Summer Fun

The photo you see here was taken in Destin, Florida on a warm summer day but you don't have to leave Arlington to soak up the fun over the next few months. There will be programs for all ages to enjoy all summer long at our public libraries! Summer Reading Club kicked off June 1 at 10 a.m. at the Downtown Library! It's easy to participate and you can read to earn prizes while supplies last. Check out the online brochure for more information!

Our Spring events were a big hit. Booksale proceeds, which benefit the Arlington Public Library, were up 31% over the last sale! We are so grateful to our volunteers (including Rick and Dorothy in photo 2) who contributed their time to make it such a great success. The next sale will be held September 18 - 22 at Meadowbrook Recreation Center. Be sure to donate your items before then at one of our two upcoming book drives!

The Book & Author Luncheon was held at Shady Valley Country Club on April 4 and featured Bobbie Wygant (in the red jacket in photo 3) and Asa Dunniont (in the cowboy hat, cracking up the crowd in photo 4). These authors entertained us with exciting stories of celebrities and criminals. Our Fall Luncheon will be held on October 10 and feature Ron Tyler, former director of the Amon Carter Museum and author of The Art of Texas.

Members will be receiving information about the Annual Dinner, which will take place on September 9 at the Downtown Library. If you're not a member now, be sure to join before then! The Friends & Foundation is a 501c3 nonprofit that supports the resources and programs of the Arlington Public Library through public awareness and fundraising activities.

Last but not least, our organization's 7th Book It 5K and 1-Mile Fun Run will take place for the very first time in Downtown Arlington on September 28th. We anticipate good weather and friendly fun. I hope you can join us!

Best wishes for a great summer!

Member Highlight - Terry Bertrand
I lived my early years as a child on a small farm in south Louisiana and then I moved to a small nearby town at the age of six. Therefore, my library experience at that time was not significant. When I was 10 years old my family moved to Houston, Texas. My appreciation for libraries changed when, at the age of 11, one of my favorite elementary school teachers, Mr. Snively, took me and some friends to the Downtown Houston Public Library. I can still remember how overwhelmed I was at the unbelievable number of books at my disposal. Every week during the summer I would ride my bike to the regional library in our neighborhood to check out books. It was awesome to have such a wealth of books to read! In my 10th grade year in high school, my American History teacher allowed me to go to the library each day to do research on American History and then write papers on my research in lieu of attending regular class lectures. Needless to say, through all of my educational experiences, libraries have played a significant role in my life.

I am honored and excited to be invited to serve on the FFAPL Board. As a new board member, I am not sure which roles I will fill in the months and years ahead. I know I will discover my niche. I am looking forward to serving our community through this board.

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**Book Drive**

Whether you're decluttering your home or making room on your shelf for new reads, drop off your used books to be included in our upcoming sale.

**WHEN 8:30 a.m. to noon: June 20 & 22, July 18 & 20, Aug 15 & 17**

**WHERE FFAPL Warehouse, 2205 W Division, Suite G4**

Here's a list of **items we'll accept**.

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**Your Way**

The City of Arlington is celebrating a generous donation received by the Friends & Foundation from the Gene and Jerry Jones Family Arlington Youth Foundation — a dazzling, interactive sculpture now available for public enjoyment in the heart of Arlington.

*Your Way*, a mirror labyrinth made of highly polished stainless steel and aluminum, was created by Danish artist [Jeppe Hein](#). The American Dream City’s newest public art amenity was unveiled during a ceremony Saturday, June 1 at City Center Plaza, located between City Hall and the Downtown Library.

Charlotte Jones Anderson, former Director of Libraries Yoko Matsumoto, Mayor Jeff Williams, and Friends & Foundation chair Carole Hoyer gave remarks before the dedication and ribbon cutting for the artwork. Spectators enjoyed light refreshments, activities for children, and visitors from the Dallas Cowboys, including mascot Rowdy and the Rhythm and Blue Drumline. Attendees at the ribbon cutting were able to walk inside the installation, watching the contrast between their reflections and the surrounding scenery.
Support the Library while you Shop!

When you link your account at the following stores to the Friends & Foundation, a percentage of the sale will be contributed to our organization and will be used to support the Library!

**Kroger**
Sign up for a Community Rewards account and link your Kroger Plus Card to #80744.

**Tom Thumb**
Enter organization #9158 on this form and turn it in at your Tom Thumb store.

**Amazon**
You may purchase items for yourself through our Amazon Smile account and Amazon will donate 0.5% of the price of your eligible purchases to the organization.

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**Book It**

5K and 1 Mile Fun Run

Mark your calendars to run or walk in the 7th annual Book It 5K or 1 Mile Fun Run. This fundraiser will bring the community together for a morning of healthy fun!

**DATE**
Saturday, September 28

**LOCATION**
George W. Hawkes Downtown Library
100 South Center Street
Arlington, TX 76010

**TIME**
8:00 a.m. 1 Mile Fun Run
8:30 a.m. 5K
10:00 a.m. Awards ceremony

Register here.

Sponsorship opportunities are available. Download the packet for more information.

Interested in volunteering? Please let us know!