

January/February  
2019

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 18
- December 9

*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.**

**Visit [friendsoftrt.org](http://friendsoftrt.org) for  
more details**

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**THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER**

In February of 2009, Robert Trail Library opened its doors. Within a few months, a call went out to the community to help form a supporting Friends group. We started with a modest group of six and after more than a year, became officially a 501(c)3 Tax Exempt organization charged with supporting our new library in whatever way we could. Our earliest events included sponsoring our first book sale in 2011 and marching in the Leprechaun Days parade in the same year. We now have over 200 community members on our mailing lists. We invite you to read more about our accomplishments elsewhere in this newsletter.

*~Jo Gilbertson, President, Friends of the RT Library*

**It's our Tenth Anniversary Year!**

**Throughout 2019, the Friends of Robert Trail Library will celebrate its tenth anniversary. Over those past ten years, we have:**

- Participated in community events such as Leprechaun Days and Haunted Trail;
- Put together 8 record-setting book sales;
- Supported library programming for summer reading, Lucky "U" books, and One Book One Rosemount;
- Hosted ice cream socials to kick off the Summer Reading Program;
- Purchased items for the library including chairs, footstools, and a brand new clock;
- Provided refreshments for Silver Teas and prize baskets for Winter Reads; and
- Offered free children's book giveaways twice a year.

**In addition, we have forged a wonderful partnership with the Rosemount Area Arts Council (RAAC) to provide support and volunteer efforts for:**

- Star Wars events
- One Tile One Rosemount
- The Gratitude Wall
- Rosemount Writers Festival and Book Fair
- Country Faire
- Writing contests

Other partnerships have been formed with DCTC, Books to the Rescue, and numerous groups to whom we have made book and monetary donations.

Your dues and money raised by the book sales help us financially support the programs and services of Robert Trail Library.

**Watch for new activities and events in the coming year!**





**Literary Humor Corner!**

1. Why is John Milton terrible to invite to game nights?
2. Why do words, phrases, and punctuation keep ending up in court?
3. What makes Civil Disobedience such a great essay? (answers below)\*

Last month's trivia answers:

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

\*(answers):

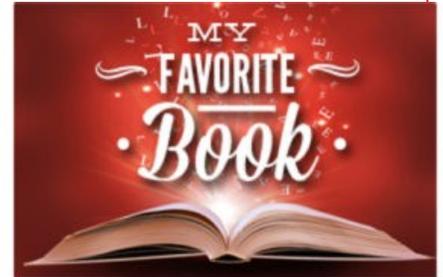
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|----|------------------|---------------|--------------------|-----------|----|------------------|
| 1. | Because whenever | he is around, | there is a pair of | dice lost | 2. | To be sentenced. |
| 3. | Thoreau editing. |               |                    |           |    |                  |

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**FRIENDS of the Robert Trail Library NEWS**

**THE GREAT ROSEMOUNT READ—VOTE NOW!**

In order to kick off our Tenth Anniversary in 2019, we invite you to participate in *The Great Rosemount Read*, modeled after the PBS special, *The Great American Read*. Each month kids and adults may submit their favorite book titles. You may vote as many times as you like, but no more than once per day. Nominated book titles will be recorded each month and their votes tallied. A random drawing will be held each month, and winners in each category will receive a \$10 Barnes & Noble gift card. In December, the winning book will be announced and the winners drawn will receive a \$50 B&N gift card. You'll find the voting materials at the information desk. Have fun!



**MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**

- **January 6** - Artist Reception for the students of St Joseph's School at Robert Trail Library at 2:00.
- **January - February** - Winter Reads
- **February 3** - Artist Reception for the students of Red Pine at Robert Trail Library at 2:00.
- **March 3** - Our "Cabin Fever" Children's Free Book Giveaway
- **March 22—23** - Our **Third Annual Rosemount Writers Festival and Book Fair** will have a new look this year. On Friday night, March 22, local favorite mystery writer, David Housewright, will give the keynote address. Prior to his presentation, there will be a social hour and catered dinner beginning at 6 p.m. On Saturday, March 23, we will offer an entire day of workshops on writing and publishing. Also on Saturday, we'll host a large book fair featuring the work of many local authors and publishers. More details will appear in the March/April newsletter, on our website, and at [www.rosemountarts.com](http://www.rosemountarts.com)
- **April 23—27** - We will kick off our **Annual Book Sale** 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 in our next newsletter. As always, if you have books to donate, please drop them off in the donation box in the vestibule of the Robert Trail Library.

**MEMBERS' CORNER: IT'S TIME TO PAY YOUR DUES!**

January always comes with a reminder to pay your dues. Individual members pay only \$10, and families pay \$15. There are forms on our kiosk at the library, and you may submit your payment to any of the librarians. You may also pay in person at any of our upcoming events. Remember, your dues are tax deductible!



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