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Thank You Brunch

Photos by Susan Ward

All those who volunteered at the Spring 2026 Big Book Sale were invited to attend the Thank You Brunch. It was held Wednesday, May 27th. As usual, **Judy Welcker** and her team did a great job providing a delicious brunch. **Marie Breerwood**, with the help of other volunteers, arranged the lovely centerpieces.



Mission

The Friends of The Jefferson Public Library is an independent, nonprofit organization of civic-minded volunteers. We support the Jefferson Parish Library by promoting library awareness, providing needed unbudgeted items for all its branches through fund raising, and participating in literacy programs.

2026 Volunteer Luncheon

This year's luncheon was enjoyed at Copeland's of New Orleans in Kenner on Friday, June 5th.

Photo by Anna Campos



Installation of officers and board members who were recently elected for a two year term.

Photo by Anna Campos



Our newly re-elected President Marie Orth receives flowers.

Photo by Robert Campos



Judy Howat (right) receives the Volunteer of the Year Award from Rose Catalanotto.

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Diane Schleifstein (left) receives the Volunteer of the Year Award from Sue Craig.



Enjoying good food and conversation.



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More Awards

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Maurice Coman receives the Bin Award from Marie Orth.

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Diane Pittman and her husband Randy (not present) receive the Bin Award from Anna Campos.

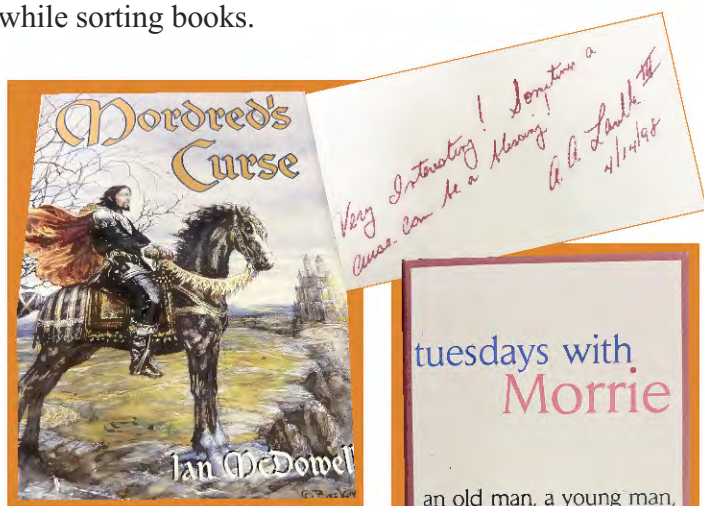
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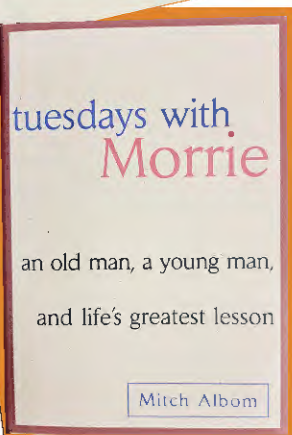
Michael Rodan receives the Friend of Distinction Award from Marie Orth..

Inscriptions

Friends volunteers continue to find inscriptions while sorting books.



Shared by Rose Catalanotto



Shared by Peggy Mathews



Photo by Rose Catalanotto

Juley Kennedy carefully checks donated puzzles to be sure all the pieces are there before the puzzles are sold at the book sale.

Rodney Tujague showing off his crazy cap. Rodney researches donated books to see if they can be sold on the Friends' online store.



Photo by Mopsy Donelon

A Little Lagniappe

Photos and Captions by Anna Campos



Molly McLanahan was out of school for the summer and volunteered with the Friends.



*Friends volunteer Liz Averill's husband, Gregory, grew some wonderful tomatoes which he shared with the Sorting workers.
Thanks Greg!
They were delicious!*



*Judy Cutting Her Cake:
Rose Catalanotto brought Judy Zawislak a confetti cake for her 80th birthday. Judy didn't want her picture taken, but here are her hands cutting the cake.*



On weekends, the book bins become overstuffed with donations. Volunteers have to pull out as many books as they can by hand from the front and back of the bins before they can even open them. Then the bins are hauled into the Sorting Center where the books are packed into boxes.



