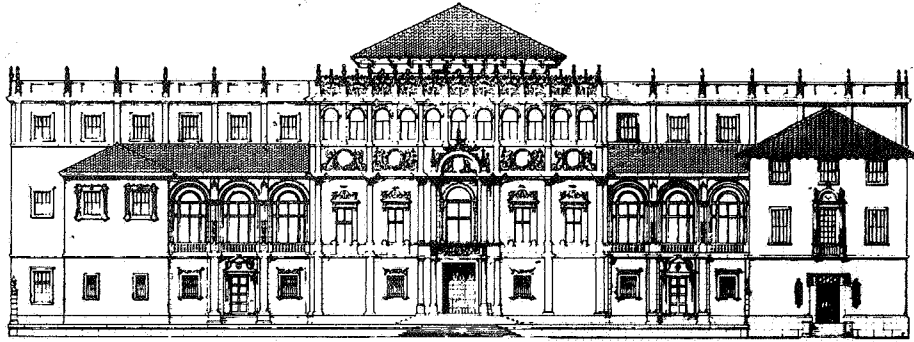


Between Friends



News about the Friends of the Houston Public Library

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17th Annual Bargain Booksale Coming May 19, 20, and 21, 1995.

The Friends of the Houston Public Library are proud to announce the 17th Annual Bargain Booksale this May 19, 20, and 21 at the Astrodome, located at the Astrodome Complex near Loop 610 and Kirby. This year's sale will feature more than 100,000 books in dozens of categories, including children's, travel, history, biography, art and literature.

Donations of books may be boxed and marked for The Friends booksale (although the sale does not include magazines or tapes). Volunteers are also needed to work at the sale, including persons to set up, cashiers, checkout, and cleanup. Information and sign-up forms will be in the mail soon to past volunteers. For information on book donation or volunteer opportunities, please call 224-2492.

Books will be sold in the following categories:

- Hardbacks for \$1.50
- Children's books 50¢
- Paper Backs 75¢
- Better Books \$2.00 and above

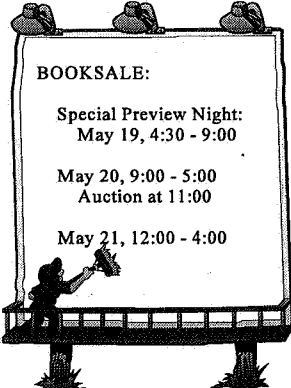
All profits from the sale benefit the Houston Public Library and its programs. Last year's sale raised more than \$80,000. The Friends hope to raise more this year.

Membership passes for the members-only Special Preview Night, which is the first Friday night of the Booksale, will be in the mail soon. The Special Preview Night is open exclusively to members of the Friends of the Houston Public Library, although non-members are welcome to join at the Special Preview Night. Saturday and Sunday of the Booksale will be open to the public. Parking is available at the Astrodome for \$4.00 per car.

The Friends of Houston Public Library Booksale is famous for its bargains and exceptionally large variety of books. Budget minded parents will find thousands of books at all reading levels for their children. The serious reader will find a wide variety of works, including fiction, history, art and literature. The better book category often has a large collection of rare and distinguished books. On Saturday, May 20, the auction of rare books and sets of books

will begin promptly at 11:00 a.m.

Non-Members are welcome to join the Friends on Friday night at the booksale. Membership fees are as follows:

	Student	\$10.00
	Senior Citizen	\$10.00
	Individual	\$15.00
	Family	\$30.00
	Patron	\$100.00

THANK YOU

The Friends want to thank:

CAROL HENSLEY

who ably published our newsletter and is leaving because of her other commitments. Thank you for a great job and best of luck.

HELP WANTED

If you have desktop publishing expertise, and can publish or assist with the publication of Between Friends, please call the Friend's office at 224-2492.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

In 1994, there were 147 members of the Friends donating at the Patron/Benefactor Level (\$100 or more). One direct result is the addition of 147 new volumes to the Houston Public Library's collection. New titles include the Norton

History of Astronomy and Cosmology, the Norton History of Technology, Discovering Ancient Egypt, the Commonwealth of Independent States of Guatemala and The Secret Garden. These 147 benefactors directly contributed \$21,075 to the Friends of the Houston Public Library in 1994. Ninety percent of all membership donations directly benefit the programs and collection of the Houston Public Library. To these generous contributors, THANK YOU VERY MUCH!

