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FRIENDS OF IRVING PUBLIC LIBRARY HOLD ANNUAL MEETING
Volunteers supporting local literacy, culture and vibrant community

(IRVING, TEXAS) — The Friends of the Irving Public Library, a service organization committed to community literacy and healthy public libraries, will hold its annual business meeting at 3 p.m. May 10 at the Irving Central Library Auditorium, 801 W. Irving Blvd. The meeting will highlight achievements from the past year, elect new leadership, and call for volunteers. Anyone interested in joining the Friends or wanting to support literacy and libraries in Irving is invited to attend.

The Friends of the Irving Public Library has more than 550 members. It receives donations, raises funds for library programs, and provides logistic support at library events, such as author appearances. In the past year, the Friends gave more than \$30,000 for library programs, including the Summer Reading Challenge and Irving's Big Read, a citywide annual community literacy program. In the past year, the organization contributed to the creation of the Mickey Watson Quiet Room at the East Branch Library, held special fundraisers to stock classroom libraries with quality literature, and provided \$25,000 to the library's budget for books and DVDs.

The Friends biggest fundraiser of the year is the Annual Book Sale, June 5 through 8 at the city's warehouse, 3000 Rock Island Road. Thousands of hardback and paperback books, music CDs, DVDs and video tapes will be available for the general public to purchase starting June 6. The organization holds additional book sales on the first Wednesday of most months, which are open to members-only. Individual membership begins at \$15 annually.

This year's Friends of the Irving Public Library annual meeting follows an Irving Chautauqua appearance by Susannah Charleson, dog rescuer and author of "The Possibility Dogs: What a Handful of Un-adoptables Taught Me About Service, Hope and Healing," starting at 2 p.m. Both events are free to the public. For more information, call (972) 721-4612.

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