*Library of Things
Patrons can check out all kinds of things from the East Bank Regional and other Jefferson Parish Libraries. A list of some of the available items may be found under "Library of Things" on the JPL website.*

Summer Warehouse & Puzzle Sale

Held Saturday, July 25th
at the East Bank Regional Library *Photos by Anna Campos*

We just had our best warehouse and puzzle sale ever, selling more than \$2000 worth of puzzles and \$5 boxes. The boxes of CDs sold out in 28 minutes!



Children looking through the puzzles to choose just the right one or maybe two.



Customers having a great time at the sale.



Almost empty children's section.

The MLIS Reception – July 29, 2026

*Photos by Mopsy Donelon
Center photo by Patricia Cox*



*Jessica Styons presents
Certificate of Achievement to
Asrael Bourgeois.*



*Jessica Styons presents
Certificate of Achievement
to Paris Hughes.*



*Jessica Styons presents
Certificates of Achievement
to Michael Scott
& Isabella Bodin.*



*Cherreen Gegenheimer
presents Certificate of Merit
to Asrael Bourgeois.*



*Cherreen Gegenheimer
presents Certificate of Merit
to Paris Hughes.*

The Friends hosted a reception in honor of the library employees who completed their Master of Library and Information Science degrees. Congratulations to Asrael Bourgeois, Paris Hughes, Michael Scott, and Isabella Bodin.

We find good homes for used books.



In Memoriam



Dr. Meade H. Phelps, Jr.

November 28, 1946 - May 9, 2026



Meade passed away after a long battle with Chronic Lymphocytic Leukemia. He was the beloved husband of our own Peg Phelps, longtime treasurer of the Friends and co-chairman of the Big Book Sale.

Meade was known as a very active volunteer and supporter of all things "Friends" in his own right. He toted large quantities of donated books whenever necessary, provided home-grown garden flowers for many a Thank You Coffee and June luncheon, and attended both. For decades, Meade organized the alphabetized Choice Fiction tables at the Big Book Sale, directed lines of customers and facilitated the sale of large orders. An accomplished photographer, he was responsible for many of the photographs in our **Friends Trends** newsletters.

We wish Meade eternal peace. He will be sorely missed.

- Annette Centanni

HERE'S HOW WE DO IT!



The bins filled with donated books are rolled into the sorting center.



The sorters unload the books & place them in boxes in the center of the room.



All the books are transferred to the bookcases in their appropriate category. There they are checked, priced & packed in boxes for the Big Book Sale.



Ted collects the boxes on carts & makes numerous long treks to the storage containers. There he unloads the boxes & stacks them neatly.



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UPCOMING Events

General Meeting Wednesday, September 30, 2026

General Meeting and Volunteer Sign Up
for the Fall Big Book Sale held at the
East Bank Regional Library.

Tim Howat will discuss
How to self-publish children's books.



NOTICE

Due to changes at the
Pontchartrain Center, book
sale volunteers will need to
bring their own food & drink.

**Fall Big Book Sale
Thank You Brunch**
Friday, November 13, 2026



**Holiday Luncheon
for Library Employees**
Wednesday, December 9, 2026
at the East Bank Regional Library



Mark your
calendars so you
don't miss these
important dates!

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We Need Your Phones!

The sorting center is in need of your discarded phones. They are used to scan donated books in order to sell them on our online store.

*We Need
iPhone 8 or later with IOS
16.4 or higher or
Android 10.0 or higher.
Erase all personal information by
resetting the device to
factory settings.*



Thank You!



“There is no friend as loyal as a book.”

Ernest Hemingway

The Little Free Libraries Really Are Everywhere!

This one is in Jackson, Wyoming.



Photo by Susan Ward

If you are reading a print copy of this newsletter and would like to receive it online, send an email to friendsjpl3@yahoo.com. In the subject line write “Subscribe Newsletter.”

 The Online Sales Department is in need of small shallow boxes (3 inches high or less) and air pillow packing materials.

The Friends Need You!

Renew Your Dues or Become a Member.

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What's cooking at the Friends?

Need a Quick, Simple, and Delicious Treat?

Try these **Easy Pecan Turtle cookies!**

Recipe shared by Beverly Marino

Ingredients:

1 Box Pecan Sandies Cookies

1 Chocolate/Fudge Icing

20 -24 Whole Pecans

Directions:

Place one cookie in a cupcake cup.

Use a decorating piping bag with a large tip to put icing on cookie.

Add pecan.

Makes about 2 dozen cookies



Like to share a recipe?

Email a copy to benigo@cox.net and include a picture if possible.

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