



Focus on Friends

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Annual Membership

Individuals

Student	\$5
Individual	\$15
Family	\$30
Supporting	\$60
Patron	\$100
Sponsor	\$500

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Diamond	\$500
Platinum	\$400
Gold	\$300
Silver	\$200
Bronze	\$100

Friends meet the Third Tuesday of each month at 7 pm at the Pflugerville Library, 102 10th Street. The next meeting is March 18.

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Friends Host Used Book Sale May 1-3

The Friends of the Pflugerville Community Library will hold its bi-annual Used Book Sale May 1-3. The sale will be in the JoAnne Thornton Conference Room of the Pflugerville Community Library, 102 Tenth Street. Proceeds from the sale will be used to support programs at the Library and purchase new books and materials for use by the patrons.

This year the sale has been extended to three days:

- Thursday, May 1, 2 pm – 8 pm;
- Friday, May 2, 10 am – 6 pm;
- Saturday, May 3, 10 am – 2 pm.

Bargain hunters will find great used books — fiction and nonfiction hardbacks - paperbacks- as well as DVDs, VHS videos and audio books will also be available. The prices are low, as usual.



Donations of books, DVDs and audio books may be delivered to the Pflugerville Community Library during regular hours.

May 10 Bond Election To Include Library Expansion

The May 10 Bond Election gives voters a chance to approve Proposition 3 which proposes a \$7 million expansion of the current library.

Since the current building was opened in 1999, the population of the City has increased from 16,000 to over 40,000.



Pflugerville Community Library

The bond proposal would expand the 12,500 sq. ft. building by 33,150 sq ft. The new space will include additional meeting space, shelf space, study rooms, classroom space, storage space and special collections area. The expansion will be built on City-owned land adjacent to the current building. Preliminary plans include additional parking as well.

Bond Election Q&A

1. *Why is a Library expansion needed?*

A: The City is projected to grow to over 100,000 in the next 15 years. Library usage continues to grow at 15% each year. Currently more than 12,000 visits are recorded at the library every month.

2. *Will the Bond funds include purchase of furniture and collection materials?*

A: No. The Bond funds can be used only for the design and construction of the new facility.

3. *How does our library compare with others for cities of our size?*

A: The national average is .8 sf per patron. PCL provides .3 sf. per patron. The Texas Public Library space needs formulas indicate that our current library is 50% inadequate, with 12,500 sf, vs. the recommended 26,000 sf.

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Bond Q&A (cont.)

4. *How big will the new Library be with the expansion?*

A: It will add an estimated 33,150 sf to the current facility, for a total estimated 45,000 sf.

5. *How will the expansion improve the services it offers?*

A: The additional space will provide:

- Community Room
- Large Stacks Area
- Special Collections Area
- Administrative Offices
- Small Meeting Rooms
- Study Rooms
- Classroom
- Storage Space
- Computer Stations

- Accessible Parking
- Improved Electrical Supply and Data Ports
- Handicapped Computer Work Stations
- Improved Acoustics
- Improved visibility from section to section

New Kik-Step Stools

In February, the **Friends** purchased for the Library, five “Kik-Step” stools and 3 book carts, called “trucks”. The stools will assist patrons with reaching books on higher shelves.



Volunteers Needed for May Book Sale

Volunteer to help with the May Book Sale. Volunteers are needed to unpack the books and set up for the sale on Wednesday, April 30 from 2 pm—6 pm and to pack the left over books on Saturday, May 3 from Noon—2:30 pm.

Volunteers are also needed to help with the sales on Thursday—Saturday. If you are interested, please contact the **Friends** at friendspl@yahoo.com

The book trucks will provide ease in moving books around the library.



Local Businesses Invited to Become Sponsors of the Friends

The **Friends** are soliciting and encouraging local businesses to become corporate sponsors through donations to the Friends.

There are four levels of participation:

- Diamond — \$500
- Platinum — \$400
- Gold — \$300
- Silver — \$200

Depending on the level of sponsor-

ship, the business will have its logo displayed on the **Friends**' website, company name included on the plaque in the entrance to the library, and/or the company logo displayed for sponsored events at the Library.

The bond issue covers only the infrastructure and building of the library expansion. Through company sponsors, the **Friends** propose to provide funding for furnishings, bookcases, books, special projects, and youth

programs. Projected special projects include lighting for the “Window to the World,” and a lighted sign for the Library.

If your business would like to be included, please contact the **Friends** at friendspl@yahoo.com or visit the website and click on Volunteer/Donate for details on where to send donations and/or sponsorship.

Perhaps no place in any community is so totally democratic as the town library. The only entrance requirement is interest.

— Lady Bird Johnson

Friends Help Library to Involve Local Teens

At the February Board of Director's meeting, the **Friends** approved funding to help the Library offer a special Teen Tech Week, March 2-8, 2008.

Library staff member Julia Riley gave a brief presentation to the Board, describing plans to involve local teens. Teens attending the

Kick-Off Party and Gaming Tournament had the opportunity to test out the library's new Playstation 2, as well as create a scrapbook out of used CDs and munch on pizza and snacks.



Teens were also invited to create a soundtrack to compliment their favorite book and complete an Internet scavenger hunt for the opportunity to win prizes.

More than 20 teens participated in the first Teen Tech Week.