



Friends of the
Jeff Davis
County Library
Annual Report

2011

2011 has been a year filled with promise for the future of the Jeff Davis County Library. Along with our traditional events we have taken on a large project, that being a beautification and expanded utilization of the physical outdoor space of the library.

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Chair, Friends of the Jeff Davis County Library

Mission Statement

The Friends of the Jeff Davis County Library promotes and supports the vital role of the Jeff Davis County Library (JDC Library) in enhancing the quality of life for residents of, and visitors to, Jeff Davis County and inspires potential writers and readers through literary events, student scholarships, and community engagement as participants and volunteers.

The Friends of the Jeff Davis County Library (FJDCL) began modestly in the early 1990s when the Library was housed in the historic old jail in Fort Davis, Texas. FJDCL started as a small fund-raising group that sold canvas book bags, sponsored a July 4th barbeque, and conducted annual book sales. By the year 2000, with the Library's move to the larger historic Mercantile Building, FJDCL evolved into an active and vital membership group offering public programs, promoting volunteerism at the library, and contributing to the improvement of the Jeff Davis County Library. The current organization was formed and articles of incorporation were filed by founding members on May 2, 2007. A Board of Directors was established May, 2009, officers were elected, and soon afterwards the group officially achieved 501(c)3 status. Today this small non-profit organization has 58 life members, several annual members, plus 9 board members.

Notable events of 2011 include the following:

- Valentine-making in Valentine, Texas -- How appropriate! During the week before Valentine's Day (February 14) the Friends of the Jeff Davis County Library sponsored an event with glitter, stickers, paper, ribbons, and all required love letter crafting materials – not just in Valentine but also, in Fort Davis. These two events brought valentine-makers, young and old alike, to the libraries.

- We tried something a little different for a National Library week celebration (April 10-16) with a special guest appearance by "The Reading Fairy." National Library Week is a national observance sponsored by the American Library Association (ALA) and each April. It is a time to celebrate the contributions of librarians and to promote library use. This event was free to the public and was well received by those who attended.



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- Once again, the Friends awarded two \$1000 scholarships to high school graduates. Awards are based upon the student's academic standing, explanation of goals/future plans (via essay), teacher recommendations, and community involvement, and went to Winona Leon and Taylor Mathes. Winona is pursuing a career in teaching English and Taylor is interested in marine sciences.

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- Our 4th annual Midsummer Night's Dream Garden Party was held on Saturday, August 27th, 2011. This year's excerpts highlighted Othello. Donations received from this event help us provide community events and expand the book selection in the library. Dona Roman, Professor of Theatre and Director of Theatre Program at Sul Ross State University introduced the 4 Shakespeare selections performed by the Alpha Psi Omega theatre students of Sul Ross State University. In light of the partnership with SRSU on this event, the Friends made a \$300 donation to the Alpha Psi Omega Theatre Club, toward their planned trip to London.



- Our third annual campaign entitled 'Put a Dream Under the Tree' had the library buzzing with Christmas tree decorating and displaying sample children's books. We invited the community to stop by the Jeff Davis County Library, November 21st through December 31st to admire a display of

children's books and choose a book to become part of the permanent collection in the children's area. For a donation of just \$20, a book was selected to honor or memorialize a person of your choice, an ornament was hung on the tree, and a special bookplate will be placed in the front of that book donated to the library. This event contributed \$750 for children's books.

- This year we have taken on the Library Terrace Project of beautification, restoration, and increased utilization of the library. This project will provide seating, workspace, historical information, and a pleasant ambiance on the north yard of the library, formerly the loading dock. This project is a unique opportunity to partner with our fellow organizations: The Jeff Davis County Library, The Fort Davis Chamber of Commerce, Chihuahuan Desert Research Institute, Texas Historical Commission, the Fort Davis Historical Society along with local businesses to help make this dream come true. The Library Terrace Project has been awarded three grants totaling \$40,000, and has moved from concept to plan. More than half our funding goal has been reached, as we continue to offer the opportunity to participate in this worthwhile improvement to our community. We anticipate getting all necessary approvals to break ground soon. The ground breaking ceremony is scheduled for Thursday, April 19, 2012, at 5pm.

It has been a difficult year in our corner of the world. We have survived the record hard freezes of February, 2011, and then the massive Rock House Fire, the largest in Texas history, in April which burned more than 314,000 acres and 25 homes and businesses. Our contributors have given their attention to those who have lost so much, and that's as it should be. Fundraising for scholarships, children's book purchases, and the Library Terrace Project has been slow but steady, and we appreciate every single contribution. If you are inspired to make a tax-deductible contribution, please send a check to Friends of the Jeff Davis County Library, P.O. Box 425, Fort Davis, TX, 79734, or go to our website: <http://friendsjdcl.org/support/> where you can use credit cards or Pay Pal.

In 2012, we are excited to host a book signing by our own local authors in celebration of National Library Week (April 12). We will continue our community events, award scholarships, and begin the Library Terrace construction. We anticipate a phased approach to the construction as we have acquired half of the estimated cost. We will continue raising funds for this project to deliver a pleasing, functional, and comfortable outdoor space with classic furniture and fixtures to complement the historic building, and to facilitate increased utilization of the library and the services it offers.

