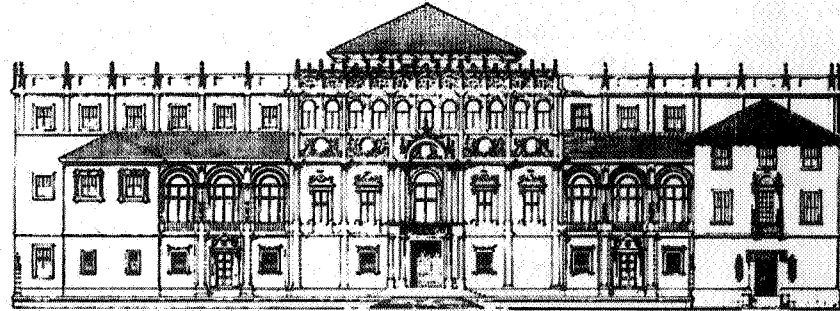


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2003 Children's Book Sale a Resounding Success

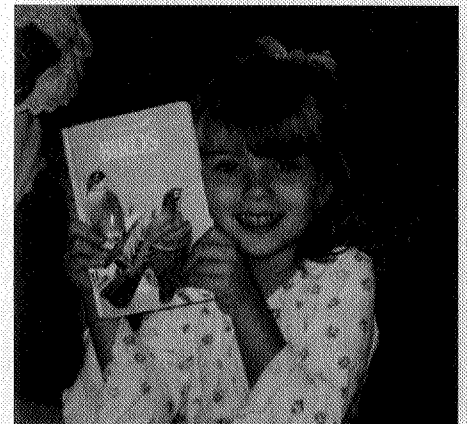
Three beautiful September days were, for both the Friends and many Houston area children, of particular importance. September 18, 19, and 20 were the dates of the Friends' 2003 Children's Book Sale. Success for the Friends meant a great turnout and a net profit of more than \$12,000 that will help us to be a better Friend than ever to the Library this year. But everyone knows that the Children's Book Sale is much more than this. Parents and educators across Houston were able to acquire the books and educational

resources they need at the most affordable prices in town. Put simply, many children got wonderful books, and many books found new homes with children.

Among our guests this year were many of Houston's home school and charter school educators, teachers and school librarians, and, of course, parents and grandparents. With the support and enthusiasm expressed by so many of our visitors, we know that next year's sale will once again surpass our expectations.

Many, many thanks to everyone who helped make this sale the great success it was: All 42 volunteers that put in a total of 255 volunteer hours, the staff at the Doris Miller Center, HEB Foods and Fiesta for providing discounts on refreshments for our volunteers, and especially to everyone who came out to show their support for the Library

— Thank You!



*"What did you find?"
One child displays her treasure.*

Give a Friends Membership as a Gift

This year, we would like to ask you to give your family and friends the gift of a Friends Membership. Your gift not only helps us to help the Library but will also entitle the recipient of your gift to all the benefits of being a Friends member — including Preview Night Admission at our 2004 Annual Bargain Book Sale!

See page 4 for a Membership Form.



HISD's Doris Miller Center Auditorium was especially crowded with book buyers on Thursday morning.

