

# Friends

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### SPRING 2017

#### Greetings from the President

Dear *Friends*,

Summer has arrived and the Rosenberg Library is buzzing with activities. The *Friends* are busy processing book donations and designating in which of our multiple venues they are to be sold.

Not only is the Friends Book Shop on the second floor being stocked, but we also are selling books at the Galveston Farmers' Market. We are thrilled to be part of this great community event, and you can find us there the second Sunday of each month. If you are a *Friend* you are receiving emails about special book offers for members only.

We are also having great success with selling books on Amazon.com. The most popular are rare art books, obscure cookbooks, and, of all things, encyclopedias. Books we do not sell are donated to local non-profits and schools. The Women's Crisis Center picks up books monthly to stock their three shops.

We are proud to sponsor the Children's Department free Summer Reading Club, and it is in full swing with events and activities scheduled all summer. Information and scheduling can be found on the library's website [www.rosenberg-library.org](http://www.rosenberg-library.org).

Hope you have an enjoyable book-filled summer!

Cheryl



Hand-carved benches from 3<sup>rd</sup> floor Children's Library now on 2<sup>nd</sup> floor

## About the Book Room and Its Volunteers

It has been an active year for *Friends* in the business of book sales! We have expanded horizons and venues in our grand quest to sell used books to raise money for our beloved library.

The book room, located in the deep “down under” of the library, is where the magic begins. Donated books are received, evaluated and placed into one of six locations:

- 1) The Attic, (where treasures abound) boxed for storage for *Friends* Annual Used Book Sale.
- 2) *Friends* Book Shop – 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the library, where we sell used books *all day long!*
- 3) Members’ Only Book Sales – Special selections - *offered at a generous discount* - via email to *Friends*.
- 4) Internet Sales - Where we, “Shake our money maker!” Books of higher value, selling at a range of \$20-\$300 - plus. Over 100 selections currently listed on Amazon.
- 5) Farmer’s Market, 2508 Postoffice St. – “Second Sunday” of each month. Visit our booth for books on Cooking, Gardening, Texana and more! Also offered: crafty *Friends* Membership incentives. Also, there is *always* a box of Free Books for the kiddos!
- 6) Community Outreach – Books in less than prime condition are recycled or given away. Recipients include Resource and Crisis Center of Galveston, local art teachers, Access Care of Coastal Texas, Our Daily Bread, and the list keeps growing...

Volunteers are needed to join the fun! Time, Skills, and Commitment... Essential!! Please visit our website [rlfriends@rosenberg-library.org](mailto:rlfriends@rosenberg-library.org) to join *Friends* and let us know you are interested. You will soon be contacted for an interview.

Current need:

- Book pricing/boxing
- Internet/Facebook support
- Book mailings - where “Timing and packing matters!”
- Book delivery for Community Outreach
- Farmer’s Market, Second Sundays

Thanks for reading!

**SAVE THE DATE!**

**FRIENDS ANNUAL USED BOOK SALE**

**October 5, 6 & 7, 2017**

## Check Out the *Friends* Book Shop

Many regular customers at the *Friends* Book Shop know what a fabulous place it is for shopping for special occasions or everyday treats. Newly remodeled and expanded, the Book Shop is on the second floor, easily accessible through the 23<sup>rd</sup> Street door, stairs, or elevator.

Books are available for purchase in all genres, and every book is in excellent condition. You won’t believe the bargains. Some are priced as low as \$3 or even less.

Thanks to donations from our loyal *Friends*, we have books in all genres, from bestselling fiction to history, cooking, children’s, and more. The 2015 and 2016 souvenir ornaments are also on display there and cost only \$20.



## Online Book Collections for Members Only

One benefit of your *Friends* membership is access to sales of book collections at bargain prices. Donated books in excellent condition are offered through email notices several times per month.

Since February, online book sales have brought in over \$180.



## The Friends of Rosenberg Library Sponsor Lecture by Ellen Beasley

On Thursday, April 27, Ellen Beasley gave a guest lecture, “For the Love of Small Houses,” related to her exhibit, “The Small Houses of Galveston: Another Take,” currently on view at Rosenberg Library. Beasley is the author of *The Alleys and Back Buildings of Galveston* and *The Corner Store*, as well as co-author of *Galveston Architecture Guidebook*.

Following the lecture, attendees were invited to a reception and private viewing of “The Small Houses of Galveston: Another Take” in the 4<sup>th</sup> floor Harris Gallery. Ellen Beasley also signed copies of two of her books, *The Alleys and Back Buildings of Galveston* and *The Corner Store*.

