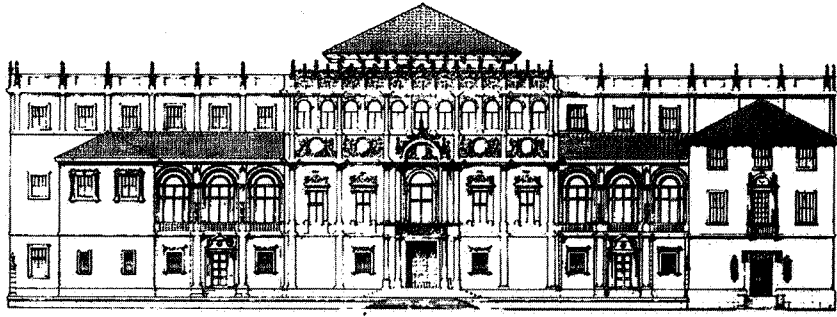


# Between Friends



NEWS ABOUT THE FRIENDS OF THE HOUSTON PUBLIC LIBRARY  
MARCH 2004

## THE BEST OF THE BARGAIN BOOK SALE

*by The One Who Knows Them Best*

Every year our Bargain Book Sale lives up to its name, bringing you outstanding bargains in books, both new and used. But each year the mix is different. Of necessity we sell what the Library sends us and that depends upon which branches or departments of the Library are reducing redundant stock to make room on their shelves for newer books. We have plenty of all the things you have come to expect – **children's books, cookbooks, art, history, science, how-to, travel, mysteries, sci-fi, fiction**, and a remarkable amount of **audio visual** material including many **albums** in excellent condition. There is also a

large selection of **topographic maps**. This year's sale will also include some story telling for the young ones. You will not be disappointed. *But what categories merit special attention this year?*

By request, we have introduced **Black Studies** this year as a new category that offers an abundance of interesting material that ordinarily would be spread throughout other categories. They will be displayed both in Regular and Better Books areas. If we see sufficient interest, this will become a permanent item.

We are particularly well supplied with **Biographies** and

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## BOOK SALE 101: MAKING THE BEST OF A GREAT BOOK SALE

### *Bring a Cart*

Books are heavy, and we guarantee you will find more than you plan to. A small cart, a child's wagon, or sturdy bags will help you get around the sale and get the books you want.

### *Use the Book Keep*

We will set aside an area for you to check the books you have selected while you continue shopping. Use this to make your job easier.

### *Be Ready at the Register*

Know ahead of time that we will accept cash or checks but not credit cards. Plan to have enough cash or to have your checkbook ready; checks can be made payable to the Friends of the Houston Public Library.

### *Plan Ahead*

Think about the area you will want to visit first. Are you looking for new cook books? Is Texana your interest? Knowing the spots you want to visit first will help you get started once inside. This is one Huge book sale!

## THE FRIENDS OF THE HOUSTON PUBLIC LIBRARY 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Bargain Book Sale

March 26, 27 & 28, 2004

George R. Brown Convention Center

Friday, March 26 4:30 p.m. – 9 p.m. *Members' Preview Sale*

Saturday, March 27 9:00 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Sunday, March 28 noon – 4 p.m. **Bag Day \$10 per bag**

For more information visit or call:  
www.friendsofhpl.org 832-393-1387

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## **BORDERS BENEFIT DAYS AND FRIENDS OF THE HOUSTON PUBLIC LIBRARY MARCH 19, 20, & 21, 2004**

Another way to help the Friends: Borders Benefit Days. On March 19, 20, & 21 Borders will donate a percentage of each sale when shoppers present this slip at checkout.

If you have been waiting to buy a particular book or CD, or if you simply like to browse, use this opportunity to help the Friends. Each and every purchase is a show of support: a newspaper or a cup of coffee, a magazine or a birthday card.

Houston Public Library needs your help now more than ever, and this is a wonderful way to say "we support the Library". With support from the Friends, our Library is better able to meet the vital needs of the community.

