For Texana lovers, there is a six-volume set of the New Handbook of Texas in great condition. Teachers and librarians will find multiple copies of past Bluebonnet, Lone Star, and Tayshas nominees, as well as Coretta Scott King, Printz, Newbery, and Caldecott books.

That's just the tip of the iceberg. Be sure to come early and stay late to browse the 80,000 books and find the perfect book you've been looking for. And you can be sure it will be at a bargain price! Member's Preview Night begins at 4:30 p.m. on Friday, April 20. As usual, memberships will be available at the door for \$20. Members who have already paid for 2007 will be mailed passes for Friday night prior to the sale. You can come on Friday night to look for

that special "best" book at a bargain price, and then come back Sunday for an even bigger bargain. That will be the traditional Bag Day where a Fiesta grocery bag full of books costs \$10.

Volunteers are the heart and soul of the sale. Countless volunteers have worked the sale consecutively each year and we always look forward to seeing these Friends again. However, we'd love to have some new volunteers, too. There is a job for everyone who wants to participate. Whatever your preferences, look for the Volunteer Form in this newsletter. Pick your job and pick your shift, then get the form back to us as soon as possible.

We try to make it easy to get the form to us. You can mail back the form or you can fax it to the Friends at 713-284-8573. You can call the Friends office at 832-393-1387 and leave the information. You can email the information. You can go to our website, www.friendsofhpl.org and print additional forms. In any case, be sure to include the shift(s) and job(s) you want, your name, address, phone number, and email address. We'll get back with you to confirm that we received your information. And just before the sale we'll be in touch again to confirm the final schedule.