This enjoyable event was sponsored by the Friends of Rosenberg Library.

## Help Staff *Friends* at Galveston’s Own Farmer’s Market

*Friends* sells good, low-priced books at the market the **second Sunday each month from 9 – 1. Three friendly, committed, able bodied volunteers are needed monthly to:**

- 1) Pick up approximately 8 cartons of books and supplies from the library prior to Sunday. The library’s operations staff will load your car.
- 2) Set- up Sunday at 8 am at 2508 Postoffice. Erect a tent and 3 tables, hang signs, unload and organize books for tabletop display. The tent and 2 tables are provided on site.
- 3) Sell books and Rosenberg Library Friend’s memberships – we take cash (cash box provided) and credit cards, using a “Square” credit card device.
- 4) Break down and load up at 1 pm. Drop off money and credit card device to designated local address if pick-up is not pre-arranged.
- 5) Books and supplies can be dropped off at the library the next day. The operations staff will unload.

Farmer’s Market staff loves the library and the mission of *Friends*! Please donate your time to this worthwhile project. Email [helenaaucoin@gmail.com](mailto:helenaaucoin@gmail.com) or call 409-770-4994 to volunteer.

## The More the Merrier or The Rewards of Volunteering

The purpose of *Friends* is to encourage and support a continuing growth and development of public library services; to facilitate providing books, equipment and related materials for Rosenberg Library; and to educate the general public on the importance of the library services provided and as a cultural and educational asset in Galveston County, Texas.

All one has to do is visit the library website to see all of the amazing services provided for all age levels and individual interests. The library has continued to grow and stay updated with the newest materials and technology to serve its patrons better.

*Friends* continues to grow with members who want to be part of a support system and believe strongly in promoting reading and learning for all. There are several different types of volunteer opportunities, ranging from staffing the annual book sale to processing the many books donated to the library throughout the year. Once a month, volunteers set up at Galveston’s Own Farmer’s Market to share books and the wonderful things going on at the library.

I encourage you to be part of the volunteers who work hard, but have a lot of fun supporting the library. Please visit our website to join or rejoin *Friends*, and let us know that you are interested in volunteering at [rlfriends@rosenberg-library.org](mailto:rlfriends@rosenberg-library.org).

## **GALVESTON & THE GREAT WAR**

April 2017 marked the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the United States' entry into the First World War. In commemoration of this pivotal event in world history, Rosenberg Library unveiled a new exhibit on April 20. **Galveston & the Great War** features original World War I-era artifacts,

**Galveston & the Great War** includes military gear, war souvenirs, and propaganda posters. Wartime correspondence and even a local soldier's diary are on display, as well as three of the original 77 World War I memorial markers once placed at the bases of oak trees on the Broadway esplanade in honor of fallen Galveston soldiers.

### ***US Entry into WWI***

Though WWI began in Europe in 1914, the United States maintained a position of neutrality until 1917. Growing unrest surrounding wartime atrocities coupled with Germany's unrestricted submarine warfare led to America's entry into the war. Men between the ages of 21 and 30 were required to register for military service, and over four million Americans ultimately served during the First World War. Millions more—many of them women and children—organized locally to support the war effort by raising relief funds and producing food and other supplies for troops overseas.

### ***Galveston's Role in the War***

Locally, Fort Crockett served as a U.S. Army training center where troops received artillery training before being deployed to France to fight the Germans. Besides preparing troops for the European front, military officials at Fort Crockett monitored the Gulf of Mexico for potential threats from German submarines. Substantial gun batteries stood ready to defend Galveston's coastline.

***Galveston and the Great War*** is on display through October 2017. The exhibit is located in the Hallway Gallery on the library's 4th floor. Rosenberg Library is open Monday through Saturday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Admission to the museum galleries is always free.

***Image Caption: Galveston's Fort Crockett during World War I (image courtesy of Rosenberg Library's Galveston and Texas History Center)***



## **Most Tragic of All: The Home for Homeless Children in the 1900 Storm**

Orphans and children from broken homes were perhaps the most tragic casualties of the 1900 Storm. They were victims twice, first of circumstance, then of cataclysm. The loss of nuns and ninety children at St. Mary's Infirmary west of the city limits is well known. Not as familiar is the destruction of the Home for Homeless Children, which housed and cared for children from dysfunctional backgrounds.

In 1894, eight Galveston women organized the Society for Friendless Children. The City of Galveston issued a construction permit for a two-story wood home for children at 3701 Avenue R in July 1894. This location placed the home in the 1900 Storm's swath of complete destruction.

