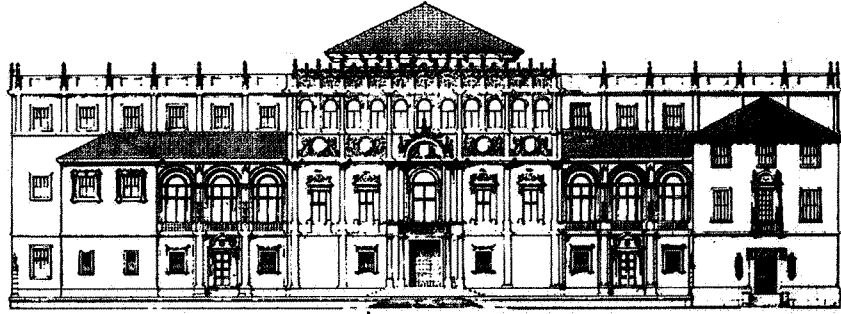


# Between Friends



NEWS ABOUT THE FRIENDS OF THE HOUSTON PUBLIC LIBRARY  
JUNE 2004

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## THE BEST OF THE BOOK SALE

What are some of the best things about this event we love so much? Here are just a few:

### *Volunteers*

At the sale, 331 volunteers put in 1,601 hours and 49 volunteers worked 2,125 hours throughout the year to make this sale happen. However, this doesn't begin to tell about all the heart and soul these volunteers pour into the sale. Our volunteers work hard, they survive all the craziness, and they are happy about it! It is truly amazing, and we thank each and every one of you!

### *Books*

This year, we sold approximately 80,000 books. Many of these books were priced at \$1 or \$2 each. What does this mean? This means that people got a lot of books for not a lot of money. We believe that this is one of the greatest things we accomplish through this sale.

### *Supporting Our Library*

Through the sale, the Friends raised more than \$130,000. This money represents a lot of hard work and support for something we truly believe in: our Library.

## THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU

One of the most important aspects of our sale each year is the support we receive from the community. With this support, we are better able to serve the Library. It is with our most heartfelt thanks that we recognize here our sponsors and supporters. Please share your thanks with them as well when you visit them.

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*Greensheet Education Foundation*

*Tom Burger, Storyteller*

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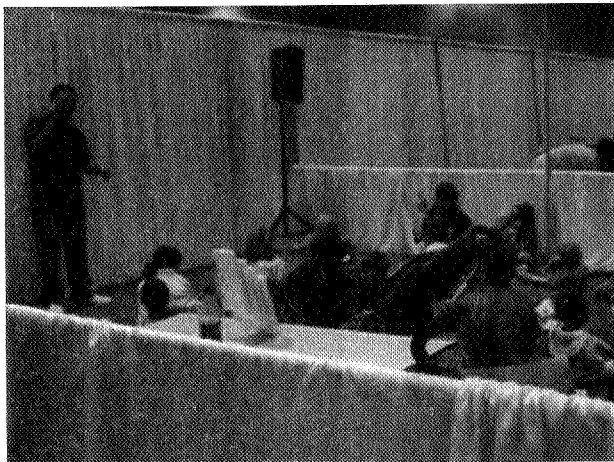
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## SOMETHING NEW AT THE BOOK SALE: STORYTELLER TOM BURGER

When we asked ourselves what we could do to give busy parents at the Book Sale a chance to sort through their piles of books, the answer was obvious—a storyteller! Houston storyteller Tom Burger stepped up and provided us with wonderful and entertaining stories on both Friday and Saturday.

Tom is a free-lance, professional storyteller and workshop presenter, and we can certainly say that he is gifted! When we asked Tom who would enjoy his stories, he told us that they were carefully tuned to “Ages K-R; Kindergarten through Retirement.”



*Tom holds the audience rapt with eager listening. “Storytelling can be used to teach the four fundamental language skills,” Tom says, “listening, speaking, reading, and writing.”*

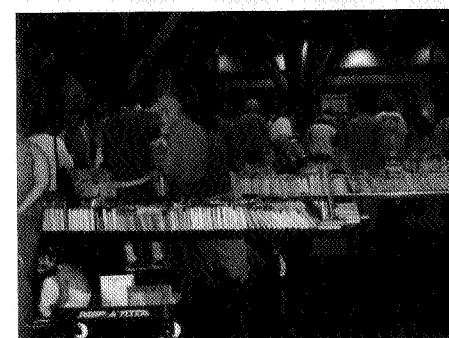
Tom’s stories were a fine complement to the sale, and, we think, made it a richer experience for all the young and future readers.

If you would like to contact Tom about telling some stories to your crowd, you can do so at [www.TomTells.com](http://www.TomTells.com) or by phone at 281-568-2422.

Thank you, Tom, for this generous gift of your time and talent.



*The Running of the Books. Our photographer had to move fast after snapping this at 4:30:01 Friday evening.*



*Along for the Ride. With all the attention on the books, this child gets a ride with some of them.*

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## CELEBRATING OUR FRIEND, JIM BUTLER

It is with great sadness that we share with you the news that Dr. Jim Butler, long-time Friend, passed away on April 28, 2004.

By profession, Dr. Butler was a pathologist at M. D. Anderson Cancer Center where his honors and the accolades of his peers attest to his exceptional gifts as a doctor, scientist, and teacher.

We remember him, however, not with a white lab coat but with the glue spattered smock that he wore while repairing books for the Friends’ Book Sale. Jim’s dedication and patience showed in the painstaking care he took in repairing each book. We remember him washing, page by page, the oldest

and most valuable books and carefully repairing the bindings. Jim’s repair work to the most valuable books has added thousands of dollars to the sale over the years.

Jim began working with the Friends’ Book Sale more than 20 years ago when it was a few tables on the library plaza and served on the Board since 1996. Since then, he was involved in nearly every aspect of the sale and served twice as the event chair. Jim and his wife Barbara also managed the Best Books for the sale each year. Jim’s keen eye for a special volume and his understanding of this aspect of the sale has been of immeasurable value to the sale, the Friends, and

the Library. Moreover, Jim and Barbara priced many of the books in the Better Books section. Jim approached this immense, and sometimes frustrating, task with a combination of perseverance and love.

During coffee breaks at the book sorting warehouse, Jim was always part of a passionate conversation about the Friends and the Library. Even beyond the Book Sale, giving support to the Library was of great importance to Jim; he cared about each volume, each event, and the entire Library. That he was always so dedicated to the myriad tasks involved in the sale is evidence of his love for the Library.

