

FRIENDS OF THE JEFF DAVIS COUNTY LIBRARY

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Message from the President:

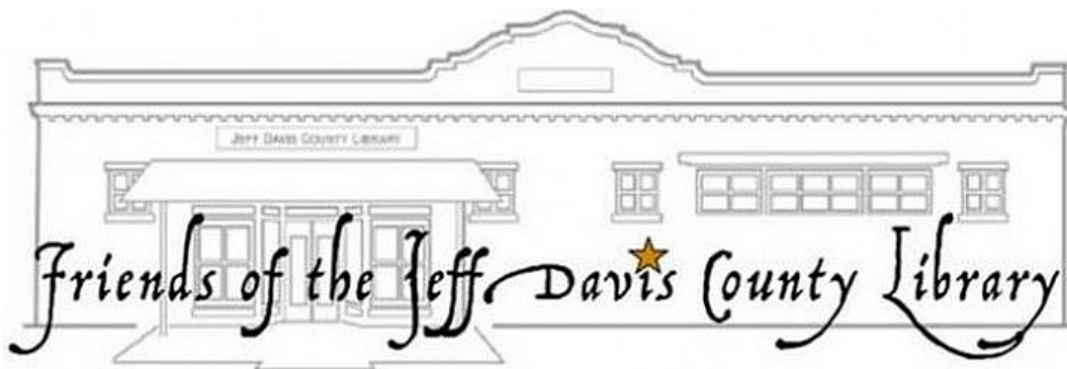
2015 was an active year for the Friends of the Jeff Davis County Library. Regular board meetings, previously held only quarterly, were increased to every other month, in an effort to keep board members engaged and to maintain momentum. -Jeanine Bishop, President, FJDCL

Mission Statement

The Friends of the Jeff Davis County Library promotes and supports the vital role of the Jeff Davis County Library (JDC Library) through literary events, student scholarships, and community engagement.

History

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 fundraising 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 approximately 135 members.



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Significant Events that the Friends hosted or participated in during 2015:

West Texas Rural Philanthropy Days Extra non-profit seminar, February

The board president and secretary attended this all-day event to gain knowledge on fundraising best practices.

National Library Week, April

We created an exhibit of poems by high school artists in the theme of "Seeing Poetry," in conjunction with the Chinati Foundation in Marfa.

Ride for Reading, May

FJDCL provided 225 books to the students of Dirks-Anderson School which the children were thrilled to choose. This was a first-time partnership between FJDCL and Scholastic Books.

Three Nancy Robinson Memorial Scholarships Awarded, May

Two \$1000 awards were made to graduating seniors from Fort Davis High School. One \$1000 award was made to a graduating senior from Valentine High School.

Pilot Club Volunteer Luncheon, May

Board president and two board members attended this regional volunteer recognition event.

Purchase of a large format flat screen monitor, June

Donated to the Fort Davis Library for use by the After School Kids program and for other presentations. Cart and cables also donated. Gift totaled \$1000.

West Texas Rural Philanthropy Days, July

Board president and two board members attended this multi-day training and grant-seeking event, resulting in an invitation to apply for grants from two funders.

July 4th Parade

"Books Are Your Friends" marchers participated. Koozie sale at the Chamber of Commerce booth to raise funds.

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Participation in "Texas Writes" Workshop, July

Meet the Author Event, August

Arnulfo Hernandez presented his book on Chicano soldiers, which included Sgt. Gonzales of Fort Davis.

Midsummer Night's Dream, September

Eighth annual Shakespeare event, hosted by FJDDCL and featuring the drama department of Sul Ross State University.

Meet the Publishers event, October

FJDCL presented the owners of El Paso's Cinco Puntos Press for an exclusive first-ever "Members Only" reception and program.

Launch of the Bryan Woolley Memorial Scholarship, October

New scholarship fund announced in memory of local writer, Bryan Woolley. Our new Board member, Marcia Hatfield Daudistel, originated the idea for this scholarship and raised almost \$4000 in four months.

"Put a Dream Under the Tree," December

Children's book display and sponsorship opportunity to add 45 new children's books to the library collection. For the first time, expanded to include Kay Johnson Memorial Library in Valentine.

Other FJDCL notes

- Began using Constant Contact email marketing tool
- Dramatically increased Facebook engagement
- Board has maintained a healthy financial position
- Membership numbers have remained stable
- Adopted accountability indicators
- Joined the Non-Profit Management Center
- Obtained secure storage for FJDCL supplies

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Board activity

Kathy Daigle, Judy Thomas, and Maggie McCollum resign.

Lisa Gandy, Vicki Gibson, Amanda Gomez, and Krysta Johns all join as new board members.

Additional Information

Photos and information about activities are available on our Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/friendsofthejeffdaviscountylibrary>

Additional information at our website: www.friendsjdcl.org

Financial report available upon request

Support FJDCL

Support our mission by becoming a member or making a donation. FJDCL is a non-profit 501(c)3. As such, your donation to FJDCL may be tax deductible.

Mail check to:

Friends of the Jeff Davis County Library

P.O. Box 425

Fort Davis, TX 79734

Or go to our website where you can use PayPal or a major credit card:

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2016 FJDCL Board of Directors

Executive Board:

President - Jeanine M. Bishop, Fort Davis, TX

Vice President - Vicki Gibson, McDonald Observatory, TX

Secretary - Elaine Harmon, Fort Davis, TX

Treasurer - Lisa Gandy, Fort Davis, TX

Board Members at Large:

Anne Adkins, Fort Davis, TX

Teresa Damm, McDonald Observatory, TX

Marcia Hatfield Daudistel, El Paso, TX

Amanda Gomez, Alpine, TX

Krysta Johns, Fort Davis, TX

Susan Pittman, Grapevine/Fort Davis, TX

Cathy Rhudy, Fort Davis, TX

Karen Rove, Valentine, TX

Library Directors (*ex officio* Members):

Toi Fisher, Fort Davis, TX

Lety Rangel Navarette, Valentine, TX