In June 1900, the federal census enumerated six employees, including Acting Matron Ella C. Hardie, and approximately 40 children as young as two months old at the home. Hurricane casualty lists recorded Pauline Hoffman, a nurse, and Jennie Carou, a laundress, as victims. Identified victims also were children (some of whom were evidently siblings). Among them were Bettie, Henrietta, and Philip Astheimer (ages unknown); Robert and Rudolph Peitzlin (Pitzlen) (ages 2 and 4, respectively); and Arthur and Jennette Cushman (7 and 9 years old).

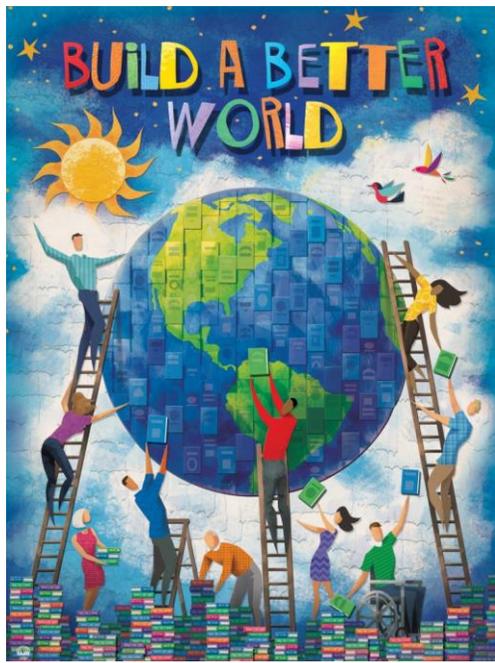
In 1901, a new facility for the Home for Homeless Children opened at 1019 16<sup>th</sup> Street. Local businessman Albert Lasker (who later moved to Chicago and became the father of modern business advertising) contributed \$15,000 to the orphanage. The home was renamed in his honor in 1913. The Lasker Home for Homeless Children operated for eighty-three years, closed in 1985, and sold its property.

## **Welcome, New Archivist**

Kevin Kinney joined the Special Collections team at the Rosenberg Library on March 14. Kevin is from Harper Woods, Michigan, near Detroit, and attended the University of Michigan, where he obtained a M.S. in Library and Information Science. Kevin has prior experience processing collections and providing reference service in the Special Collections Library at Eastern Michigan University. He also provided reference service and conducted programs at Canton Public Library in Canton, Michigan. As an archivist at the Galveston & Texas History Center, Kevin will provide reference service, process collections, and assist with current digitization efforts. Kevin is a native Midwesterner and looks forward to exploring the town of Galveston and the state of Texas, and all the abundant history and culture they provide. We are pleased to welcome Kevin Kinney to the Rosenberg Library.



***Did you know the library added 10,015 new adult, young adult, and juvenile books and audio visual materials to its collection during the last fiscal year? Or that the Children's Department organized and sponsored 573 programs for youngsters with an overall attendance of 35,034?***



## Children's Department News

We're gearing up for a terrific summer from May 22 – August 12, with a plethora of programs encouraging participatory learning opportunities. Stop by and pick up a printed brochure or look online at [www.rosenberg-library.org](http://www.rosenberg-library.org). Please share the news!



**June 1: Summer Kick-off Swim Party @ Palm Beach 5:30-7:30pm. Wear your t-shirt!**

**June 2: Magic Show 2:30pm**

**June 9: Drop-In Legos 10am-5:30pm**

**June 21: Bob the Builder 10am, 2:30pm, 7pm**

**June 23: Dinosaur George 2:30pm**

**July 6 & 7: Escape Room 10am-5pm**

**July 27: Dance Party 2:30pm**

**August 12: Chemistry Roadshow 10:30am**

**Plus more: Storytimes, Paws to Read, Architecture Tour, Puppet Shows, Theater Shows, Tech Times**

We're excited to expand our hours of operation to include evenings! That first week the Children's Department highlight held a STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, Math) in Storytime Workshop for early childhood educators. Teachers from all over the island attended.

We hosted a family movie night, a digital scavenger hunt and a pajama night. All week we passed out special glow-in-the-dark bookbags for patrons checking out children's materials.

We held Stories with Santa annual event, Family Fun Nights (including an Instrument Petting Zoo from the local Galveston Band), and participated in the Firefighters' Children's Parade during Mardi Gras, winning "Most Enthusiastic Group" 2017! Yes!! Spring Break activities included: Saturday Stories, Lego Brickyard, Drop-In Game Day, Family Fun, Magician John O'Bryant and a Drop-In Art Studio.



