

2011-2012

October



**Friends  
of the  
Rockwall  
County  
Library**

**2011 CALENDAR**

Oct. 1 - 30

**Pumpkin Patch**

Location/Time: Ridge Road Center Parking Lot, 9:00 am - 7 pm daily

Oct. 11

**Lunch Basket**

Location/Time: Rockwall County Library, 11:00 am

Program: MusicFest Presents "Music Viva"

Catered by: Zach's Catering

Underwriter: Helen Kolodey

Dec. 13

**9th Annual Christmas Luncheon**

Location/Time: The Center at Rockwall City Place, 11:00 am

Program: Holiday Table Settings & The Rockwall High School Jazz Band

Catered by: Zach's Catering

**THE PUMPKIN PATCH**

**October 1 - 30, 9 am to 7 pm**

New this year, sign up to work a shift at the Patch on line at [rockwallpumpkinpatch.com](http://rockwallpumpkinpatch.com)

You will be able to see what activities and time slots volunteers are needed and enter your contact information and make a commitment on line. If you have questions email [volunteer@rockwallpumpkinpatch.com](mailto:volunteer@rockwallpumpkinpatch.com).

Robin Liane is the Pumpkin Patch Volunteer Coordinator. If you do not want to sign up on line or have a question, you may call Robin at 972-771-8360 or email to [volunteer@rockwallpumpkinpatch.com](mailto:volunteer@rockwallpumpkinpatch.com).

**PUMPKIN PATCH CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES**

There will be an exciting lineup of children's activities at the Pumpkin Patch each Saturday. Story time provided by Children's Librarian, Doreen Miller and her volunteers will be presented each Saturday from 11:00 – 11:30. Crafts and face painting will be available from 12:00 – 4:00. On October 15<sup>th</sup> from 12:00 – 4:00 children will be invited to decorate pumpkins. Officers from the Rockwall Police Department will be the judges.

Special programs will also be presented from 12:00 – 1:00. On October 1<sup>st</sup> George the Magician will be entertaining families. The Rockwall Children's Choir will perform on October 8<sup>th</sup>. Sandra McLean and her puppet partner, Beau Crow, will be with us on October 15<sup>th</sup>. Balloon art will be created by Jason Sledge from 12:30 – 2:30 on October 22<sup>nd</sup>. Also on the 22<sup>nd</sup> from 1:30 – 3:00 the Rockwall Fire Department will be at the Patch with a fire engine.

**LUNCH BASKET, TUESDAY, OCTOBER 11**

Rockwall County Library, Community Room, 11:00 am

Rockwall MusicFest is delighted to present Vito Guitilla for the Friend's of Library October luncheon. This is his second presentation for our group. Vito joined us prior to his entrance into SMU. He is now in his Junior year majoring working toward a BA in Music. This young man joined The Greater Rockwall Philharmonic Orchestra when he was fourteen years old. It will be a great pleasure to hear his musical growth through his devotion and study.

## **GREETINGS FROM THE PRESIDENT....Kathleen Broze**

It was so great to see so many smiling faces at our first General Meeting. Linda Robinson's program was so interesting and inspirational as she took us through the year she spent establishing the first USO in Iraq. Your generous donations were a great opportunity to show support and appreciation for our military troops.

Now it is time for some cool breezes and falling leaves. Pumpkin Patch is just around the corner so please take time to come and support our major fundraiser for the year. You can sign up online to work a shift or two, help set-up and tear down, or just bring your families to enjoy the children's activities and purchase all your fall decorating items. And don't forget to take home some of the fabulous deli items!

I look forward to seeing you at the October Lunch Basket. MusicFest always provides an exciting and entertaining program.

## **YEARBOOKS & MEMBERSHIP**

The Yearbook will be distributed again at the October meeting. If you are unable to attend the meetings, please arrange for someone to pick up your Yearbook to cut down on mailing costs.

Yearbooks will also be available at the Library check out desk for pick up. There will be a sheet for you to sign your name so we have a record of members that have picked up their Yearbooks.

Please welcome the following new members and members who renewed after the Yearbook was printed. Add these names to your Yearbook.

