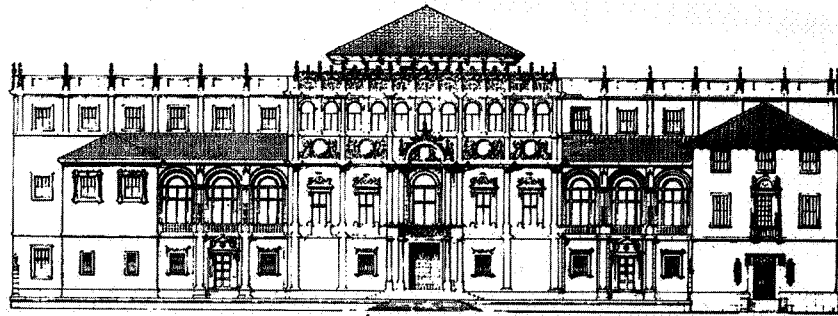


Between Friends



NEWS ABOUT THE FRIENDS OF THE HOUSTON PUBLIC LIBRARY
SEPTEMBER 2005

5TH ANNUAL CHILDREN'S BOOK SALE

When?

Fri., Sept. 9 11 a.m.-6 p.m.
Sat., Sept. 10 10 a.m.-4 p.m.
Sun., Sept. 11 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Where?

5216 Feagan
HISD's Doris Miller Center
(near Memorial Drive & Shepherd)

What?

New, Separate Categories for . . .

- Fiction and Non-Fiction
- Children's and Juvenile
- Parenting, Home Schooling, Teacher Resources, and Encyclopedia Sets

How Much?

All Bargain Books \$1
All Better Books \$2 & up
(most at \$2)
*Educators, bring your tax-exempt ID
Cash and Checks only*

We Could Use Your Help

Are you interested in volunteering at a Friends' Book Sale? The Children's Book Sale is a great place to start. Volunteers help us keep the books straight on the tables, help our customers find what they want, and tally and pay for their books when they are done. We would love to have you join us. Call 832-393-1387 for more information.

FRIENDS' CHILDREN'S BOOKS VOLUNTEER, MARILYN ROBINSON

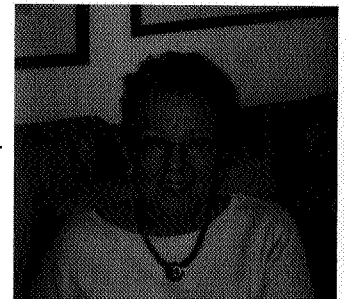
Marilyn Robinson's three grandchildren are still too young to read on their own, but she has already begun sending each of them a book by mail every month. "I call it 'Grandma's Book of the Month Club,'" said Robinson, whose grandchildren live in a suburb of Ann Arbor, Mich. "Sometimes the books are new. Often, they're used, but on the 15th of every month, they each get a special package from grandma. Reading to children teaches a love of learning from an early age, and I believe that there is no better gift to give a child than access to a life of learning."

In addition to providing books for her own grandchildren, Marilyn is also working to spread the gift of reading to children throughout Houston. As a member of Friends of the Houston Public Library, she is the lead volunteer for the upcoming Children's Book Sale, which is held every fall by the Friends. An estimated 15,000 children's books will be sold at bargain prices, with most books available for \$1 or \$2.

"I decided to help with the Children's Book Sale because I want to get books into the hands of as many children as I can. I also want to help parents — from the moms who decide to home school and need teaching resources, to the moms who can't always afford to shop at retail book stores because they're too expensive," Robinson said.

The sale features picture books and children's fiction, educational resources and encyclopedia sets, and thousands of Spanish titles. All proceeds from the Children's Book Sale support Houston Public Library through an annual gift from the Friends. This support helps fund community programming, including the Children's Summer Reading Program.

"Supporting the Houston Public Library is wonderful work to do. This city deserves the very best libraries possible, but great libraries and library programs cannot be built on tax dollars alone." Robinson said. "It's nice to have access to information through a home computer, but having a library means having a place where resources can be held right in your hand. It means having a quiet, well-lighted place that can offer education and free computer access to children, adults and anyone from any walk of life who comes through the door."



Marilyn Robinson,
Children's book expert

