



# Library News

## Friends of the Lena Armstrong Public Library April 25, 2019

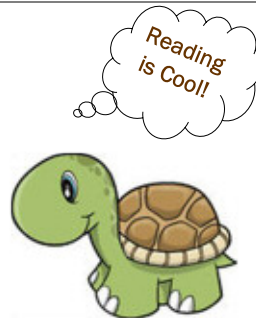
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### Brief History of Friends

- Organizational Coffee – April 23, 2001
- First Book and Author Luncheon – February 26, 2005
- December 2008 1<sup>st</sup> book giveaway @ Christmas on the Chisholm Trail
- August 2011 – 1<sup>st</sup> Bookfair for Summer Reading participants
- April 2012 – 1<sup>st</sup> Turtle Festival free books for children.
- 2014—began partnering with Helping Hands Bundle of Joy program to provide a book to new parents & babies
- December 2014—1<sup>st</sup> Christmas on the Farm books for children
- February 24, 2018—Author luncheon moves to Harris Community Center



**Gift of the Friends of  
The Lena Armstrong  
Public Library  
Kiwanis Turtle  
Festival  
April 27, 2019**



### Importance of Friends

I would like to express my appreciation for the Friends of the Library. The Friends have allowed the Library to enrich the Belton community on many different fronts. The Friends have donated funds for furniture, books, and programs.

The most important thing the Friends do is provide funding for the free book giveaways at local events and library programs for children:

- ◆ Christmas on the Chisholm Trail
- ◆ National Night Out

- ◆ Kiwanis Turtle Festival
- ◆ Summer Reading Program participants
- ◆ Bundle of Joy
- ◆ Christmas on the Farm

The joy on a child's face when they realize that they can keep the book is priceless.

All quilt squares represent friendship

### Importance of Friends, cont.



The luncheon on February 24, 2018 was the 14th Book and Authors' Luncheon and the 1st to be held at the Harris Community Center.

The Book and Authors' Luncheon is an enjoyable literary and cultural event that I look forward to every year. Thank you for providing tickets for my staff.

The funds the Friends provide allow me to provide a comfortable setting at the library.

I would also like to thank you for participating in the Needs Assessment. By providing \$2,500 in funding and participating in the focus group.

Your providing The \$6,800 for the makeover of the Genealogy Room will allow me to complete one of the goals identified in the Assessment.

The Friends are a valued partner.

**Thank you.**

#### Library Board

- Gary Busby —President
- Frances Fennessy
- Regina Miller
- Kevin McCleish
- Valerie Ureste

#### Friend's of the Library Miscellaneous Purchases

Item	Amount	Fiscal Year
Furniture & Miscellaneous	\$9,000	2011, 2012
Microfilm Machine Upgrade	\$6,179	2013
Furniture & Miscellaneous	\$1,003	2015
Book Repair Machine	\$1,389	2016
Carpets & Décor	\$940	2016
Summer Reading	\$1,500	2017
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$20,011</b>	



**Bundle of Joy**

### National Night Out 2018

Books are for Sharing



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Date	Event	#Books	Cost
<b>FY 2008 - 2011</b>	<b>Total Fiscal Years 2008-2012</b>	<b>826</b>	<b>\$5,189</b>
<b>FY 2012 - 2014</b>	<b>Total Fiscal Year 2013 - 2014</b>	<b>6,606</b>	<b>\$11,693</b>
<b>FY 2014 - 2016</b>	<b>Total Fiscal Year 2015-2016</b>	<b>4,060</b>	<b>\$8,754</b>
Dec-16	103 Christmas on the Farm		
Dec-16	Bell County Jail Reading program		
<b>FY 2017</b>			
Dec-16	Christmas on the Chisholm Trail 119	795	\$1,993
	bought 795, 21 (wet), HeadStart 66		
	10 Bundle of Joy, leftover 579		
Mar-17	Spring Fair 25, Story time 25		
Apr-17	Turtle Festival	622	\$1,432
	Kiwanis Headstart summer bags 30		
	Kiwanis Builders Club South Belton Middle 19		
Sep-17	National Night Out 6		
<b>FY 2018</b>			
Dec-17	Christmas on Chisholm Trail	725	\$2,000
Dec-17	Christmas on the Farm 170		
Jan-18	Bundle of Joy 20		
Feb - Mar 2018	Read Across America	143	\$300
Apr-18	Turtle Festival	608	\$1,681
	had 1020 books for turtle fest, gave away 752, 268 leftover		
	Chisholm Trail Kiwanis club 20		
<b>FY 2019</b>			
Oct-18	National Night Out 19 books		
	209 books left		
Dec-18	Christmas on Chisholm Trail	1,025	\$2,500
	426 leftover		
Apr-19	Turtle Festival	932	\$1,998
<b>Total</b>		<b>16,342</b>	<b>\$37,540</b>

Christmas on the Chisholm Trail 2018



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Christmas on the Farm 2018



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## What is Going on @ the Library

### Central Texas Reading Jamboree

February 23, 2019—March 23, 2019

Central Texas Libraries and Museums are joined together to encourage families to explore and learn about Central Texas.

**Bilingual Story time  
English/Spanish**

**1000 Books Before  
Kindergarten**

Meets every Monday at 11 am come share a story and craft time.

Register at the Library, help a child get ready for kindergarten.

#### **New Vision Statement:**

To Educate, Enrich, and Encourage

### BISD Spring Break

March 11—15, 2019

The Library hosted a number of events during spring break, story time, open crafts and a Touch a Truck event. The truck event included vehicles from the Belton Fire, Police Depts. and Public Works, as well as crafts, and a cupcake walk. The Friends help was appreciated.

#### **Requirements to be a Volunteer**

- Fill out an application
- City of Belton requires a background check
- Once the application has been processed the Library staff will call to set up a training and a work schedule.

**New Mission Statement:** The Lena Armstrong Public Library connects and engages our community through education, access, and inspiration.

**Summer Reading 2019: A Universe of Stories**—We will explore space and NASA's discoveries.

### Library Staff



Kim Adele Kroll



Laura Stevens



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