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FRIENDS

Soon we will be using a new logo for the Friends of the Dripping Springs Community Library, which will replace the existing logo (left). We want your input, so cast your vote and stay tuned for the results. Details below.

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## Help select our new logo...

Graphic arts designer and Friends board member, Karen Crowther, has put her creative genius to work to create the new look for the Friends of the Library. The board has reviewed a number of renditions, and is now asking for community input to help with the final selection. Pictured are the two top choices. Next time you visit the library, please take that opportunity to indicate your preference. The two final designs will be on display in the library lobby through May 31. You may also send an email to [friendsofdslibrary@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofdslibrary@gmail.com) indicating your preference. We hope to institute the official "new look" very soon. Our thanks to Karen for donating her creative talent toward establishing a unique brand for the Friends of the Library.



## Get your raffle tickets now!

kindle fire

The perfect family tablet, with the best in kids' entertainment



Please be reminded there is still time to make a donation to the Friends of the Library and obtain your raffle tickets for our latest fundraiser. A Kindle Fire will be the big prize and two Amazon.com gift certificates will also be awarded. Tickets are priced at \$3 each, two for \$5, five for \$10. Tickets may be obtained at the library or by email to [friendsofdslibrary@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofdslibrary@gmail.com)

## Friends connect with new friends at Founders Day Celebration - Bake Sale, Operation Gratitude & more...



Jan Robinson and placard carrying sidekick, Sierra

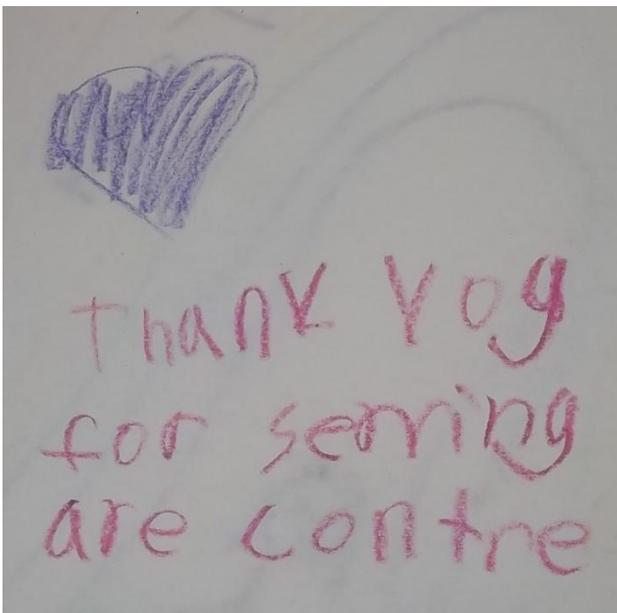
Our many volunteers heaved a weary sigh of relief at the conclusion of the Founders Day weekend, but it was with a feeling of a job well done. The goal of acquainting attendees with the library and its many programs was clearly met. In addition, money was raised through the bake sale and Kindle Fire raffle, and everyone came away with a particularly good feeling about participating in Operation Gratitude, a letter writing campaign for our men and women in the armed forces overseas (more on that below). Hats off to the long list of ladies who opened their hearts and their ovens, producing a tantalizing array of baked goods, the sales of which went 100% to support the library's programs. Among the most ardent of the Friends' new friends was Sierra, canine companion of volunteer Jan Robinson. Jan and Sierra teamed up to tour the area, advertising our booth (you can see who did the heavy lifting). It was unanimous that Sierra should become our newest card-carrying volunteer.



Library staff member, Amanda Rorie (left), alongside two young letter writers, participating in Operation Gratitude.

## **Operation Gratitude**

"Thank you for serving..." is what it's all about. Operation Gratitude is a non-profit activity, organized to send care packages to our men and women in the armed forces serving in harm's way. In addition to foodstuffs and other goodies, included in each package are three letters from home. Founders Day was the perfect opportunity to add our collective voice to that effort. Throughout Saturday and Sunday, visitors were able to pen their own special greeting to the troops. In addition, several paper banners were available, allowing young people to add a short note and/or drawing. Though the Friends is primarily a fundraising support group, it was gratifying to be able to give back in addition to making our usual pleas for financial support. Thanks to all the passers-by who took the time to create their own personal message. We know they will be well received.



