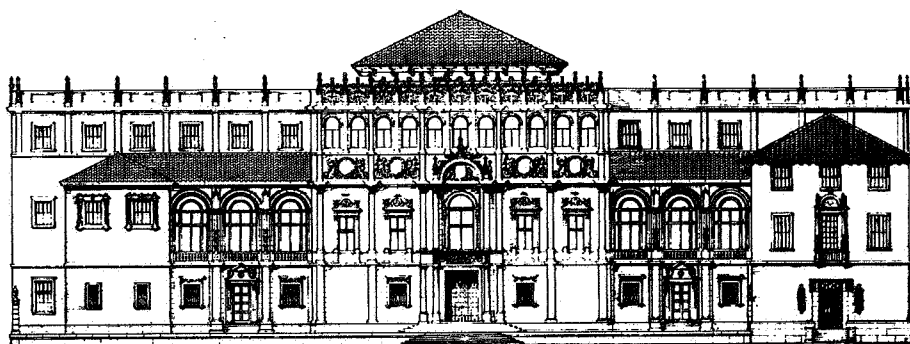

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News about Friends of the Houston Public Library

Friends Annual Report for 1990-1991

The Officers and Directors of the Friends of the Houston Public Library are pleased to report to you some of the activities and accomplishments which contributed to one of our most successful years:

* **The 13th Annual Book Sale** grossed \$69,590; far exceeding the previous year's gross of \$48,031.

* **The Employee Recognition Program**, assisted and financially supported by the Friends for the third year, was held in February, 1991.

* **The Annual Christmas Story Telling Party** in the home of board member, Mrs. Nathan M. Avery, was attended by over 200 parents and children.

* **Membership** for 1990-1991 stood at 1,153, a slight increase over the previous year.

* **The Enhancement Campaign**, as of May 1991, had received commitments of \$6,119,256, thus achieving 76 percent of the \$8,100,000 goal.

* **The Friends contributed** \$53,486 for programs and equipment purchases which would

not have been possible otherwise due to city budgetary constraints.

* Your organization received a contribution of \$20,000 from the Houston Area Booksellers Association from proceeds of the **Annual Book and Author Dinner** to start four parent reading literacy programs within the library system.

* Friends contributed funds for a legislator reception in October 1990 for the **Texas Library Association District 8** to meet with and provide information for legislators, candidates and library supporters.

Tickets selling fast for Annual Book & Author Dinner

Tickets to the Houston Area Booksellers Book & Author Dinner, scheduled for October 20 at the Downtown Hyatt Regency Hotel, are selling fast according to Association President Greg Newton. This year's featured speakers and their books are Dan Rather, *I Remember*; Edward Rutherford, *Russka*; Gary Cartwright, *Galveston*; and Maryln

Schwartz, *Southern Belle Primer*. Proceeds from this year's dinner will benefit the Information Literacy Program of the Friends of the University of Houston Library. (Our Friends organization receives funding from the dinner on a rotating basis.) Tickets are \$35 per person and may be purchased by sending a check payable to HABA (Houston

Area Booksellers Association) to: Friends Office, Sue Abbott, 500 McKinney, Houston, Texas 77002. Deadline for purchasing tickets through the Friends Office is Wednesday, October 2.

For more information about the dinner, watch for details in *The Houston Chronicle*, a co-sponsor of this year's HABA dinner.

