

# *Library News*

## *Friends of the Lena Armstrong Public Library April 28, 2022*

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- COVID-19 Response
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### **Brief History of Friends: Friends are 21 years old**

- Organizational Coffee - April 23, 2001
- First Book and Author Luncheon - February 26, 2005
- December 2008 1<sup>st</sup> book giveaway @ Christmas on the Chisholm Trail
- August 2011 - 1<sup>st</sup> Bookfair for Summer Reading participants
- April 2012 - 1<sup>st</sup> Turtle Festival free books for children.
- 2014—began partnering with Helping Hands Bundle of Joy program to provide a book to new parents & babies
- 2014—Began partnering with Altrusa of Temple to provide Library flyers and hygiene bags for Belton's Apple Tree project.
- December 2014—1<sup>st</sup> Christmas on the Farm books for children
- February 22, 2020—Author's luncheon moved to Belton's Church of Christ
- February 2021—Luncheon canceled due to Covid -19



## **Importance of Friends**

### **Bringing Joy to a child**

The most important thing the Friends do is provide funding for the free book giveaways at local events and library programs for children:

- ◆ Christmas on the Chisholm Trail
- ◆ National Night Out
- ◆ Kiwanis Turtle Festival
- ◆ Summer Reading Program
- ◆ Bundle of Joy

- ◆ Christmas on the Farm
- ◆ Helping Hands Little Free Library

The joy on a child's face when they realize that they can keep the book is priceless.

Thank you for your support.

*Kim Adele Kroll*

Director of Library Services

All quilt squares represent friendship

**Good Friends we've said goodbye to**

Jeannette Kelley  
 JoAn & Doug Dillard  
 Joe Baisden  
 Berneta Peeples



**Library Board**

Frances Fennessy—President  
 Peggy Williams—Vice President  
 Kari Martin—Secretary  
 Janice Pustka  
 Roxanne Sanders  
 Sandra Velo  
 Chad Green

**Friend's of the Library Miscellaneous Purchases**

| Item                               | Amount          | Fiscal Year |
|------------------------------------|-----------------|-------------|
| Furniture & Miscellaneous          | \$9,000         | 2011, 2012  |
| Microfilm Machine Upgrade          | \$6,179         | 2013        |
| Furniture, Carpets & Miscellaneous | \$1,943         | 2015, 2016  |
| Book Repair Machine                | \$1,389         | 2016        |
| Needs Assessment                   | \$2500          | 2018        |
| Redesign & Furnish Meeting Room    | \$6,800         | 2019        |
| <b>Total</b>                       | <b>\$27,811</b> |             |



**Bundle of Joy**







| Date  | Event  | #Books        | Cost            |
|---|--|---------------|-----------------|
| FY 2008 - 2011  | Total Fiscal Years 2008-2012                                     | 826           | \$ 5,189        |
| FY 2012 - 2014  | Total Fiscal Year 2013 - 2014                                    | 6,606         | \$11,693        |
| FY 2015 - 2016  | Total Fiscal Year 2015-2016                                      | 4,060         | \$ 8,754        |
| FY 2017   | Total Fiscal Year 2017   | 1,417         | \$ 3,425        |
| FY 2018   | Total Fiscal Year 2018   | 1,476         | \$ 3,981        |
| FY 2019   | Total Fiscal Year 2019   | 1,957         | \$ 4,498        |
| FY 2020   |  |               |                 |
| Oct-19  | National Night Out   | 20            |                 |
| Oct-19  | Christmas on the Farm  | 125           |                 |
|   | Christmas on Chisholm Trail<br>1011 bks                          | 716           | \$ 1,987        |
|   | 600 bks gave away, 441 left over                                 |               |                 |
|   | Ornament Extravagance gave<br>away 30 bks                        |               |                 |
| <b>March 24, 2020 closed COVID: May 20, 2020 open 25%</b> |  |               |                 |
| May-20  | Summer Reading Facebook &<br>Craft bags                          | 1125          | \$ 3,000        |
| FY 2021   |  |               |                 |
| Dec-20  | Craft Extravaganza 288   |               |                 |
| Mar-21  | Spring Break Grab Bags 97  |               |                 |
| Apr-21  | Summer Reading Books   | 403           | \$ 890          |
| FY 2022   |  |               |                 |
| Oct-21  | National Night Out 10  |               |                 |
| Oct-21  | Helping Hands 244  |               |                 |
|   | Baylor Scott & White Children's<br>Intensive Care 177            |               |                 |
| Dec-21  | Christmas on the Chisholm Trail<br>only had bonus books left 100 | 617           | \$ 2,001        |
| Feb-22  | Event Blind Date with a Book                                     | 30            | \$ 130          |
|   |  |               |                 |
| <b>Total</b>  |  | <b>19,378</b> | <b>\$45,548</b> |

