



## The Friends of the Richardson Public Library

### NEWS FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE –

#### ***Friends of the Richardson Public Library Announce Successful 2014 Spring Book Sale***

**Richardson, Texas, April 30, 2014** – The Friends of the Richardson Public Library (FOL) Spring Book Sale, held April 25-27, 2014, exceeded expectations and will allow the FOL to continue its high levels of contributions to the Library and its mission.

Walter King, book sale chair, reported that:

- 1,153 people attended the sale.
- Net sales and contributions totaled \$10,616.54.
- At least \$500 was sold in sponsorships, with another \$100 paid for the fall sale.
- Thirteen teen Library volunteers combined for more than 40 hours of community service during the Book Sale and Trash Bash, which took place April 26.

William J. ‘Bill’ McCalpin, President of the FOL, expressed his delight at the results: “Dozens of FOL volunteers spent hundreds of hours preparing and conducting this sale, and their efforts are an invaluable part of the estimated \$27,000 that the FOL is donating to the Richardson Public Library in fiscal year 2013-2014. We couldn’t do it with our workers or the people in the community who come to our sales and make a point of finding homes for good books.”

#### ***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 City 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

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City of Richardson, the Richardson Independent School District, and the Library's multi-county service area.

The FOL "recycles" tens of thousands of books, CDs, DVDs, and other material each year, 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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