

LIBRARY LINE

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Friends Reel In a 5K Check at ShareTank

In 2018 the library will launch Programming Our Future, a new digital literacy initiative with a full array of classes aimed at shifting children and teens from technology users into the next generation of developers, programmers and software engineers. South Irving Library staff developed the initiative back in the fall, but it wouldn't see the light of day until better funding was secured. That's when the Friends came to the rescue by diving head first into Irving's 2017 ShareTank!

Friends President Anna Walther, Publicity Chairwoman Marilyn Willems, and Director Kaye Hickox suited up for the four and a half-day Share Tank training experience, which helps non-profits learn fundraising and promotional techniques. The workshop culminated in a Pitch Day where each organization competed for funding using the newly learned concepts. Kaye Hickox and Anna Walther made a flawless presentation on Pitch Day and were awarded with the grand prize of \$5,000. Programming Our Future was so popular with the judges that they were immediately interested in expanding the program!

The money went toward purchasing new technology for children to explore the world of coding. Besides teaching the fundamentals of how our digital world works, coding classes can help students see success in related areas, such as math, science and reading. This February South Irving Library will roll out the first two classes in the series: Tiny Tinkers and Junior Robotics.



Kaye Hickox, Anna Walther and Marilyn Willems show off the ShareTank grand prize check.

Programming Our Future

Feb. 16 | Tiny Tinkers

10:30 a.m. | South Irving Library

Children in preschool and Kindergarten explore coding concepts in a story time format. After the story, participants are challenged to a simple and engaging coding activity.

Feb. 22 | Junior Robotics

4 p.m. | South Irving Library

Children in grades 1-5 can start on a path of engineering and programming through advanced STEM exploration and robotic projects.

Tickets are required to attend class. Tickets can be picked up at the Children's Information desk 30 minutes prior to program start time.

For more information, call (972) 721-4612.

FRIENDS NEWS

NORTH TEXAS GIVING DAY.ORG RESULTS

- \$2,415 raised for Friends to pour into the 2018 North Texas Teen Book Festival.
- Many new names on the NTGD donor list!
- An extra push of publicity that resulted in a social media reach of over 500 people on the Friends' Facebook page!

Join us in feeling really good about this year's success and our wonderful Friends!



UPCOMING BOOK SALES

1st Wednesday

Feb. 7
March 7
April 4
May 2
1 to 3 p.m., Friends Warehouse, 3000 Rock Island Road

Valley Ranch Saturday Sales

Feb. 10
March 17
April 14
May 12
10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Valley Ranch Library,
401 Cimarron Trail



NTTBF 2018: ENDLESS STORIES



The Friends of the Irving Public Library are proud to be one of the sponsors for the North Texas Teen Book Festival on April 21, at the Irving Convention Center at Las Colinas, 500 West Las Colinas Blvd. This year our Irving librarians have secured some of the biggest names in Middle Grade and Young Adult literature today. So grab the kids, or the grandkids, and attend great author panels featuring Dav Pilkey (*Captain Underpants*), Cassandra Clare (*Mortal Instruments* series), Angie Thomas (*The Hate U Give*) and over 70 more phenomenal authors. The Friends have been committed to NTTBF since day one, and used 2016 ShareTank winnings to help finance the 2018 event.

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From Book to Big Screen: Winter Reading Challenge, Jan 15-March 15

Adults, ages 18 and over can join in the Winter Reading Challenge,

sponsored by the Friends, for great reading and fun prizes. The Winter Reading Challenge encourages library cardholders to register for the program online and read five novels from the adult fiction or nonfiction collections online or in print. After reading the books and entering them into the online reading log, participants can receive a free mug and five dollars in Friends Bucks to purchase gently used books of their choice from inventory available for sale at each library location and the 1st Wednesday Book Sales. Visit cityofirving.beanstack.org to accept the Challenge.



Events supporting the Winter Reading Challenge merge great reads with hit Hollywood entertainment. Celebrate books adapted into film with "From Book to Big Screen" movie watching parties which culminate in a great discussion of which was better, the movie or the book!

Oscar Night Watching Party

Time for puttin' on the ritz! Visit the South Irving Library, 601 Schulze Drive for an evening of film trivia, hors d'oeuvres, and photo ops as we watch the 90th Academy Award ceremony unfold, 6:30 p.m. on Sunday, March 4. Pull out your white tie and tails or glamorous evening gown and compete for the coveted titles of "Best Dressed" and "Best Celebrity Look-Alike." Call (972) 721-4612 for more details.



PROGRAM NEWS

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Admission is free for all attendees. Parking is \$8 for a vehicle of any size.

Since it is such an amazing event, designed to improve the reading habits of our region's youth, and create a better community, we are asking you to consider volunteering at the festival this year. It is already the biggest library-run teen book fest in the nation, and grows larger with each year.

Volunteer positions available include signing line helpers, greeters, book store assistants and author panel aides. For information on opportunities for adults (ages 18 and up) to take part in this exciting event, contact our Volunteer Coordinator Carla Morgan at CMorgan@cityofirving.org for more information.