## National Night Out 2021

Books are for Sharing



Gift from the Friends of the  
Lena Armstrong Public Library

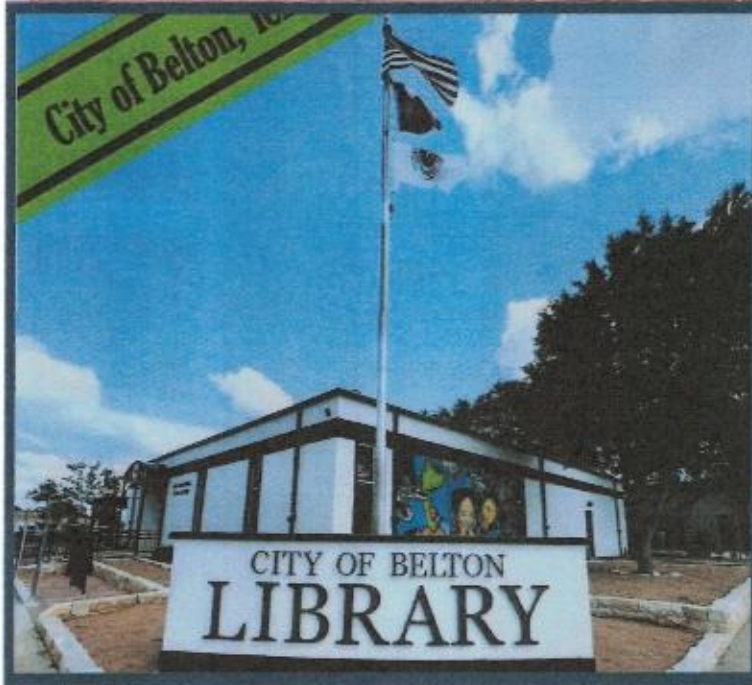
Summer Reading  
2021  
Tails and Tales





### What is Going on @ the Library

**Mission Statement:** The Lena Armstrong Public Library connects and engages our community through education, access, and inspiration.



**Vision Statement:**  
To Educate, Enrich, and Encourage



### BISD Spring Break

March 14–18, 2022

The Library hosted the spring fair on Wednesday March 16. We had Kona Ice here and gave free snow cones to the kids. There were snacks, crafts and a Lego table to build whatever they wanted.

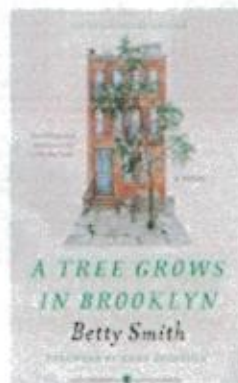
### Summer Reading 2022: Oceans of Possibilities, Dates June 6 –July 15, 2022

If you would like to be a story time reader please fill out a volunteer form.

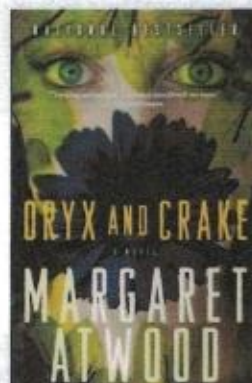
### Library Staff Favorites



Kim Adele Kroll



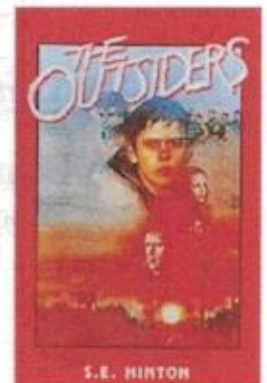
Lauren Gommert



Kievan Menapace



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