

FRIENDS OF THE MOBILE PUBLIC LIBRARY

SPRING 2018



Annual BOOK SALE

Abba Shrine Center on 7701 Hitt Road

FRI - MARCH 23:

Preview Sale 3 - 7 P.M.

SAT - MARCH 24:

9 A.M. - 6 P.M.

SUN - MARCH 25:

1 - 6 P.M.

The Annual Book Sale will be held the weekend of March 24 & 25, 2018 at the ABBA Shrine Center located at 7701 Hitt Road Mobile, AL.

The Book Sale is open to the public Saturday, March 24 from 9 a.m. until 6 p.m. All hardback books are \$2 and paperbacks are \$1.

Sunday, March 25 the doors open at 1 p.m. and close at 6 p.m. Hardback books will be \$1 and paperbacks will be 50¢.

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2018 Book Sale

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On Friday, March 23 from 3 p.m. until 7 p.m. will be a Members-Only Pre-Sale. All current 2018 Friends members may come in early and shop the sale before it officially opens on Saturday.

If you have not renewed your membership for 2018 you may do so by filling out the form attached to this newsletter. Please postmark the application by March 13, 2018. You may also go to the Friends website at www.mobilepubliclibrary.org/friends/ or you may join at the door. There are still plenty of opportunities to volunteer for the book sale. Contact Marie Mack at volunteersmobilefol@gmail.com or 251-455-7448 if you or your group would like to volunteer.



Sean Dietrich



Director Scott Kinney and Employee of the Year Cherold Rhodes

Cherold Rhodes

Mobile Public Library Employee of the Year



Cherold is the Youth Services Specialist for the Ben May Main Library where she manages a steady flow of school children and daycare groups. She welcomes children with a smile and provides them with entertaining stories, games and crafts. She shows them that the Library is a welcoming place for all to enjoy.

She is a wonderful ambassador for the Library as she takes her expertise and

entertaining programs to children and teachers at schools throughout the downtown community and also represents the Library at a number of citywide events. She developed a special *Price Is Right* game for the Summer Library Program finale that was featured in the Alabama Public Library Service newsletter.

We commend Cherold Rhodes on being selected the 2017 Mobile Public Library's Employee of the Year.

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Annual Meeting

Wrap Up

We want to take this opportunity to thank Friends, both old and new, for coming out on Thursday, January 25 as we welcomed Sean Dietrich to our 2018 Annual Meeting.

Sean, who blogs every night on seanofthesouth.com and has also

written several books, entertained us with songs and stories for well over an hour and a half.

We had around 80 members in attendance, including many new faces, who we hope to see next month at the Book Sale!

President's Letter

Linda Turnipseed



Boxes and boxes of books waiting to be loaded onto the tables for the sale.



Hello to all of my Library Friends! It seems like the fall and winter holidays were just here, but now that the Mardi Gras season has come and gone, it is time to look ahead to Spring. Your Friends Board is hard at work getting ready for our annual Book Sale, the weekend of March 23-25. I hope to see you all there.

We also hope each of you will consider volunteering to help with the set up and preparations for the event. It takes a lot of hands to get ready and also a lot of hands to work the sale. We work hard but have a lot of fun in the process.

If you have not sent in your membership for 2018, please consider doing it now. Just as a refresher I want to remind you that:

FRIENDS provide funding for needs not covered by the Library's budget.
FRIENDS give financial support for the Summer Reading Program.
FRIENDS sponsor and support the book sale.
FRIENDS sponsor special events throughout the year.
FRIENDS volunteer time as needed.

We are helping to send Library staff to several workshops this year, including the Public Library Association, the American Library Association, and the Alabama Library Association. I know that we are all dedicated to promoting the continued growth and success of our Mobile Public Library and the many services it provides to our community.

Thank you for your support.

Writing Contest

We're happy to report that entries have begun coming in for our Annual Creative Writing Contest. All submissions must be postmarked by Tuesday, February 27, 2018.

Here are the rules/guidelines:

Open to all high school students (public, private and home schooled) grades 9-12.

Entries are invited in three categories- Poetry, Short Story, & Essay. Prizes will be awarded for first, second and third place in each category. Honorable mentions may also be awarded. Only one entry per category per student.

All entries must be typed. Each entry should have a title. Students should submit each entry under a pen name located on the title page.

A separate sheet containing the student's pen name, real name, phone number, high school, and English teacher's name should be stapled to the back of each entry.

Winners' submissions will be uploaded to the Friends of the Mobile Public Library website.

Length: Poems should be no longer than two pages; Essays should be between 500-2100 words; and Short Stories may be up to 15 pages (using 10 point type or larger).

Subject and theme are open for all categories.

Entries should be mailed to:
 FOMPL
 700 Government Street
 Mobile, AL 36602

Friends of the Mobile Public Library Membership Contribution

When you become a Friend of the Library member, you become an advocate for the Library.
All contributors will enjoy the full benefits of membership.

Partner - \$500 Patron - \$250 Sponsor - \$100 Associate - \$50 Regular - \$30 Student - \$5

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New Member Membership Renewal

Did you know that you can join or renew your Friends membership online?

Go to mobilepubliclibrary.org/friends

After you fill out the membership form online, please select your membership level and click the *Join Online Now* button to pay using a credit card with PayPal's secure online check-out. You do not need to have a PayPal account to make your payment.

Donations to The Friends of the Mobile Public Library are tax-deductible as we have been recognized as a tax exempt organization by the IRS, under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code



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