

AGENDA INFORMATION SHEET

AGENDA DATE: August 8, 2022

DEPARTMENT: Library

ACM: Christine Taylor

SUBJECT:

Receive an informational report and hold a discussion regarding the Friends of the Denton Public Libraries.

BACKGROUND:

The Friends of the Denton Public Libraries is a nonprofit organization that supports the Denton Public Library through community service and fundraising to provide materials and equipment to improve and extend Library services. This report provides an update on the organization's activities and fundraising efforts.

The Friends Executive Board met Thursday, July 14, 2022 at 5:30 p.m. in the North Branch Meeting Room. Randy Simmons, Library Assistant II who handles donation and discarded materials, provided a report about a recent recycling audit across all City departments to look for ways to keep materials out of the landfill. During the audit, it was discovered that the City's recycling vendor could not take hardback books because materials used in many hardback covers (cloth, plastics, wood, etc.) are not recyclable. Alternative recycling vendors for hardback books are being reviewed. North Texas Book Consignment, the vendor used by the Friends for online sales, can also accept large quantities of hardback books for recycling disposal.

Haley Phillips, Outreach Librarian, provided a calendar of DPL2Go outreach events and encouraged Friends members to join library outreach events to do membership drives. The Friends were invited to participate in the End of Summer Celebration and all author events that are sponsored by the Friends group.

There was discussion about looking into the option to offer credit card payments at book sales through PayPal. They will research that option.

On July 30, Charity Broomfield, President of the Friends of the Denton Public Libraries, spoke before the Brave Combo performance at the End of Summer Celebration to encourage Friends membership. Friends Executive Board Officers also hosted a membership table outside the bookstore. They reported brisk business at the book store during the event.

The next Friends Big Book Sale is scheduled for Saturday, August 6, 2022.

2022 Friends Executive Board meetings (in North Branch Meeting Room):
Thursday, October 13, 5:30 p.m.

2022 Friends Big Book Sales (in North Branch Meeting Room):
Saturday, August 6

Saturday, November 5-tentative

EXHIBITS:

Exhibit 1 – Agenda Information Sheet-Friends

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