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August 2020

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## Welcome Back!



What a year 2020 has been! It's not exactly the start to the Friends of the Library year we planned. We are looking for ways to continue our projects and fundraisers this fall, so stay tuned for those. At our annual "kick-off" meeting, our wonderful board came up with some very creative ideas to continue even in the pandemic. Our program chairs are hard at work rescheduling our speakers, and hopefully in the spring, we can get things back to normal! In January, we are looking forward to our **Chico's fashion show**; our fundraising chairs wanted to shake things up a little and showcase spring fashions this year. In February we are looking forward to hearing **Carmen Goldthwaite** regale us with tales of "**Dames of Texas.**" In March, we'll get to learn about "**The Art of the Tea**" from **Dr. M. Joan Terry** at our Spring Tea with Hats fundraiser (prepare to decorate your table!). In

April, we'll hear from the incomparable **Rose Mary Rumbly and Jill Broom**. Then in May, we'll get to solve the "**Murder of the Loaded Librarian**" at a murder mystery play starring many of our local dignitaries. At our program luncheon in May, we'll be entertained by **Trent Blackley and Michael Bridges** singing country music at its best!

This is definitely a year like no other. As soon as we safely can, we will meet together to continue to learn, serve, and continue our mission supporting the Rockwall County Library. I look forward to seeing you all soon; in the meantime, stay healthy and stay safe.

Madelyn Hill  
2020-2021 Friends President

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## Yearbook

The 2020-2021 Yearbook will be available online through the Friends website. More information to follow in a later email with instructions on how to access it.

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## Membership Update

Please welcome our new "Friends"! We're grateful to those who renewed their membership for 2020-2021.

Did you forget to renew? Pick up a membership form at the Library or visit [our website](#) today!

Do you know someone who's not a member? Refer them to [our website](#) because you can never have too many Friends!

## 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. Join us anytime!

Contact [Joan Wells](#) for a Zoom invite.



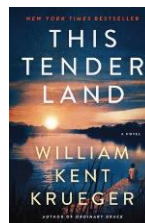
**Monday, September 21**

*The Giver of Stars* by Jojo Moyes



**Monday, October 19**

*The Lost Girls of Paris* by Pam Jenoff



**Monday, November 16**

*This Tender Land* by William Kent Krueger

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## Upcoming Events & Fundraisers

*All Friends General Meetings and programs have been canceled thru December 2020.*

*The following events are tentatively scheduled for 2021.*

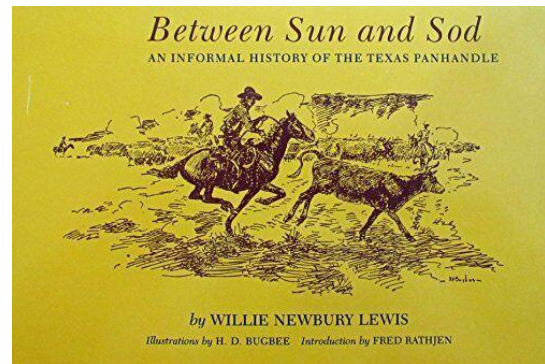
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### ***Book Review: Between Sun & Sod by Willie Newbury Lewis***

**Tuesday, September 14, 2021**

General Meeting & Luncheon  
*featuring Ruth Sears*

“A story of the Texas Panhandle during those romantic years when grass was free, and the frontier was a single, boundless range of prairie and plain.”



### ***Speaker: Skip Hollandsworth***



**Tuesday, October 12, 2021**

General Meeting & Luncheon

Walter Ned "Skip" Hollandsworth is an American author, journalist, screenwriter, and executive editor for *Texas Monthly* magazine. His true crime history, *The Midnight Assassin*, about a series of murders that took place in Austin, Texas, in 1885, was on the *NY Times* Bestseller List. In 2010, Skip won the National Magazine Award for Feature Writing from the American Society of Magazine Editors.



### 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](http://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](http://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.

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