

## *From Our President*



Hello, Friends:

January. Each new year we get a new start, a fresh journal, a new calendar to fill in meaningful ways. Whether you are a "resolution setter" or not, this is a natural time for new starts, new habits, better health, and repaired relationships. Personally, I hope to be more "in the moment" and intentional in the things I do: less mindless scrolling and more being present; less impatience and more tolerance; less frustration and more kindness; less chaos and more mindfulness.

Things change day to day thanks to this virus (like having to cancel our January 18 Chico's Fashion Show and Fundraiser). Finding ways to be flexible and take care of ourselves and each other is more crucial now than ever before.

Speaking of self-care and mindfulness, last year at this time, I shared some info regarding dealing with anxiety and I think it b sharing again.

This website has some simple meditations and other anxiety fighters:

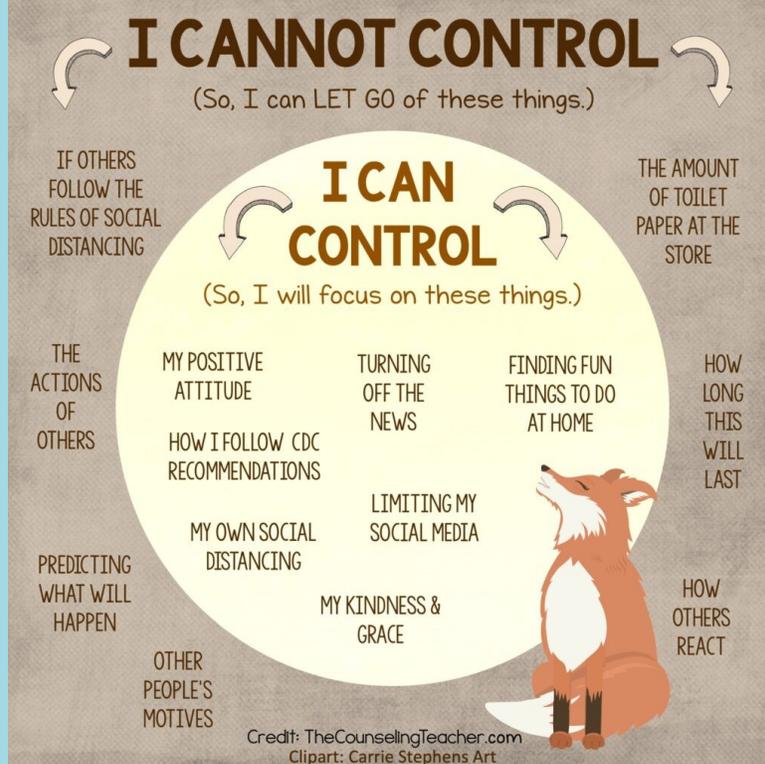
**<https://www.headspace.com/covid-19>**

Below is a reminder about what we can control and what we cannot.

Please forgive the repetition of information from last year. Hang in there and be kind to each other; a little extra kindness goes a *LONG* way.

**Madelyn Hill**

President | Friends of the Rockwall County Library



## Friends' 2022-2023 Slate of Officers

We are excited to announce the slate of officers for your next Friends of the Library Board:

President - **Dr. M. Joan Terry**

President-elect - Pending

First Vice Presidents (Programs) - **Nancy Barnett and Jane Buie**

Second Vice Presidents (Fundraising) - **Milly Cundy and Edie Zehr**

Third Vice Presidents (Membership) - **Pat Calhoun and Carolyn Duckworth**

Fourth Vice Presidents (Business Memberships) - **Jolene Aicklen and Darlene Reed**

Communication/PR/ Newsletter/ Web Page - **Karen Frederick and Madelyn Hill**

Secretaries - **Judy Buffington and Lea Carlson**

Treasurer - **Karen Frederick**

Parliamentarian - **Kathleen Broze**

Past President - **Madelyn Hill**

## 2021 Christmas Luncheon was Another Great Success!

Another Friends of the Library Christmas Luncheons is in the books. The tables were beautiful, the performance by Rockwall High School's A cappella Ensemble, Sting, filled us with the Christmas spirit, the food was delicious and the fellowship was joyful!

Our sincere thanks to all the wonderful table hostesses, the Luncheon committee, the staff at The Center at CityPlace and Zach with Occasions at Stone River Catering for making this pared-down version of the Luncheon a success.

Hopefully next year, circumstances will permit us to return to a full house for the 19th Annual Friends of the Library Christmas Luncheon. It is never too early to start planning so if you are interested in hosting a table next year, contact Pat Calhoun at [pat2792@att.net](mailto:pat2792@att.net).



