

# Library Friends of Conroe

## Fall 2008 Book Nook Notes

Dear Library Friends,



**Can you believe it is already time for the Fall book sale??**

**\*\*BOOK SALE MEETING ON SEPT. 12<sup>TH</sup> CHANGED TO SEPT.13<sup>TH</sup> AT 10:00 AM DUE TO LIBRARY HAVING TO CLOSE FOR SYSTEMWIDE TRAINING.**

You helped us raise **\$6,600 at the Spring book sale**—thank you! Let's do it again! Troop 292 Boy Scouts will come on Monday, Sept. 29<sup>th</sup> starting at 1:00 p.m. to move and unload boxes of books for the sale. Phyllis McDonald is once again the Scout mother in charge. If you can help set up, come on down! We will be there until 8:30 Monday evening.

***Fall Book Sale-October 2, 3, 4***

**Your "Admit" card is at the bottom of the enclosed silent auction list.** Bring it with you on Thursday, Oct. 2<sup>nd</sup> to get into the sale that starts at 5:00 p.m. Come early and start bidding on the silent auction items at 3:00 p.m. There's also a \$1 off coupon on the admit card!



- **WHAT YOU CAN DO TO HELP WITH THE SALE:**

**Recycle your gently used clutter!** Donate your books, videos, music, (sheet music, cassettes, CDs), art, radio, stereo, audio books, puzzles, games, etc. **We can't accept any old computers or encyclopedia sets** due to storage space (and back problems!) Bring your **donations** to front desk at Central Library. Remember our motto: **Bring it, we'll sell it!**

- **Kroger Share Card** is back. I am enclosing the letter that you need to give to the cashier. Once it is scanned with your card, that's it! You must take the letter to link your card with Library Friends of Conroe. Only one organization can be linked to each card.
- **New Life Members=** Book nooker Kate Schultz and paperback volunteer shelver Iris Peiffer-thank you for your support!
- **Matching Funds=** Kate Schultz took advantage one last time before American Express terminated this service-we got \$110.00!
- **Space Week-Sept. 15-20<sup>th</sup> at Central!** Celebrating NASA's 50!

## WE LOVE OUR LIBRARY FRIENDS WHO VOLUNTEER!



**Meet Vi Derby**, who volunteers in the book nook on Tuesday mornings. “We moved to the Willis area in 2001 and our neighbor recommended Dr. Christopher and that, of course, led to Vicki- who invited me to a planning meeting for the upcoming book sale in April 2002. Since I had been involved with book sales at our daughter’s schools, I was hooked in becoming a Library Friends of Conroe Volunteer. We moved from Houston where we lived for 30 years and raised 3 daughters, who are now all married and two live in Houston and one in Conroe. We have 3 grandchildren, ages 5, 2, and 1 ½ years.

My Husband, Newton, is a civil engineer, general contractor and consultant, and while raising a family we were also in the rental house business. Newt is a toy train collector and that has provided us with the opportunity (excuse) to travel to different cities in the U.S. to attend train conventions. I had traveled and worked around the world before we were married, but not in the U.S. This summer, we were in Vermont and Maine and enjoyed the cool weather and lobster!

I like to read murder mysteries which started with Nancy Drew in my childhood! I am currently reading “Nothing But the Truth”, by John Lescroart. Some of my other favorite authors are Vince Flynn, Robert Ludlum, John Grisham, Michael Connelly, and David Baldacci. I enjoy going to water aerobics, playing with the grandchildren, tole painting, and baking. My favorite books to buy at the book sale are cookbooks!” Vi is really an organizer in the book nook-I bet that her spices in her pantry are in perfect ABC order! Thanks for your hard work, Vi!

**Books for Soldiers:** We will be sponsoring the David George Memorial Books for Soldiers at our National Friends of Library celebration on Friday, Oct. 24<sup>th</sup> in the large meeting room at 11:30.

**2009 BOOK BUDGET CUT 60%.** You’ve read all about it. This is why it’s even more important to raise money and awareness regarding the library. We have less money in 2009 for books than in 1999. We had \$350,000 for books in 1999 - \$300,000 for 2009 for the entire system. Thanks to all for contacting your officials and to Marcie Sandall for speaking at court. Library director, Jerilynn Williams, worked very hard to convince the court with library statistics. Keep letting your officials know you are concerned.



Pizza Party!

- **Children and Young Adult Summer reading programs** were hits! We received thank you letters from children's librarian, Laura Harper, young adult librarian, Carole Blossom, a super sized card from the children & young adults that are displayed in the book nook. We sponsored the huge pizza party for the children's ending event, along with the young adults. **932 children and 123 teens participated** and about half of each group completed their goals! I was able to attend the beginning and ending children parties and it was incredible! This truly was the largest attendance we have had. Librarians feel that besides the great programs, people had "staycations" due to gas prices, and were looking for free things to do.



- **South Friends' book sale** is on October 9, 10, and 11 at the Community Center, adjacent to South Regional Library on Lake Robbins Drive in the Woodlands. With the book budget cut for 2009, we need to raise \$\$\$\$
- **Book Sale Soup recipe:** Get your crock pot out, throw this all in on low for several hours, and come on to the sale! Nobody will know how easy this recipe is but you!

1 (15 oz.) can chili	1 (11oz) can corn
1 (10 ¾ oz). can vegetable beef soup	1 (10 oz) can mild Ro-tel
1 (10 ¾ oz. can tomato soup	Fritos or tortilla chips
1 (14.5 oz. can stewed tomatoes	

Put chips in bottom of bowl and pour soup over. Now, pig out and read!

- **5 best convention accounts:** Still want more after the political conventions are over? CBS's Jeff Greenfield votes for his 5 best books.
  1. Team of Rivals by Doris Kearns Goodwin= (Abe Lincoln)
  2. Five Days in Philadelphia by Charles Peters (1940 GOP)
  3. The Making of the President 1960 by Theodore White
  4. Miami & the Siege of Chicago by Norman Mailer
  5. The Race by Richard North Patterson (political novel)



**Brad Thor at Murder by the Book=** The Last Patriot was #1 on bestseller list when he was in Houston. This novel deals with the threat of an Islamic takeover of the US as the main plot. You will find a lot of Thomas Jefferson references, along with his main character=Scot Harvath- from 6 previous novels. In fact, it led me to find The Barbary Pirates book to continue research, along with Jefferson information. Thor went to Univ. of So. California and knew a lot of Muslims in college-plus his dad was a Marine. Thor wanted to deal with how some radical people who believe in the Koran can be inspired to be terrorists. TV talk show host, Glen Beck, worried about the book being published. When asked if Thor had received any death threats, he hesitated and said, "More than one." If you have read him, you know that the main character, Scot, is somewhat of a smart alec. Thor admitted that Scot is his alter ego. If the name is familiar outside of the book world, he used to host the "Traveling Light" show on PBS for several years, before his wife inspired him to start writing.

Y'all always ask me what I talked about to authors I meet. I told him that when I was reporting suspicious activity about flying lessons in the Conroe area, the FBI agent asked me what sparked my interest. I told the FBI agent that I read Vince Flynn, Brad Thor, Daniel Silva, Robert Ludlum. The agent said, "Oh, Brad Thor is my favorite!" You should have seen the smile on Brad Thor's face when he heard that!

He was asked if he is a Cubs or White Sox baseball fan. "Since my wife is a physician for the Sox, I'm going with the Sox." So, look for his books at the sale or check them out at the library. Best to stay in order due to character development, but any of them can be read alone.

**See you at the Sept. 13<sup>th</sup> meeting and at the sale,**

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