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**Friends of Evelyn Meador Library Annual Newsletter**

**January 2020 Edition**

Dear Friends,

Once again, it’s membership renewal time for the Friends of the Evelyn Meador Library! If you have already renewed, please accept our sincere thanks for your support. If you would like to renew or become a member, please return the enclosed membership form found at the end of this newsletter.

We hope you have been enjoying Evelyn Meador Library and Friends Bookstore! Here are just a few of the programs and events that the Friends supported in 2019:

* April – 4th Annual Library Beautification Day
* June - Summer Reading Program/Evelyn Meador Library’s 31st Birthday Celebration
* November – Friends Holiday Book Sale
* December – Visit with The Grinch/Volunteer Holiday Reception

Here are some impressive 2019 library program statistics:

1. 270 Adult classes
2. 238 Children’s classes
3. 252 Teen classes
4. 33 Citizenship classes
5. 536 ESL (English as a second language) classes
6. 46 Literacy classes
7. 193 Computer and Maker Space Classes

Evelyn Meador Library continues to be a cornerstone of our community. The program offerings are designed to benefit and enrich the communities that we serve. Plans for 2020 are equally as exciting!

**2020 Spotlight – Evelyn Meador Community Garden!**

**Sponsored by Seabrook Rotoract**



If you haven't heard, there's a community garden coming to Evelyn Meador Library!! Ground breaking began Sunday, February 9, 2020 and will continue throughout the year.

Here are the planned phases:

* Phase 1 – Memorial herb garden
* Phase 2 – Full scale fruit and vegetable garden
* Phase 3 – Food forest (trees with edible fruit)

We'd love for you to join us in this sustainable community project! Look for future volunteer opportunities! Here are several planned events:

* Public Work Days – 2/22/20 and 3/7/20
* Celebration Day – 4/27/20

The Friends depend largely on membership dues, book sales and financial donations. Our fundraising efforts help support library programs and offerings that enhance the community in which we serve. As a 501(c)(3) organization, all donations are tax deductible!

Here are a couple of convenient options to consider:

1. **Kroger Community Rewards Program** - if you’re not already linked to an organization, please consider taking part in this program. Kroger will contribute to participating organizations based on their percentage of spending as it relates to the total spending of all participating Kroger Community Reward organizations. Here’s how to set it up:
   1. Go to [www.kroger.com/signin?redirectUrl=/account/communityrewards/enroll](http://www.kroger.com/signin?redirectUrl=/account/communityrewards/enroll)
   2. Sign in with your Kroger account information or create a new account. A digital account is required to activate this feature.
   3. Find your Organization – search for “FRIENDS OF THE EVELYN MEADOR LIBRARY # 80603”
   4. Select and enroll. It’s that simple! Your enrollment in Community Rewards needs to be renewed each year.
   5. REMEMBER, purchases will not count towards rewards until after you have registered your Kroger Plus card and linked it to the Friends.
2. **Amazon Smiles** - register with Amazon Smile and every time you make an eligible purchase, Amazon will donate 0.5% to the Friends of Evelyn Meador Library! It's easy to sign up, doesn't cost you anything, and will directly benefit our organization. Here’s how to set it up:
3. Go to [www.smile.amazon.com](http://www.smile.amazon.com)
4. Sign in using your existing Amazon account or register for an account.
5. Under “Pick your own charitable organization” search for “Friends of the Evelyn M Meador Community Library”.
6. Click “Select” and you’re done! You should get an email confirming your Amazon Smile registration.
7. **Network for Good** - We’ve teamed up with [Network for Good](https://www.networkforgood.org/donation/ExpressDonation.aspx?ORGID2=76-0163564&vlrStratCode=ZBIKLld71T10x5IPIpbuMazzo2bMbbJ0WXxLl72rYjASPSA41xd8OikeiGsVAVA%2b) to bring you an easy, no fuss donation experience! It’s really simple…just click on the “Donate Now” link at the top of our Home Page; it will take you to a secure site that will walk you through the donation process. A receipt will be sent to your registered email address.

**Save The Dates!**

**4th Annual Library Beautification Event**

(Outdoor facilities only)

When: Saturday, April 4, 2020 from 10:00 am-12:00 pm

Where: Evelyn Meador Library

**2020 Friends Annual Meeting**

When: Tuesday, April 28, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

Refreshments will be served at 6:30 p.m.

Where: Evelyn Meador Library, Wallach Community Room

Guest Speaker: Barbara Cutsinger, Marketing Manager, Bay Area Houston Economic Partnership

Check our web site, [friendsofevelynmeador.org](http://www.friendsofevelynmeador.org/) for updates!

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**2020 Friends of Evelyn Meador Library Membership Application Form**

Clip completed form and mail with payment to:

Friends of Evelyn Meador Library

PO Box 684, Seabrook, TX 77586

\_\_\_ Family $10.00

\_\_\_ Patron $50.00

\_\_\_ Sustaining $100.00

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