## Huge Thanks to Atmos Energy!

Eva Hummel of Atmos Energy presented a check for \$5600.00 to Friends of the Library to continue our efforts in increasing literacy in our area. We are so grateful for their support and generous gift!

### *Hartman Award Nominations*

**It is time once again for Hartman Award nominations.**

The Hartman Award is given annually to a Friends member who has performed over and above the requirements of their position and has promoted the Library and Friends beyond required activities. The recipients of the award have been people who willingly gave of their time for the good of the Library and Friends. Recipients of the award have been members who gave of themselves willingly for the good of Friends and the library and Friends.

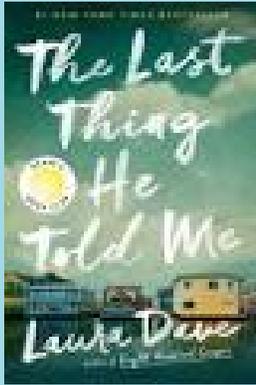
Nominations will be in writing with a brief statement of between 100 and 175 words, giving the reasons why this member deserves to receive the award. Before submitting the nomination, the individual will be contacted for permission to place their name before the general membership for a vote. This is also an opportunity to get information to include in the supporting statement.

Nominations should be sent to last year's Hartman Award winner, Nancy Barnett at [jrnlbarnett@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jrnlbarnett@sbcglobal.net) by **March 1, 2022.**

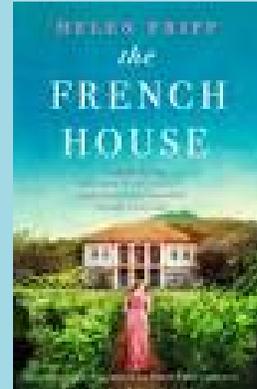
The award was named for Alfred and Grace Hartman. Alfred Hartman was the Librarian from 1966-

## *Book Club*

The Friends of the Rockwall County Library Book Club meets on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday\* of each month via Zoom. There are no officers, bylaws, or rules – just a group of people that enjoy reading and discussing books. Contact **Joan Wells** for a Zoom invite.



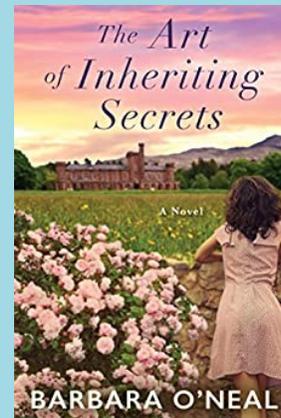
**January 17, 2022:**  
*The Last Thing He Told Me*  
by Laura Dave



**February 21, 2022:**  
*The French House*  
by Helen Frupp



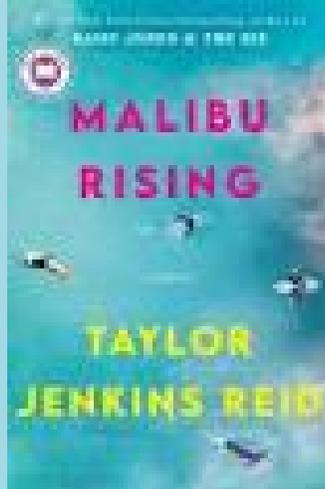
**March 21, 2022**  
*Looking For Me*  
by Beth Hoffman



**April 18, 2022**  
*The Art of Inheriting Secrets*  
by Barbara O'Neal



**May 16, 2022**  
*The Girl From Berlin*  
by Ronald Balson



**June 20, 2022**  
*Malibu Rising*  
by Taylor Jenkins Reid



### Giving Back

Each time you make a purchase at Kroger or Amazon, these vendors will donate a percentage of your total purchase to Friends.

#### Kroger

Use your Kroger Plus card to create or sign into your online account at [Kroger.com](https://www.kroger.com). Under "Save", select "Community Rewards" and choose "Friends of the Rockwall County Library" (#80320). *Please note you must re-enroll each year.*

#### Amazon

Visit [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com) and select "Friends of the Rockwall County Public Library" as your charity. You do not need to re-enroll annually.

### Book Alcove

Located near the front desk in the Library, the Book Alcove stocks books, DVDs, and CDs that may be "purchased" by donation.

Here's how you can help:

- Bring your gently used books, DVDs and CDs to the Library to donate.
- Shop at the Alcove and donate generously for your selections.

To volunteer at the Book Alcove, email [info@friendsrockwall.com](mailto:info@friendsrockwall.com)

### Giving Tree

Looking for a way to honor and remember family and friends? Add a leaf to this beautiful permanent display in the Library! Businesses can purchase a leaf as a way to show support for the Library and its mission.

Visit the [Friends' donation page](#) for more information about the Giving Tree and donation options.