Below is the initial concept drawing of our vision for the Library Terrace.



Please encourage your friends to join us in our mission to inspire potential writers and readers through literary events, student scholarships, and community engagement. We have room on the board for new members with fresh ideas and enthusiasm. If you are interested in becoming a member and/or in joining the board, please feel free to contact any of the current board members:

Executive Board:

Chair – Cyndee Barnes, McDonald Observatory, TX, 432-426-3671/512-589-1948 ~ cyndeebarnes@friendsjdcl.org

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Treasurer – open

Past Chair — Judy Thomas, Fort Davis, TX, 432-426-2544/214-536-5940 ~ jjthomas409@sbcglobal.net

Board Members at Large:

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Library Director (ex officio Member):

Toi Fisher, Fort Davis, TX, 432-426-3802 ~ librarian426@sbcglobal.net

Our next board meeting is April 25, 2012, 5:30 pm – 7:00 pm, at the library. You are welcome to come and participate in the discussions to make future events decisions. Refreshments will be provided.

2011 Income Statement	
Interest	\$ 48.89
Membership	\$ 1,160.00
Dream Sponsor	\$ 8,407.00
Library Terrace	\$ 15,405.55
Dream Tree	\$ 505.00
Misc.	\$ 2,731.87
Total Income	\$ 28,258.31

Friends of the Jeff Davis County Library		
Statement of Financial Position on		
December 31, 2011		
ASSETS (at Fair Market Value)		
Friends Checking	\$13,143.77	
Friends Terrace Checking	\$ 4,925.00	
Total Checking		\$18,068.77
CD #1507 - 04/18/2012 @ 0.5%	\$ 2,226.32	
CD #1533 - 06/03/2012 @ 0.5%	\$ 1,056.14	
CD #1660 - 01/17/2012 @ 0.4%	\$10,010.08	
Total Certificates of Deposit		\$13,292.54
Equipment	\$ -	
Real Estate	\$ -	
TOTAL ASSETS		\$31,361.31
LIABILITIES		
		<u>None</u>
NET WORTH		\$31,361.31

Friends of the Jeff Davis County Library Cash Flow 2011

	Date		CDs	Checking	Total
	12/31/2010	Balance	\$ 3,251.20	\$ 6,395.07	
NET VALUE EOY2010					<u>\$ 9,646.27</u>
Q1 Deposits:		Book Drive		\$ 1,345.00	
		Donations		\$ 5,425.00	
		Memberships		\$ 590.00	
		Interest	\$ 12.21	\$ 1.33	
Q1 Expenses:		Postage		\$ (28.00)	
Q1 Delta			12.21	\$ 7,333.33	\$ 7,345.54
NET VALUE 1Q11			<u>\$ 3,263.41</u>	<u>\$ 13,728.40</u>	<u>\$ 16,991.81</u>
Q2 Deposits:		Memberships		\$ 390.00	
		Donations		\$ 450.00	
		Interest	\$ 12.15	\$ 1.52	
		Grants	\$ 10,000.00		
Q2 Expenses:		CPA		\$ (55.00)	
		Book Purchases		\$ (1,297.71)	
		Printing Costs		\$ (60.00)	
		ALTAFF Membership		\$ (50.00)	
		Internet domain		\$ (50.00)	
		Postage		\$ (54.82)	
		Scholarships		\$ (2,000.00)	
		Volunteer Lunch		\$ (15.00)	
Q2 Delta			\$ 10,012.15	\$ (2,741.01)	\$ 7,271.14
NET VALUE 2Q11			<u>\$ 13,275.56</u>	<u>\$ 10,987.39</u>	<u>\$ 24,262.95</u>
Q3 Deposits:		Memberships		\$ -	
		General Donations		\$ 3,250.00	
		Terrace Project Donations		\$ 3,230.00	
		Interest	\$ 4.09	\$ 1.43	
Q3 Expenses:		Check Order		\$ (138.06)	
		Bank Fees		\$ (10.00)	
		Postage		\$ (210.34)	
		Printing		\$ (357.15)	
		Garden Party Refreshments		\$ (19.68)	
		Insurance		\$ (450.00)	
		Chamber of Commerce Dues		\$ (50.00)	
		Architect Drawing		\$ (500.00)	
Q3 Delta			\$ 4.09	\$ 4,746.20	\$ 4,750.29
NET VALUE 3Q11			<u>\$ 13,279.65</u>	<u>\$ 15,733.59</u>	<u>\$ 29,013.24</u>
Q4 Deposits:		Memberships		\$ 180.00	
		Terrace Project Donations		\$ 1,975.55	
		General Donations		\$ 625.00	
		Interest	\$ 12.89	\$ 2.14	
Q4 Expenses:		Bank Fee		\$ (10.00)	
		Printing		\$ (226.35)	
		Garden Party Entertainment		\$ (100.00)	
		Internet Domain		\$ (111.16)	
Q4 Delta			\$ 12.89	\$ 2,335.18	\$ 2,348.07
NET VALUE 4Q11			<u>\$ 13,292.54</u>	<u>\$ 18,068.77</u>	<u>\$ 31,361.31</u>