

Library Friends

MALVERN - HOT SPRING COUNTY

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BOOK SALES AND MORE

In 2015, the Friend's of the Library celebrated it's re-organization by hosting the 'I Love My Library' book sale and silent auction. We were able to raise over \$1,000 to help support the Library's Summer Reading Program for the community's youth and families. Overall, we had a great year! We are grateful to everyone who contributed to these efforts, especially those who volunteered their time to sort books, staff the sales tables, and spread the word. We have provided numerous volunteers for library activities, children's events, chaperones for field trips as well as staffing various children's fairs and meetings. Looking ahead to 2016, we are excited to share our love for the library and invite you to join our cause. The Friend's of the Library will be creating our very own cookbook, highlighting it's members favorite and most prized recipes. All money raised will go directly to the Malvern-Hot Spring Library to support much needed programs for children and

youth of our community. Other upcoming events include, 'The Friends' of the Library Annual Meeting where future members can learn how their time and involvement can best impact the community by supporting what is so dear to our hearts, our local library.



Friends member Shirley Blair of Malvern stocks up on books at the recent Friend's Book Sale.



Winners from the library's Annual Halloween Costume Contest and volunteer judges: (from left to right) Linda Cunningham, Tom Dillard, and Charlotte Eudy



Friends of the Library helped sponsor the Library's Christmas Party in December

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

It was only a year ago that the Friends of the Library group was re-organized. It has been a challenge for the Friends officers and board members to get the group up and running-but we are off to a good start! Our mission is to support the programs and services of the library by providing financial assistance, advocating, encour-

aging gifts, increasing community awareness, and to provide volunteer services. The Friend's of the Library will be hosting our Annual Members Meeting on Thursday, February 11th at 5:00pm. We will be serving refreshments and the meeting will begin at 5:30pm. We are proud of our accomplishments of the past

year, we believe 2016 can be an even better year. Join us, become a member, and support our local library.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Friends of the Library ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

**THURSDAY
FEBRUARY 11TH**

Refreshments will be served at 5:00pm

Meeting will begin at 5:30pm

Library Events

Saturday, January 23rd

Coupons 101

10:00am-11:30am

Monday, January 25th

2 Year Old and Preschool Story Hour

10:30am-11:30am

Saturday, January 30th

Kid's Craft: Bubble Wrap Painting

10:00am-11:00am

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**BECOME A MEMBER
TODAY**

Friends of the Library is an organization that helps support the Malvern-Hot Spring County Library through book sales and special projects. To join the Friends of the Library, join us at our upcoming membership meeting on February 11th at 5:30pm or fill out a membership form and return it to a library staff member at the circulation desk.

*"A Library is not a luxury but one
of the necessities of life."*

-Henry Ward Beecher

FRIENDS SPOTLIGHT-ANNABELLE ADAMS GARDNER

Among the most energetic and dedicated member of the Friends of the Library is AnnaBelle Gardner of Malvern. In addition to being a steady user of the Malvern/HSC Public Library, AnnaBelle serves as a member of the Friends board of directors.

A native of Georgia, AnnaBelle grew up in Lizella, Ga and Hammond, La. She has an older brother and a younger sister. She attended Southeastern Louisiana University where she studied nursing and, later, majored in childhood development.

AnnaBelle is married to Brady Lee Gardner, a respi-

ratory therapist at Baptist Health in Malvern. He is also pastor of Malvern's First United Pentecostal Church.

AnnaBelle recalls that she as a small child she loved "my school library." She was a student librarian during the sixth grade. "I have always loved libraries and I'm thankful to live near such a great one," AnnaBelle remembered.

AnnaBelle makes extensive use of the Library as she oversees the home schooling of her three children. She said recently that "our library has a fantastic selection of materials and resources from

books and curriculum kits to programs—and a helpful staff."

In explaining her commitment to the Friends of the Library, AnnaBelle said: "The Friends support the place that offers my family so much and it is a way for me to give a little back."

Friends president Tom Dillard said "AnnaBelle is a great person to work with. Her on-line design skills are especially useful to the Friends group."



Friends board members meet with Library Director Ashley Parker-Graves to plan activities. Board members not shown as Clare Barlow and Paul Adcox.