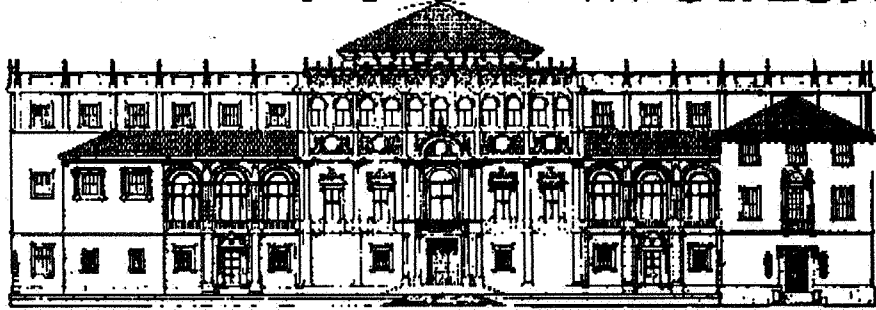


Between Friends



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News about Friends of the Houston Public Library

November 7, 1990 Book & Author Dinner features Jean Auel author of *Clan of the Cave Bear!*

The Friends of the Houston Public Library are pleased to invite their members to the Houston Area Booksellers Association's Annual Book & Author Dinner on Wednesday, November 7, 1990. This promises to be another spellbinding evening with some of America's best-known authors.

Sponsored by the Houston Area Booksellers Association and the *Houston Chronicle*, this year's dinner will feature Jean Auel author of *Plains of Passage*, Cleveland Amory, author of *Cat & the Curmudgeon*, John Edgar Wideman, author of *Philadelphia Fire* and Mark Childress, author of *Tender*.

Several "Literary Lions" will also make appearances, including Bill Welch, *Antique Roses of the South*; Jane Woods, *A Place Called Sweet Shrub*; Karoline Bresenhan and Nancy Puentes, *Lone Stars*; Eda LaShan, *Better to be Over the Hill than Under It*; Jay Brandon, *Fade the Heat* and Leon Hale, local newspaper columnist who has authored many regional books.

The dinner will be held on Wednesday, November 7, 1990 at the Westin Galleria Hotel. A cocktail reception, book sale and author signing begins at 6:30 p.m with a seated dinner following.

Nancy Haywood is chairing this year's dinner. Honorary chairpersons are Marcia and Neil Strauss.

Cost is \$35 per person with proceeds

donated to the Friends of the Houston Public Library. Proceeds will be used to fund the Parent Reading Program. It is anticipated that close to \$10,000 will be donated.

Last year over 1,000 people attended the dinner and even more are expected to enjoy this year's event.

The dinner is usually sold out, so early reservations are highly recommended! Reservations are taken on a first come, first-serve basis—including table placement.

This is a wonderful opportunity to support your library and an elegant way to entertain your clients, friends and even your in-laws!

Book & Author Dinner Reservations

Send a \$35 check payable to HABA
(Houston Area Booksellers Assn.) to:

Maya Durnovo
Friends of Houston Public Library
9514 Winsome Lane
Houston, TX 77063

For additional information, call Maya Durnovo at 871-9015. *You are urged to send your check as soon as possible, preferably by October 1, 1990!!*

The Parent Reading Program

The Houston Public Library is deeply committed to overcoming illiteracy. Through the Parent Reading Program, functionally illiterate parents and parents for whom English is a second language have been taught to read. This innovative program teaches reading to parents with their preschool children.

Parents have the most influence in the lives of their children and by their example indicate to their children that reading is an important skill.

In literate families there is an unconscious transfer of positive ideas about reading from parents to children. Family literacy programs give non-reading families the opportunity to learn and model these positive reading behaviors.

Since 1987, 291 adults and 327 children have completed the program.

Results indicate that these children are successful in school and have learned to read by the end of the first grade. Parents have become active library users and many have subsequently pursued their education!

