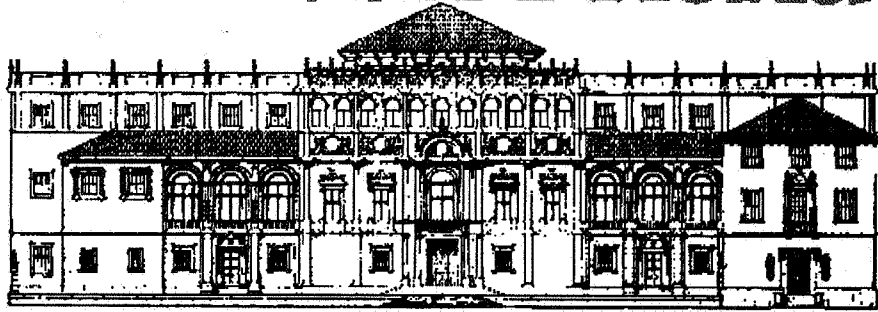

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News about Friends of the Houston Public Library

Enhancement Campaign Seeks \$8.1 Million

For only the second time in its 135 year history, the Houston Public Library launched a private fund-raising campaign to augment its budget. The Enhancement Campaign was announced to the public on August 10, 1989, and seeks to raise \$8.1 million.

Enhancement funds are used to purchase new titles, extra copies of high demand titles, initiate new and strengthen existing collections and to create a new computer-based public catalog along with completing a major systemwide automation project.

Headed by Campaign chair, Marc J. Shapiro, President and CEO of Texas Commerce Bancshares, the campaign as of December 1990 raised \$6,099,246 (76% of the goal). A total of 169 gifts have been received with 56 being first time gifts to the library. During 1990, 42 gifts totaling \$742,991 were credited to the campaign. Committee members are Mr. Jack S. Blanton, Ms. Judy Comfort, Mr. Peter R. Coneway, Mr. Charles W. Duncan Jr., Mr. Kenneth L. Lay, Mr. William J. Johnson, Mr. C.S. Nican-dros, Mr. Kenneth W. Reese, Mr. Jack T. Trotter, and library director David M. Henington.

The Houston Endowment, Inc.'s gift of \$3 million was the largest single gift ever received by the Houston

Public Library. In recognition, the Central Library building at 500 McKinney, unnamed since its construction in 1976, was named the Jesse H. Jones Building.

Compaq Computer made an in-kind gift of 160 Deskpro computers valued at \$388,000 for the automation project of the campaign.

Other major contributors include: the M.D. Anderson Foundation, BP Exploration, Enron, the Scurlock Foundation, Tenneco, the Wortham Foundation, the Welch Foundation, the Rockwell Fund, Houston Industries, Southwestern Bell Foundation, Conoco, The Brown Foundation, the Cockrell Foundation, the Fondren Foundation, Exxon Company USA and the Shell Oil Company Foundation.

The campaign will continue to raise funds from the private sector throughout 1991 as it reaches the \$8.1 million goal. Friends of the Library members are encouraged to participate by sending donations to the HPL Enhancement Campaign, c/o Marketing & Development Department, 500 McKinney, Houston, TX 77002. If your company has a matching gift program, please include the appropriate forms.



*Anna James (clown) shares a story
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February 7, 1991 Employee Recognition Program

The Friends will once again sponsor the Employee Recognition Program on February 7, 1991, at 9:30 a.m. in the Julia Ideson Building. This annual event recognizes and awards employees of HPL for their consistent service and dedication. This year the program will recognize 71 honorees in several categories, ranging from one year to thirty years of service, Employee of the Year, Manager of the Year, and (a newly added category) Rookie of the Year. Ralph Patterson, Manager of Personnel and an honoree for five years of service, is coordinating the event.

The Friends anticipate a large turnout for this special occasion!

