



November/December
2018

News from the Friends of the Robert Trail Library

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Upcoming 2019 Meeting Dates:

- January 14
- February 11
- March 11
- April 8
- May 13
- June 10
- July 15
- August 12
- September 9
- October 14
- November 11

Meetings are held in the Community Room of the Robert Trail Library and begin at 6:30 p.m. We welcome all members, new and old. Not a member? Show up anyway, and we'll make you one!

Become a FRIEND of the Robert Trail Library!

Join today! Only \$10/individual, or \$15/family.

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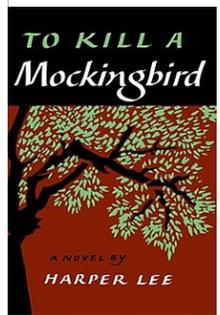
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THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER



Have you been hooked on *The Great American Read* on PBS? This 8-part series explored how we are affected by the stories we read and produced a list of America's 100 best-loved novels. The list was put together by national surveys and, according to the PBS website, it looked at "how and why writers create their fictional worlds," and what these books say about our country. Voting took place after each broadcast, and the Grand Finale was announced on October 23. Which book has the distinction of being America's most loved novel ever? *To Kill a Mockingbird* by Harper Lee. Having seen a great deal of controversy over many decades, it remains required reading on thousands of high school reading lists across the country. In one Mississippi school, students were allowed to read the book only if they had a note from their parents. How do you feel about the choice? Was it required reading in your high school? Find out more about the full list of 100 novels plus behind-the-scenes information on the selection process at pbs.org/greatamericanread.

~Jo Gilbertson, President, Friends of the RT Library

REPLACEMENT LIBRARY CARD CAMPAIGN

During the month of October, the Friends paid for replacing approximately 60 lost or misplaced library cards for patrons of the Robert Trail Library. This is an annual program we sponsor each fall.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS RE-ELECTED

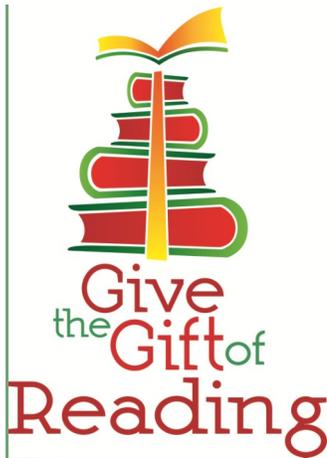
Our current board was re-elected to another year of service at our October 8 meeting (see box at left). If you are interested in learning more about the role of each Director, please contact Jo at friendsoftrt@gmail.com, or visit our website at www.friendsoftrt.org!

LOOKING AHEAD TO THE NEW YEAR...

2019 marks the tenth anniversary of the Friends of Robert Trail Library!

We will offer prize drawings, book bags for sale, and lots of great ideas to celebrate our accomplishments. Look for items in future newsletters and on our website.

...and speaking of our website, over the last several months we have been in the process of completely redesigning the Friends of RT site. It will be more user-friendly and allow members and library patrons to have easier access to our group and our events. Watch for an email announcing our official re-launch.



SAVE THE DATES—UPCOMING EVENTS!

We are so excited about our upcoming events, and we hope you can find one or two that spark your interest as well!

Thursday, November 1 - Kickoff Celebration for The Gratitude Wall. Join us at The Steeple Center for a celebration to kickoff the next great community art project to be known as *The Gratitude Wall*. The Friends will once again partner with the Rosemount Area Arts Council (RAAC) to bring area residents and employees together to express what they are thankful for with a unique and creative art project. This will be a year-long effort that will culminate in a finished unveiling in late fall of 2019.

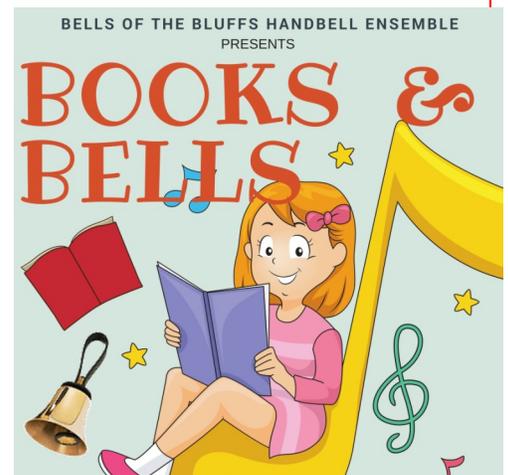
Doors open at 6:30 ~ VIP presentation at 7:00 ~ Refreshments will be served

Sunday, November 4 - Student Artist Reception hosted by RAAC and the Friends will feature the art produced by students at East Lake Elementary. Join us at the library from 2:00—3:00 p.m. to meet these awesome young artists. Cider and cookies will be served.

Sunday, November 4 - Our annual fall children’s book giveaway will be held at the library from 2:00—3:30 p.m. in the Community Meeting Room. Coupons for the first book free for each child in your family were given out at the Haunted Trail on October 27. If you did not receive a coupon at that time, no worries— just pick one up at the Friends kiosk inside the library.

Those who wish to purchase additional books may do so at this time. Hardcover books are 50 cents and softcovers are only 25 cents.

Saturday, December 8 - Bells of the Bluffs Hand Bell Ensemble, 10:30 a.m. Join us for family-friendly stories, songs and seasonal fun when the Bells of the Bluffs Hand Bell Ensemble comes to the Robert Trail Library. Children attending the event will be eligible for random drawings for free books related to the music.



March 22—23, 2019 - Our Third Annual Rosemount Writers Festival and Book Fair will have a new look this year. On Friday night, the keynote address will be given by local favorite mystery writer, David Housewright. Prior to his presentation at 7 p.m., there will be a social hour and catered dinner beginning at 6:00. On Saturday, we will offer an entire day of workshops on writing and publishing, in addition to a large book fair featuring the work of many local authors and publishers. More details will appear in future newsletters, on our website and at www.rosemountarts.com

April 23—27 - Our annual Book Sale! We will kick it off on April 23 with our members-only Preview Sale from 4—8 p.m. The sale will be open to the public from April 24—26, and the ever popular Bag Sale will be held on Saturday, April 27. Watch for more details after the first of the year, and as always, if you have books to donate, please drop them off in the vestibule of the Robert Trail Library in the book donation box.



The Friends’ monthly meeting for November has been cancelled. Since we normally don’t meet in December, we will see you in the new year—January 14—for our next meeting. We wish you a safe and happy holiday and a fantastic 2019!

Book/Library Trivia!

1. What nickname for 12-year-old Dolores Haze is the title of a 1955 novel?
2. What 1980 novel introduced a blue-eyed Cro-Magnon orphan adopted by Neanderthals?
3. What Florida novelist created a recluse character named Skink who avenges crimes against the environment?

ANSWERS IN THE NEXT NEWSLETTER!

Last month’s answers:

1. What two hobbits in Lord of the Rings share a birthday?
BILBO & FRODO
2. What became an established literary genre 50 years after *The Time Machine* was written?
SCIENCE FICTION
3. What title character is carried away from his family by The Man With the Yellow Hat?
CURIOUS GEORGE

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