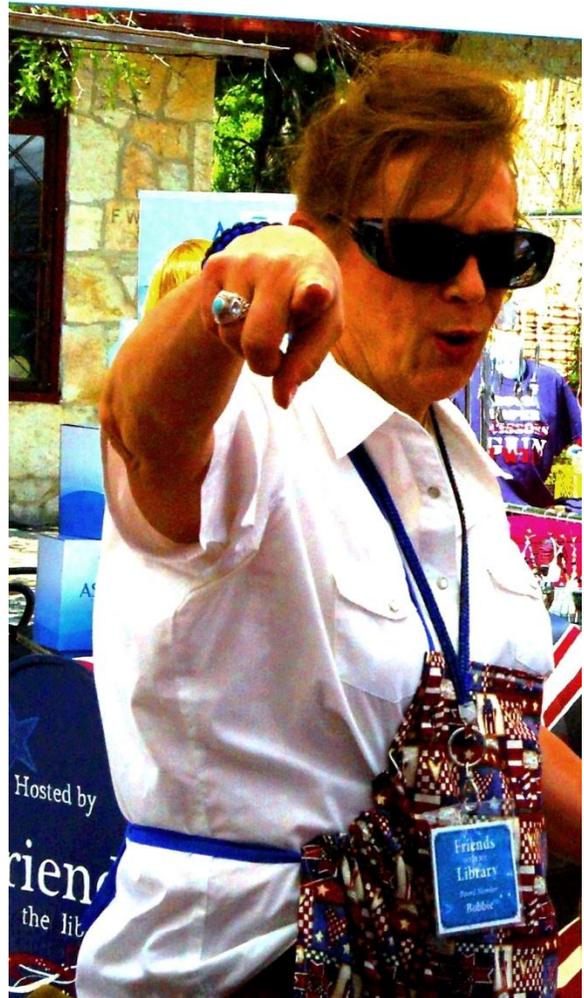
Still working on spelling, but the feeling is right on.



Nearly one hundred fifty messages were created for our troops.

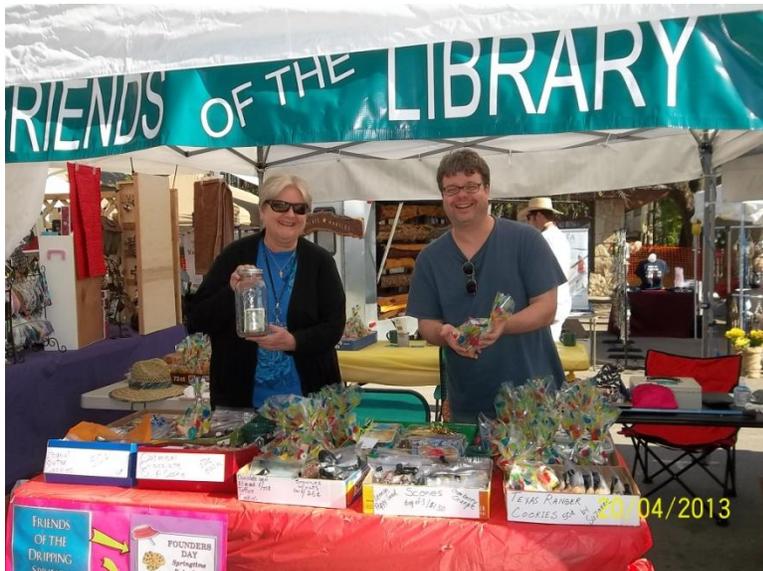
**FROM THE PRES, A BIG THANK YOU!!!**

To all of you who shared time, talent, and donations of baked goods, our presence at the Founder's Day booth was a fabulous success! We collected 145 thank you letters that are on their way to Operation Gratitude! These will be distributed in the care packages they send to our active duty military serving in places that are a long way from home. Thanks to all who took the time to stop and write a quick note of gratitude to those who are protecting our country. In addition to the letters, there were 8 banners the length of the 6 foot long table that were covered in pictures drawn by children and adults to express their support to those who protect our country. I know these will put smiles on the faces of all who will see them. A special donation of Starbucks goodies was also sent along to be included in care packages thanks to Stephanie Trexler, member of the Friends of the Library Board, and Starbucks regional manager.



Pres. Bobbie Hentschel wants you!

The Bake Sale raised \$200.00 dollars for the library and the ticket sales SO FAR for our raffle prizes totals \$645.00. But don't forget, the sale of raffle tickets will continue through the end of the month. Our goal is to make \$1000.00 for the library through this raffle. So tell everyone you know, if they haven't bought a ticket yet, there is still time to get a chance for that winning ticket at the circulation desk of the library through Friday, May 31st.



Jan Robinson, Treasurer, and Morgan Marion, IT staffer, hawking baked goods (L). The Operation Gratitude mailbox (above) was filled with messages of thanks and hope.



*Editor's Note: We talk about membership a lot. The Board of the Friends is constantly looking for ways to increase membership. This will improve our financial base and long term stability and provide a larger volunteer pool. You can help by becoming a member. It is so easy, and you know your donation will be put to good use enhancing the capabilities and programs of your own community library. Take a moment and do it. We need your help.*

**The time is now...**

## **Friends of the Library Membership**

You can provide much needed support to the library by becoming a member of the Friends of the Dripping Springs Community Library, Inc. To join, simply complete the form below and return with your dues to: **Friends of DSCL, Inc., 501 Sportsplex Drive, Dripping Springs, TX 78620.** or go to the Friends tab at [www.dscl.org](http://www.dscl.org) and contribute through Chase Quickpay

### **Annual Membership Levels (circle one)**

Caldecott \$25

Nobel \$50

Pulitzer \$100

Carnegie \$200

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