

The Friends of
PROSPER COMMUNITY LIBRARY

To: Members and Friends of the FOPCL

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The Library was closed for the month of April, but The Friends of Prosper Community Library continued to support activities and plan future events. On April 3rd, volunteers assisted with the movement of all the Library books from the shelves to the adjacent school corridor. Another team will reverse the operation on Sunday, May 2nd (and Monday if necessary), but this time the books will go onto the relocated shelves in what was the children's room. The Library will officially reopen on Thursday, May 6th.

The third meeting of the Boll Weevil Literary Society will be held Tuesday, May 4th at 6:30 PM at the Library. We are still in the beginning stages of establishing this group, and hope to attract new attendees at this meeting.

The kite flying day outside of the Library, scheduled for Saturday, April 24th was cancelled. We'll try again next year, when sufficient advertizing will be arranged to reach the desired age group. The Mothers Day card making activity scheduled for May 1st has been rescheduled to May 8th at 10:30, due to the status of the Library renovation. Stephanie Kimball will again be leading the craft activity.

On Thursday, April 22nd, on behalf of the FOPCL, I attended the candidate's night and presented a question regarding willingness of the Mayoral and Town Council candidates to support the Community Library with funding requests expected in the next one to two years. I followed up that opportunity with a presentation to the Town Council at its regular meeting on Tuesday, April 27th. The focus is now on completing a Needs Study to be partially funded by a grant, and the remainder allocated by the Town. This will potentially be followed by the first step in establishing a plan to finally separate the Library from shared space with the PISD, and locating the Library in a central location near/in the Town Center. The above activity is consistent with our Mission Statement which includes the item "6. *Advocate development of a Town supported, independent Community Library, supporting the Town Council and Library staff in the major endeavor.*" Since our Bylaws were established, we now also support the active involvement of the Community Library Board of Directors in this effort.

In response to the membership letters sent out in early March plus the addition of new Library members, the membership level in the FOPCL increased to twenty-four members. We still have a long way to go to match or exceed our level of 44 members in 2009. It is hoped that the opportunity to review and purchase books the day before the major book sale scheduled for May 22nd by joining the FOPCL will help us reach last year's total.

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"Of all the diversions of life, there is none so proper to fill up its empty spaces as the reading of useful and entertaining authors." Joseph Addison