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Friends of the Rockwall County Library

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2010-2011 Hartman Award

The nominations for Friends members who have been singled out by their peers for their efforts for Friends and for the Library are on Page 3. Please read about the nominees and vote for the Friend you think is most deserving of this award.

The Hartman Award winner will be announced at the May meeting.

April 12 Lunch Basket

Rotary Hall, 11:00 am

Please join us for Sheri Fowler's presentation of her newest book **Rockwall: Then and Now**.

Since the first settlers came to the area in the 1840s, Rockwall has been transformed from a pioneer colony, to a thriving farm community, and then to its current status as a popular suburb of Dallas.

With photographs from private collections as well as from the archive of the Rockwall County Historical Foundation, author Sheri Stodghill Fowler shows readers how Rockwall County has changed through the years. Fowler's own roots run deep, as her family has called Rockwall home for seven generations.

May 10 General Meeting

Rockwall County Library Community Room, 11:00 am

Installation of 2011-2012 Officers by Kathy Melston

Catered by The Cake Factory

Reservations

All reservations must be made by 5:00 pm the Friday preceding the meetings and/or Lunch Baskets. For all reservations Contact Leigh Plagens 972-771-8976 or cplagens65@aol.com.

Unless cancelled by the deadline, a reservation made is a reservation paid!

A Message From Linda Garrett, President

National Library Week is the second week in April. Since Rockwall County is privileged to have a wonderful library facility and comprehensive library programs for all ages, we need to celebrate. Tell our librarians and library staff how much you appreciate all the work they do to make our library the best. In the true Southern tradition, share one of your favorite desserts or see how you can volunteer. Last year many of our library patrons gave more than 10,000 volunteer hours of service to the library and the Adult Literacy Center. Rockwall County is a community who cares about the library. Say "Thanks!" during the week of April 11 - 16.

Linda Garrett, President

Rockwall County Friends of the Library

Library News from Marcine McCulley, Library Director

Dear Friends:

The annual reports for Texas public libraries covering fiscal year 2010 were filed with the Texas State Library and Archives Commission in March. I want to take this opportunity to share some of statistics for the Rockwall County Library with you. We have had another busy and successful year.

	2009	2010	% Change
Books and Serials Items (in print format)	65,178	72,725	11.58%
Audio Materials Items (audio books & music)	4,703	6,160	30.98%
Video Materials Items (VHS & DVD)	3,476	*3,364	-3.22%
(*decrease is due to withdrawal of adult VHS collection)			
Number of library circulation transactions	312,171	344,978	10.51%
Number of circulations of children's materials	163,281	181,628	11.24%
Total attendance at programs provided by the library	27,632	35,728	29.30%
Number of registered borrowers	29,948	32,048	7.01%
Number of library visits (gate count)	201,198	206,001	2.39%
Volunteer hours worked	9,870	10,008	1.40%
Public computer users	35,248	51,142	45.09%

Thank you for your passionate support of the Rockwall County Library! The staff and I want to express our thanks for all that the Friends do to help us and the local community.

Newsletter Information

If we have your email address, you will receive this Newsletter by regular mail and email this month.

Beginning with the August Newsletter you will receive the Newsletter by email. Sending the Newsletter by email will be cost saving for Friends of the Library.

Members who do not want the Newsletter by email or who do not have an email can still receive it by regular mail.

If we do not have your email address or it has changed, please send your email address to dave.calhoun@sbcglobal.net.

Your email address will be used ONLY for correspondence from Friends and for the Newsletter

Membership

Membership renewal forms will be mailed to you in April. Your dues are an important part of our fundraising efforts, so please be sure to renew when you receive the form. We will be working on the Membership list and the Yearbook during the summer. Please renew by June 1. Ask a friend or neighbor to join Friends of the Library.

Hartman Award

The Hartman Award is given annually at the May General Meeting. The award is presented to a member of Friends who has given of themselves freely and happily for the good of Friends and the Library. Members have submitted 3 nominations for your consideration. Detach the ballot at the bottom of this page and follow the instructions for voting. Please mail your ballot to be received by May 1, 2011. **The nominees are listed in alphabetical order.**

Darlene Bealmear

- Darlene was President of Friends of the Library 2009-2010.
- Darlene served as Chairperson of the Library Board 2007-2008. During that time she helped to officiate the Ground Breaking Ceremony and participated in the Opening Ceremony of the library.
- She served on the Steering Committee for planning the library.
- Darlene was also on the Steering Committee for Pumpkin Patch 2005-2007. .
- Darlene was Children's Activity Chairperson for Pumpkin Patch in 2007.
- She has participated in several fund raisers as Rock and Read, and the Christmas Luncheon.
- Darlene has also been very active in other community organizations and deserves our recognition for all she does for Friends of the Library and for the Library.

Carolyn Duckworth

- Carolyn has been an outstanding person in supporting the Rockwall County Library for many years. She has held different offices on the FOL board. She was president in 2004-2005.
- Carolyn has held a leadership role in Friends' major fundraiser Pumpkin patch since 2003. She has served as a member of the Steering Committee and held the office of Committee chairperson and worked as a week captain.
- For four years Carolyn has filled the tough job of Friends Coordinator for Pumpkin Patch.
- Since the Pickle Packers retired, she has been in charge of the pickles that are available for sale at the Pumpkin Patch each year.
- In the Rock and Read fundraiser for Reading for Adults, she was an active worker.
- Carolyn is always ready to "step up and step in" wherever and whenever there is a need.
- Carolyn is a very well-deserving and unique person to receive the Hartman Award from FOL this year. Carolyn is a dependable worker who willingly completes any job she takes on.

Kathy Melston

- I don't know of anyone who worked harder to get a new library and now she is working as a Friend.

Ballot for 2010-2011 Hartman Award

Vote for one candidate. Deadline May 1, 2011.

_____ Darlene Bealmear

_____ Carolyn Duckworth

_____ Kathy Melston

Mail ballot to Pat Calhoun, 1315 Champions Drive, Rockwall, TX 75087 or email to Pat at dave.calhoun@sbcglobal.net.. **ONLY ONE VOTE FOR EACH MEMBER, PLEASE.**