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Can't get enough of Harry Potter's magical world and its fantastic beasts?

Help us bring the Harry Potter universe to life at our 2nd annual Harry Potter Book Night, Thursday, February 1 starting at 4:30 p.m. Hope you're ready for Magizoology class, because four wild and amazing creatures from J.K. Rowling's epic series have escaped to their very own designated Irving library locations for a night of magical mayhem. It will be a whirlwind of excitement with activities based around each mythical beast. Choose among dragons, phoenix, unicorns, mer-people, or experience all four!

FEBRUARY 1

DRAGONS

4:30 p.m. East Branch Library
440 S. Nursery Road

PHOENIX

5 p.m. South Irving Library
601 Schulze Drive

UNICORNS

6 p.m. West Irving Library
4444 W. Rochelle Road

MER-PEOPLE

7 p.m. Valley Ranch Library
401 Cimarron Trail

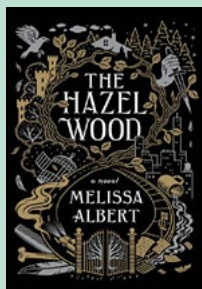


UPCOMING AUTHOR VISITS

Melissa Albert Author Launch

7 p.m. Feb. 8, South Irving Library, 601 Schulze Drive

Go into *The Hazel Wood* with Melissa Albert in conversation with New York Times bestselling author Julie Murphy. They will be discussing Albert's highly anticipated YA debut novel - named a "must-read" by Entertainment Weekly, Esquire and BuzzFeed. Refreshments, book sales and author signing to follow. Open to all ages.



Hope Nation Texas Book Launch

3 p.m. Feb. 25, South Irving Library, 601 Schulze Drive

If ever there was a quintessential book for those who love YA literature, it is *Hope Nation*. It contains personal stories of hope penned by an all-star line-up of Young Adult and Middle Grade authors. It also has the editing power of NTTBF co-founder Dr. Rose Brock, assistant professor of Library Science at Sam Houston State University. The list of authors attending the *Hope Nation* panel is forthcoming, so keep checking the [library's website](#) for more details, because it will be too inspiring to miss!



Rachel Caine and Ann Aguirre Book Party

7 p.m. March 9, West Irving Library, 4444 W. Rochelle Road

New York Times bestselling authors Rachel Caine and Ann Aguirre will discuss their latest YA book, *Honor Among Thieves*. It is a futuristic tale of a teen whose life on the run is stopped short when she is selected for a once-in-a-lifetime trip through space aboard an extraterrestrial ship. Refreshments, book sales and author signing to follow. All ages.



SERVICES NEWS

A LIBRARY CARD FOR MR. HANSON

Valley Ranch Library staff were touched when a sweet woman came in to sign up for a new library card. The card was not for her, but for her husband who had spent years purchasing books and had never thought to use his local library. She wanted to get him the card as a Christmas present, and also as a cost-savings measure. You see, Mr. Hanson is seventy-one years young, and it was time for the two retirees to trim expenses.

Since library policies would not allow Mrs. Hanson to register her husband for a card, staff member Stefanie Dunnam came up with a creative solution. She suggested that Mrs. Hanson slip a Library Card information brochure into her husband's stocking with a cute bow, then return with him after the holidays. Mrs. Hanson did exactly as suggested.

On Dec. 26, the two returned to register for Mr. Hanson's first ever Irving Public Library card. He was amazed at the selection and the simple process for obtaining the card. It was over so fast, he could hardly believe his eyes.

In fact, he wondered why he hadn't done it sooner. He was having so much fun that when he was jokingly offered the "Arthur's First Card" sticker, he took it and wore it proudly while posing for pictures with Valley Ranch Library staff member Sandy Ellis. He had such a great time that day, and we expect many more now that he is a member of the Irving Public Library System.

During the course of 2017, over 16,400 borrower registrations were performed, many of them were first time cards. We are so excited to see people who are in love with their local library and are bringing family and friends into the fold.



DRIVE-UP CONVENIENCE

South Irving Library's pick-up window will speed up and simplify your life.

Chilly winter weather. Sleeping child. Short lunch break. Are you finding it difficult to stop by the library to pick up books or DVDs? Wouldn't it be great if you could check-out your next favorite read without leaving your car?

Good news! The South Irving Library's drive-thru window is open for business. Located in the west side parking lot next to the building, it's easy to zip through to pick up items with your library card.

How to Place a Hold for the Drive-thru

- 1) After finding an item in the [Polaris catalog](#), click on the Place Request button. You may need to log in at this point with your library card number and PIN.
- 2) On the "Place a Request" screen, click to open the Pickup Library drop down box, and select South Drive-thru Window
- 3) Click Submit Request button to finish your request.

After you've been notified the item is ready, you have 8 days to check it out at the window.

South Irving Library Drive-thru Hours:

Monday to Thursday 10 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.
Friday, Saturday 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.
Sunday 1 to 4:30 p.m.

Note: due to the building's size, staff at the drive-thru cannot retrieve items held at the first floor Information/Check-out desk.