Connie Kuester, Dorothy & Don Williams,  
Kenda Cullpepper & Jim Pruitt  
Sally Mason,  
Margie Kirk,  
Mary Harrison,  
John and Lori Cummings

We are looking for new members! If you know a friend or neighbor who might join Friends of the Library, please contact Jane Buie at 972-772-0415 or Pat Calhoun at 972-772-1863 and we will mail them information on joining Friends.

## **FUNDRAISING**

Substantial cuts were made to the Rockwall County Library budget this year. These cuts will impact library personnel, programming, and funding new materials.

**Lunch Basket Underwriters...**We need to find underwriters for two Lunch Baskets. Do you know of a business or an individual who would contribute a minimum of \$100 up to \$500? The profits from the luncheons fund programs for children, teens, adults, and adult literacy. We will feature the underwriters' names prominently in press releases and at the event.

**Pumpkin Patch....**is just around the corner. The Patch is the largest fund raiser for the Friends of the Library and absolutely necessary for funding library programs. Please be thinking of ways you can help. We still need week captains for the first two weeks and a set-up/tear-down chairperson.

**Contact** Linda Garrett ([fundraising@friendsofrockwallcountylibrary.com](mailto:fundraising@friendsofrockwallcountylibrary.com)) if you have any ideas for fund raising activities.

## **LIBRARY NEWS ..... From Marcine McCulley, Director**

On behalf of the library staff, I want to thank you for all of the support that has been offered the library during the difficult county budget process this year. County funds for the operation of the library for the 2012 fiscal year were reduced by \$200,000 in the final budget vote, cutting one full time librarian, reducing a library assistant from full time to part time, and eliminating another 27 hours per week in part time hours, in addition to various cuts in databases, supplies and other areas. Friends and other community members worked hard to encourage the commissioners and county judge to minimize the library cuts and this effort is greatly appreciated, as the initial proposed cuts were more severe. We will continue to offer as many programs and services as possible with our budgeted funds and intend to retain our current operating hours.

Our fall program season has begun, with regular children's story times and special programs including a nutrition program for adults at 2pm on October 22 and a special family Enchanted Forest Adventure in the children's area all day on October 27.

We are proud to congratulate retired Rockwall County Library Director Kathy Melston on recently receiving the Northeast Texas Library System Lifetime Achievement Award. The award description reads: "in recognition of having had a lasting impact on libraries, this award is given to honor 10 or more years of exemplary library service which demonstrates a sustained pattern of growth in understanding and responsibility". Kathy has been a wonderful asset to the library community in Northeast Texas.

### **SEATS GOING FAST FOR 9<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON**

Groups of friends are banding together to create holiday tables for eight at this year's special Lunch Basket held on December 13 at The Center at Rockwall CityPlace, S. Goliad at Washington Street. Friends of the Library will set up large round tables with white tablecloths. Hosts will add their special touches with pottery or china, flatware, crystal, and a centerpiece.

Everyone is invited to attend this event but it is critical that reservations be made now. Because of space considerations, we are limiting the number of tables that can be filled by hosts to 20. The remaining 10 tables will be filled by individual reservations in the order reservations were received. We have a wonderful response so far and will be starting a waiting list soon.

Doors will open at 11 o'clock for the public to view the tables. The RHS Jazz Band and director Michael Jones will entertain with seasonal music. Zach's Catering will cater a buffet lunch again this year.

For more information about hosting a table, call Pat Calhoun at 972-772-1863, or Nell Welborn at 972-722-3084. For reservations for this event only, contact Pat Calhoun at the number above or by e-mail at [christmas\\_lunch@friendsofrockwallcountylibrary.com](mailto:christmas_lunch@friendsofrockwallcountylibrary.com)

### **MEETING & LUNCH BASKET RESERVATIONS**

All reservations must be made by 5:00 pm the Friday preceding the meetings and/or Lunch Baskets. For all reservations (except Christmas Luncheon) Contact Leigh Plagens, 972-771-8976 or email [lunch@friendsofrockwallcountylibrary.com](mailto:lunch@friendsofrockwallcountylibrary.com). Unless cancelled by deadline, a reservation made is a reservation paid!