A special thank you to the HABA for supporting this important program. With the financial donation from the Book & Author Dinner, several additional branch libraries will offer Parent Reading Programs.

Texas Libraries Need Your Help!

Every 10 years, we have an important opportunity to dramatically influence the future of the library! That opportunity is now in our hands.

You may nominate a worthy candidate (even yourself!) to serve as a delegate to the Texas Conference on Libraries and Information Services. A total of 160 delegates and 160 alternates will be selected to represent the 10 regions of Texas at the State Conference in Austin on January 4-5, 1991.

These delegates will vote on resolutions drafted by Texas regional groups concerning the library's role in Literacy, Productivity and Democracy. Thirty-two delegates chosen at the State Conference will carry Texas' resolutions to the White House Conference on Library and Information Services in Washington, D.C. on July 9-11, 1991.

Resolutions adopted at the national level will help set policy and direction for libraries nationwide for the next decade.

Returning a nomination form is one way you can participate. Attending a conference in your region is another. Since delegates must include the general public, elected officials and members of library support groups, as well as library and information professionals, *anyone* can attend the ten regional meetings and participate. Fullest possible representation is eagerly sought.

Make plans to attend at least one regional meeting listed below. Voice your opinions and ideas, and vote on the delegate candidates and resolutions of your choice. The future of the library is in your hands. Literally.

Regional Meetings focus on Building Community Partnerships

Regional meetings set for September 15 and October 13 in the Houston-Harris County area will provide "grass roots" input on how libraries and information services should relate to three theme areas—literacy, productivity and democracy—in the 21st Century. The general public, elected and appointed government officials, members of the business community as well as library and information professionals are invited to explore these themes, draft resolutions and name delegates to the state conference in Austin.

September 15

Lufkin—Angelina Junior College Fine Arts Auditorium

Beaumont—Gray Library, Lamar University
Richmond—George Memorial (Fort Bend County Public) Library

October 13

Houston—Houston Community College, Central Campus, 1300 Holman, 8:30 a.m.- 4:00 p.m.
Voting on delegates and resolutions takes place in Houston.

These events are free and open to the public. For More information, contact Jerilynn Williams, Regional Co-Chair at (713) 247-1925.

1991 White House Conference

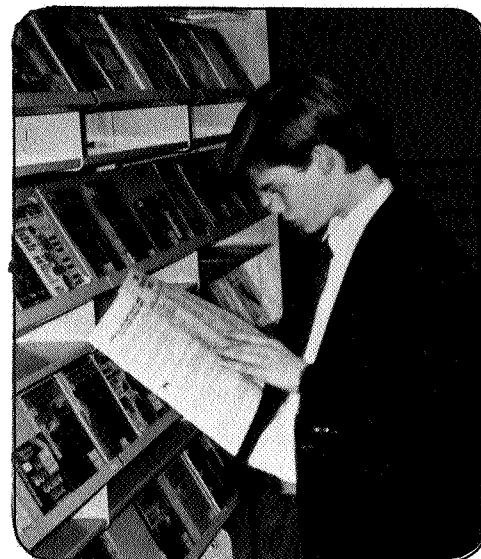
At President George Bush's request, the National White House Conference will convene on July 9-11, 1991 in Washington D.C.. Resolutions adopted at this conference will help set policy and direction for libraries nation-wide for the next decade and into the 21st Century.

The conference will focus on three themes:

Literacy...in a free society libraries make information accessible to the populations which they serve. If people are unable to read and understand the materials that are available, the library has not made these materials fully accessible.

Productivity...Libraries in Texas play a role in the state's economic revitalization by providing information to businesses, by offering access to employment information to job seekers, and by contributing to the attractiveness of community services for businesses considering relocations in Texas.

Democracy...It is the open exchange of words and ideas that keeps a nation free and democratic. That has been the goal of American libraries since the founding of this country's first public library by Benjamin Franklin in 1731.



Building for the Future...

