

**State of the Friends of the Salado Public Library**  
**Given by President Nancy Mills Mackey on 10/23/18**

**Highlights of the past year:**

- Popular community outreach programs continue to be offered by the Friends. Adult Arts & Crafts Chair Connie Cryar has coordinated the monthly adult arts & crafts programs and Mah Jongg classes for many years but is resigning as of December 31, and we will need to find a new Adult Arts & Crafts Chair, or as she suggested, will rotate the programs among board/committee members and volunteers throughout the year. Program Chair Letta Meinen once again led a successful "Death By Chocolate" contest in September, with nine youth and seven adults competing and 165 people attending.
- Book Ends continues to operate with volunteer staff under Co-Chairs Kay Jackson and Rick Powell, who we recently welcomed to the Friends' leadership. The little shop behind the library, which sells donated used books for \$2 or less, brought in \$5,348 from Sept. 1, 2017 to Aug. 31, 2018. That is a 4.9% increase over \$5,097 the previous year.
- Support of the library continues to include volunteers for book processing, shelving, authors' events and other programs. Friends support for 2018 events has included:
  - the SING movie night in May at Barrow Brewing that attracted 350 people -- The Friends raised \$1,065 through donations and snack sales, and the library issued cards to new library patrons.
  - author Nancy Turner's June visit and writing workshops in conjunction with Texas History Days -- The Friends contributed \$500 toward Turner's travel expenses and helped assist with logistics surrounding her appearance.
  - a June reception for new full-time Children's and Young Adult Librarian Julie Hoy -- The Friends hosted the public reception to welcome Ms. Hoy.
  - the four Summer Reading Programs in June -- The Friends donated the speaker system that was used this year.
  - movie and reading programs at the library -- The Friends donated a popcorn machine.
- Funding of more than \$3,600 was approved in 2018 for the Library Director's Wish List. A new wish list is expected to be presented at the end of this year and voted on in January.
- PR/Marketing Chair Barbara Morris continues to improve communications with Friends members through monthly calendar notices and newsletters. Pat Hart agreed to become Volunteer Chair and has helped recruit volunteers as needed for Friends/library events and has taken on recognition of library staff on their birthdays.

**Friends' bank accounts:**

\$9,936.79 total as of 9/18/18

**Current number of Friends members:**

145

**What Friends of the Salado Public Library can do:**

- Advocate for the library

- Help with library strategic plan survey
- Attend library programs and meetings
- Donate used books to Book Ends and volunteer to work there
- Volunteer to help with other library programs/needs
- Serve on the Friends Board or a committee
- Tell Salado friends and neighbors about the library and its programs