## New Acquisitions at the Galveston & Texas History Center

Two documents recently acquired by the Galveston & Texas History Center came to the library in a roundabout manner. An 1856 passport and an 1865 Civil War pardon, both for John A. Sauters of Galveston, were discovered in the 1970s in a bunch of old files located in the offices of Stewart Petroleum. At this time the offices in Galveston were being closed, and the office manager was instructed to destroy “boxes and boxes of materials.” In doing so, one of the employees discovered the passport and the pardon signed by Andrew Johnson and William Seward. Unable to destroy these historical documents, the employee asked to keep them. They were eventually sold and only recently brought to the attention of the Rosenberg Library.

These documents are significant in that they shed light on one of Galveston’s prominent businessmen from the mid-nineteenth century, John A. Sauters. A German immigrant who came to Texas in the 1830s and became a naturalized citizen in 1840, Sauters established himself as a purveyor of fine home furnishings such as carpets, oil cloths, parlor furniture, and silk and velvet paper hangings. In 1859 he built Galveston’s first skyscraper, at four stories tall, on 23rd Street between Market and Mechanic Streets. The Sauters Building stood for many years, until it was remodeled in 1949 from four stories down to two. It and other buildings on the block were demolished to make way for the University of Texas Medical Branch Recruitment office. At the time of his death in 1873, Sauters owned a considerable amount of property in Galveston and elsewhere in Texas. His close friend, Henry Rosenberg, served as administrator and executor of his estate. These two documents will supplement the small collection of John A. Sauters Estate Papers that are housed in the Galveston & Texas History Center.

### ANDREW JOHNSON,

PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME, GREETING:

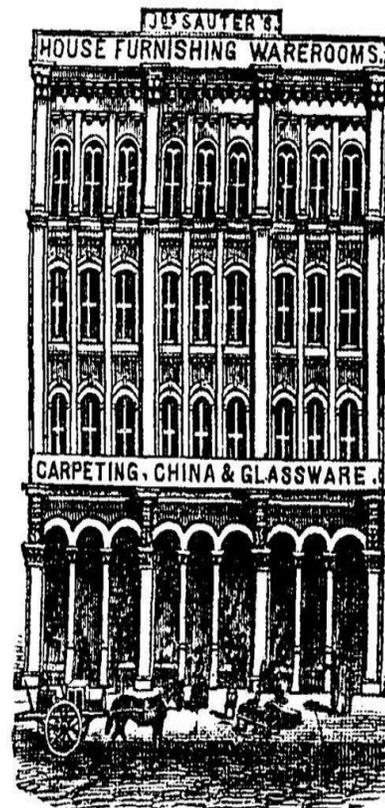
Whereas, *John A. Sauters*  
of *Galveston, Texas*, by taking part in the  
late rebellion against the Government of the United States, has  
made himself liable to heavy pains and penalties;

And whereas, the circumstances of his case render him a  
proper object of Executive clemency;

Now, therefore, be it known, that I, ANDREW JOHNSON,  
President of the United States of America, in consideration of the premises,  
doers other good and sufficient reasons me therunto moving, do  
hereby grant to the said *John A. Sauters*  
a full pardon and amnesty for all offences by him committed,  
arising from participation, direct or implied, in the said rebellion,  
conditioned as follows:

1st. This pardon to be of no effect until the said  
*John A. Sauters* shall take the oath prescribed  
in the Proclamation of the President, dated May 27th, 1865.

2d. To be void and of no effect if the said *John*  
*A. Sauters* shall hereafter, at any time, acquire any  
property whatever in slaves or make use of slave labor.



Graphic courtesy of Galveston Historical Foundation

## The Library's Best Friends

*Friends* annual membership period is from January 1 through December 31. If you have not renewed your membership, please do so now. To date our 2017 membership total is 253 renewals and new members with donations of \$12,699.

Thanks to the *Friends*' booth at the Galveston Farmer's Market, we have many new friends in our membership. Come to the market and visit us at our booth.

Please update your contact information, so you will continue to receive important special book offers, information about upcoming *Friends* and library events via email and residential mailing addresses. Please send updated information to [RLFriends@Rosenberg-Library.org](mailto:RLFriends@Rosenberg-Library.org).

Members and library patrons have supported the library through the purchase of books from the *Friends* Book Shop, the souvenir ornaments, and Rosenberg fountain postcards. Since the first of the year, *Friends*' and patrons' purchases of those items have totaled \$2,724.97.



