



## The Friends of the Richardson Public Library

### NEWS FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE –

#### ***Friends of the Richardson Public Library Reach 2013 Audio Book Challenge Goal***

**Richardson, Texas, January 9, 2014** – The Friends of the Richardson Public Library (FOL) announced today that its goal of raising \$1,000 for the 2013 Audio Book Challenge has been successfully met.

As in years past, FOL was happy to announce that an anonymous benefactor provided up to \$1,000 in the form of matching funds to go to the purchase of audio books for the Library. For every \$1 donated up from the public to a total of \$1,000, the anonymous benefactor committed to match it dollar for dollar. In addition, FOL also committed to adding another dollar match to the amount. This means that for every dollar donated by the public, the Library will receive \$3 for the purchase of additional audio books, a total donation of \$3,000.

#### ***About the Friends of the Richardson Public Library***

The Friends of the Richardson Public Library, Inc., a 501(c)3 non-profit corporation, is a service organization dedicated to the mission of helping the Richardson Public Library and its staff be a critical educational and cultural resource for the Richardson community and its broader service area. The FOL accomplishes its mission both through direct gifts to the Library and through service-focused activities. These gifts and services enable the Library to go “over and above” its budget to be able to deliver superior services to the residents of the City of Richardson, the Richardson Independent School District, and the Library’s multi-county service area.

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The FOL “recycles” tens of thousands of books, CDs, DVDs, and other material each year through two annual book sales, raising thousands of dollars for the Library while keeping valuable printed and electronic media out of the landfill. The FOL participates in or partially funds community activities, such as the *Wildflower!* Festival, Trash Bash, the annual Christmas Parade, and Santa’s Village. The FOL also supports staff-focused activities such as sponsoring lunches, attendance at book-related events, and an annual college scholarship for a teen volunteer.

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