

From Our President



Fall is in the air, the weather is turning brisk, the Holiday Season is fast approaching, and what an outstanding beginning we have experienced for our 2019-2020 club year! We had fantastic programs for our September and October Meetings, with more than 80 members and guests attending each.

- Dave Lieber entertained those attending the September Luncheon talking about his latest book: *Amon! The Ultimate Texan*.
- In October, Ruth Sears gave a book review of *The Catcher Was A Spy: The Mysterious Life of Moe Berg* by Nicholas Dawidoff.

A good time was had by all who attended, and a big “Thanks” to the awesome team that helped make these meetings a success!

The 14th annual National Friends of the Library Week was October 20th – 26th. Friends volunteers were in the Library Lobby throughout the week, promoting community awareness about our organization and encouraging membership in Friends. If you have friends, neighbors, or co-workers who are not members, now is a good time to invite them to join Friends and get involved.

On November 12th, we will have our first special event of the year—our annual Chico’s Holiday Fashion Show & Lunch. The cost is \$30 and reservations are required so be sure to mark your calendars, make a reservation, invite a friend, and plan to attend this “FUN” special event and get a glimpse of the latest in holiday fashions.

December 10th is the date for our 17th Annual Christmas Luncheon. This very popular event is attended by more than 250 people and has always been one of my favorite occasions. I can’t wait to see all of the beautiful tables!

Remember: Friends make a Difference! Thanks for your continued support and I look forward to seeing all of you at our upcoming events!

Nancy Barnett
President
Friends of the Rockwall County Library

Upcoming Events & Fundraisers

If you have pictures of Friends events, please share! Send them to Stephanie via email smilberger@rockwallcountytexas.com or text to (972) 802-6436. Please include your name and the event.

Chico's Fashion Show

Tuesday, November 12 at 11 AM

It's our annual Chico's Fashion Show featuring the latest in holiday styles! Come see your Friends strut the holiday runway in Chico's exclusive outfits and accessories. This event is generously sponsored by **Toyota of Rockwall**.

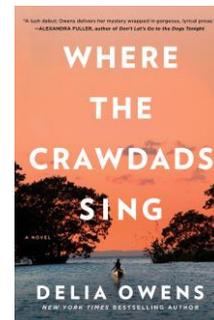
PLEASE NOTE: This is a **special fundraising event** and features boxed lunches and a raffle for a spa basket by Cate's Touch.

Contact Cathy Boewe for prepaid reservations at cathyboewe@gmail.com or (972) 400-9934. Reservations are \$30 per person.



Book Club: Monday, November 18

The Friends of the Rockwall County Library Book Club meets on the 3rd Monday of each month; meet in the Library's lobby at 8:50 AM. There are no officers, bylaws, or rules – just a group of people that enjoy reading and discussing books. Join us anytime!



Christmas Luncheon



Entertainment plans have been finalized for this year's Christmas Luncheon. The Rockwall High School all-girl a capella group Sting will perform at the December 10th luncheon.

Sting is made up of 17 freshmen through junior ladies who perform and compete all over DFW. Last year they finished 2nd place, just behind the UNT Green Tones, at the *Sing! Texas* competition.

They also released their first single, "Ocean Eyes" on Apple Music, Spotify, and all other platforms. This year, they plan to finish their first EP and shoot a music video in 2020. Sting is directed by Parker Lessmann.

This marks the 17th year of an event that has become a local tradition. Following the program, a buffet lunch will be catered by Robert Zachary of Zach's Catering. The event is sold out.

News & Updates

Toyota's Generous Gift



Steven Jackson, President of Toyota of Rockwall, presented a check of \$1,000 to Rockwall County Friends of the Library on September 13, 2019 as an Event Sponsor for the 2019-2020 calendar year. Fundraising Co-Chairs Edie Zehr and Milly Cundy were on-hand to receive Mr. Jackson's gift on behalf of the organization.

Event Sponsors help the Fundraising Committee defray the cost of the events and all proceeds will be presented to our County Library and will be used for projected needs, services and special projects to include supplemental funding to the Children's Programs, Adult Literacy Center and assist the

Library with funding for supplement purchases to improve the quality of services. Toyota of Rockwall is well-known in the area for their generous support to the Rockwall Community.

Yearbook

Be sure to pick up your 2019-2020 Yearbook pages from the Circulation Desk at the Library. If you are a new member and have not picked up a binder, there are binders for you at the Circulation Desk also.

Membership

Do you know someone that's not a member of Friends of the Library? Pick up a Friends brochure at the Library and invite them to become a Friend and help support the Rockwall County Library.



Business Memberships

Calling all members who deal with businesses in Rockwall County each day. **YES, YOU!**

Friends needs your help increasing the number of business members. Take a brochure from the rack in

the lobby of the Library and give it to just one business you deal with. Tell the person the importance of Friends and the Library to the people of Rockwall County. Friends of the Library supports the wonderful programs offered by the Library for children, teens, and adults, and helps purchase materials and equipment. We are the main support of the Literacy Program, which changes lives by helping people learn to read, learn English, earn a GED, and achieve their goal of becoming citizens.

We need to spread the word and YOU CAN HELP. Will you?



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. 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 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

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.