***In celebration of National Library Workers Day and National Library Week, April 19, Friends hosted a luncheon for Rosenberg's fabulous library workers in the Fox Room.***



***The library staff members participated in 52 different outreach activities during the 2016-16 fiscal year to promote awareness of library services.***

## **Rosenberg Library Now Offers Access to askArt Research Database**

The logo for askART, featuring the word "askART" in a white, serif font on a blue rectangular background.

The Rosenberg Library has added the askART database to its selection of on-line resources. askART contains information on over 300,000 international artists and millions of art pieces from over 7,500 museums, auction houses, galleries, and art dealers around the globe. It is an ideal database for art collectors, gallery owners, appraisers, curators, researchers, students, or everyday art enthusiasts.

Each artist in the askART database has his or her own profile page. These profiles include a multitude of information. There is a “quick facts” section that can include items such as mediums used, styles, exhibitions, subjects, and other basic information. Each profile also contains a rudimentary biography of the artist. Purchasing information as well as auction records are also listed. Lastly, there are resources including images of selected works, signature samples, and publications. With this information, patrons can estimate how much their personal collection pieces may cost, where they can cultivate their collection, or simply learn more about a particular artist and his or her work.

Patrons can use several different avenues to search for information through the askArt database besides artist profiles. askART lists directories of museums, auction houses, galleries and their art dealers complete with addresses and contact information. Patrons may also search through upcoming auction listings or auction records starting from 1987. For scholars and researchers, there are also additional resources, including academic essays on art topics, styles, mediums, and more.

Rosenberg Library’s subscription comes complete with advanced search feature options to find specific art pieces or artists. Patrons also have the option to sign up for alerts on up to thirty of their favorite artists. Patrons will receive customizable emails depending on what information they want to be notified of, such as when the profile of their selected artists are updated, whether there’s an upcoming auction, auction results, new art that is available for sale or wanted for purchase, or a new biography post.

With just a library card and an email address, a patron can create an account with askART through the Rosenberg Library for free. With this account, subscribers will have unlimited access to askART’s entire database.

askART can be accessed in-house at the Rosenberg Library, either on a patron’s personal laptop or via the computer lab located on the third floor. For more information about askART, contact the Adult Services Reference Desk located on the second floor or call 409-763-8854 extension 116.

## From the Executive Director

Dear *Friends*:

Rosenberg Library is now open Monday through Thursday from 9 am to 9 pm and from 9 am to 6 pm on Fridays and Saturdays. In celebration of the new evening hours, starting on April 3, a variety of special events and programming was scheduled during the week. The Board of Directors also approved a “food for fines” holiday from April 3 - 8 allowing patrons to return overdue materials, no matter how delinquent, without fines in return for the donation of a non-perishable food item. Many patrons took advantage of the fine-free week to return past due items. In lieu of fines, patrons donated 567 pounds of non-perishable food items. All food collected during the week of April 3 – 8 was donated to the Turning Point Food Pantry.

Staff anticipates the new evening hours to be of special interest to Galveston non-profit groups needing an evening meeting space. The library boasts multiple fully-equipped meeting rooms of varying sizes that non-profits may reserve without charge.

The library has incrementally expanded its hours of operation following the devastation of Hurricane Ike, starting December 8, 2008 with two rooms of the building open five days a week, with no evening hours. The new 66- hour schedule represents the final step in the restoration of the library’s pre-Ike opening hours.

Also, the library has recently passed the half-way mark in its campaign to raise the money needed to fund the Phase VII project, the final phase of the multi-year effort to reconstruct the building for its next generation of service for the people of Galveston and Texas. The planned Phase VII improvements will encompass the first major renovation and expansion of the museum exhibit spaces in more than 45 years. In addition, the project will also seek to uncover and restore the historical grandeur of the 4<sup>th</sup> floor of the library’s Rosenberg Wing and to update and bring the 4<sup>th</sup> floor, including the public restrooms, into compliance with ADA regulations. The renovations will also include dismantling floor-to-ceiling built-in exhibit cases on the side of the Hutchings Gallery to expose a beautiful arched window. Plans also call for recreating a gorgeous leaded glass ceiling lost when the building was air conditioned in the early 1960’s. As part of the accessibility improvements, plans also call for the installation of a lift between the two levels of the 4<sup>th</sup> floor to facilitate easy access.

The current estimated price tag for the Phase VII project is \$2,286,383 which includes the purchase price for custom exhibit cases and other museum equipment. Your support of the Rosenberg Library is warmly appreciated.

John Augelli  
Executive Director