WAREHOUSE SPACE

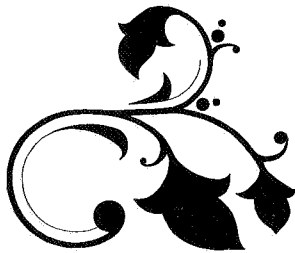
The Friends of the Houston Public Library are in need of warehouse space for the coming year, beginning in June 1995. The wonderful facility we have been using the past two years has been leased to a regular tenant. Mr. Walter Finger has graciously accepted the appointment as Chairman of the Warehouse Lease Committee, and is in the process of conducting the search.

The Friends need about 10,000 square feet of useable space, electricity, plumbing and a sheltered loading dock to accept pallets of books in rainy weather. Any information or suggestions leading to space available are most welcome. Suggestions could include actual spaces, volunteer (or volunteered!) lease brokers or news of vacancies or facilities available. Book sorting for the 1996 sale must start in May soon after completion of the 1995 booksale. Please call the Friends' office at 247-2189 if you might lend any assistance.

ADOPT A BOOK PROGRAM

Each Patron/ Benefactor member, who is a Friends Member having contributed \$100 or more, has the membership benefit

of the Adopt-a-Book Program. In this program, \$20 of each membership is turned over to the Houston Public Library to purchase a book in the honor of the Patron/Benefactor. A special "Friends of Houston Public Library" nameplate is put into the purchased book, naming the Patron/Benefactor. This membership would make a wonderful gift or remembrance for your favorite book lover!



THANKS TO
THIS YEAR'S
BOOK
SORTERS!

The Friends would like to extend their hearty thanks and congratulations to the book sorters working on the 1995 booksale. Usually, this Newsletter would contain a plea for last minute help, but this year, through extraordinary effort, the group is ahead of schedule, and a record number of books is largely sorted and ready for the 1995 booksale. WAY TO GO! and thanks for the great work. If there are any volunteers who are worried, however, last minute phone calls to volunteer to help can be made at 224-2492.

MEMBERSHIP SURVEY

The Board of Directors has been hard at work on a survey of the membership of the Friends of the Houston Public Library to better assess and meet the needs of the members. The Board of Directors owes a huge debt of gratitude to the public relations firm of Ogilvy and Mather, and in particular, Bill Sidwell, who generously volunteered their time and effort without

cost to the Friends, and Savitz Research and Mike Kassab who provided the space for and helped coordinate the focus groups. The membership survey started in the summer of 1994, with the meeting of four focus groups, which were composed of members of the Friends chosen randomly from the membership roster. The primary purpose of the focus groups was to gather enough information to effectively ask questions in a general membership survey. Based on the interviews with these focus groups, Ogilvy and Mather prepared a report for the Board of Directors on how to conduct a survey of the membership. Currently, a telephone survey of the membership has begun, and the Board of Directors will have the results by early summer to be able to more effectively plan the coming year. Once again, for the telephone survey, members will be canvased randomly, so if you get a phone call inquiring about the Friends, the Board would greatly appreciate your helpful input so that the group can more effectively serve its membership with regard to the variety of Houston Public Library programs and volunteer opportunities available. MUCH THANKS TO THE MEMBERSHIP IN ADVANCE!

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Houston Public Library always has needs for volunteers in the library system. Any person who is interested in any of the positions described in the list below should contact Anne Harris, Houston Public Library Volunteer Coordinator, at 247-1600 to volunteer, or to get further information:

1. DOWNTOWN - Community Preservationist A volunteer is need to assist in developing African American and Mexican American materials. The volunteer

would represent the Library in the community to solicit and collect documentation of historical data in the community such as photographs, records, letters, memberships logs and other written historical records.

2. DOWNTOWN - Proofreader. A volunteer is needed to proofread galley proofs for the Houston Review, a publication of the Houston Metropolitan Research Center. The volunteer needs to be proficient in English grammar and spelling and have a keen eye for observing inconsistencies between the original document and a galley proof.

3. Assistant Teacher for Parent Reading Program (PRP) - Various branches need an assistant for the Children's Librarian in providing activities for the pre-school aged children of participants in the PRP class.

Activities will include reading books to children, playing games, creating arts and crafts activities and singing songs with the children. All activities will be designed to teach basic pre-school concepts and will be based on the curricula of the PRP Manual and PRP Supplemental Manual for Children's Activities Leaders. Spanish language proficiency helpful in some branches.

KING ARTHUR EXHIBIT

Look for a mailing from the Houston Public Library on the King Arthur Exhibit, which has been co-sponsored by the Friends.

Please watch for program information in your mail for this special exhibit coming to the library in April, May and June.

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