- The Friends provides support and resources for Library programs such as the Summer Reading Program for children, teen services, and cultural programming and activities for the entire community.
- The Friends supports Library staff through scholarships for advanced degrees in Library Science, employee recognition programs, staff recruitment, and training and development.

And finally, be sure to let Borders know that this support really means a lot to the Library. After all, we are all readers together.

*Thank You!*

## **Houston Area Borders Stores**

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3025 Kirby  
Houston, TX 77098

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- Westheimer  
9633 Westheimer  
Houston, TX 77063

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Fountains on  
the Lake  
Stafford, TX 77477

## THE BEST OF THE BARGAIN BOOK SALE

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**Literature**, really good stuff if you like that sort of thing. Literature has been separated into subgroups – poetry, plays, essays & classics, literary criticism, humor. The collection is rich in material translated from French, German, Scandinavian, and other languages. You will find them both in Bargain and Better Books but we suspect your chances of finding unrecognized treasures are better among the Bargain (\$2.00) section.

The **Foreign Language** books are a treasure trove of opportunity for those who are interested. Children's books dominate, particularly Spanish, and many are nearly new at a fraction of their bookstore price. Adult books

include Spanish, Vietnamese, Chinese, German, and others: Russian, Czech, Arabic, Italian, Portuguese, what you will. We have French literary classics, Cambridge & Oxford series of *Greek language* classical literature. There are matched multi-volume editions of works by Goethe, Tolstoy, Dostoyevsky, and others in their original languages. Most unexpected was a late delivery of several boxes of Persian (Farsi) material, including books and a number of musical CD's, some still in factory wrap.

Finally, we have an exceptional selection of excellent **Encyclopedias**. The Library is reducing their dependence on them, partly to save shelf space and partly because patrons can research specific subjects on-line. So can you and yours, of course, but there is no substitute for browsing

through real books: no home should be without an encyclopedia. Because of the Library's new policy we do not expect ever again to have such a selection of high quality, reasonably up-to-date editions as we do now. We are offering your choice of 1998 **Britannicas** (32 volumes), 2000 **Americanas** (30 volumes) or 2001 **World Books** (22 volumes) at just \$100. We will have older sets including World Book at prices as low as \$50. We have a Taiwanese Britannica and six different Spanish language encyclopedias priced from \$30 to \$90. These and many more will be available in the Best Book area at the sale. Or you may check them out at our warehouse (encyclopedias only, please!) on Saturdays prior to the sale: call 713-849-9330 on Saturday for an appointment.

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT — JIM HUNDEMER

It's that time again! The Annual Bargain Book Sale is coming soon. I look forward to seeing you and your friends at the George R. Brown March 26, 27, and 28<sup>th</sup>. It is always a wonderful opportunity to build home collections and get books into the hands of children at bargain prices.

Of course, it is Members Only on Friday, and I want to encourage our members to *bring a friend and sign them up*. Membership is very reasonable and is so valuable to the Library. There will be many opportunities at this year's sale for your friends to become a Friend of

HPL.

As you know we would like to extend our communications to you via email. If you have not received our emails, perhaps we need your current address. We plan to keep you informed of events and issues that concern the Houston Public Library. Right now our plan is to send the HPL current events listing as well as a monthly update on other important events and the issues that face us.

Budget concerns still plague every library in Houston, and from what we hear things may not get better any time soon. We must let our elected representatives know

what our priorities are.

This year marks the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the opening of the first public library in Houston. The Centennial was celebrated with a kickoff event at the Julia Ideson Building on January 24. Our new mayor addressed the assembled guests and gave a very impressive speech. I had a chance to introduce myself to him, and I shared with him that we are willing to work with him as he begins his administration and has to make difficult choices. There will be many more Centennial events, and we will keep you informed.

The Texas Library Association is having its annual conference in San Antonio March 17-20, and there are special programs for Friends organizations. Just search for the TLA website and look up all the information by clicking the annual conference information link. See you at the sale FRIENDS!

Jim

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