

FRIENDS OF UPPER TAMPA BAY REGIONAL LIBRARY CHAPTER

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In case you haven't noticed, the Construction crews have arrived on the UTB Library site and they have cleared most of the land and it is a beautiful sight to see. It is exciting to see the yellow bulldozers clearing the ground and preparing for the building of the Library. Enjoy watching as you drive by as the workers begin to prepare the home of the future UTB Library that we will all be welcoming into the UTB Community at the end of the year!

A special thank you to all of you who have sent in your Friends of UTB Regional Library Chapter Membership form, and it is wonderful to see so many interested and supportive Friends. All of you have helped and will help to make a large difference in Library services for the UTB Library, and it will be great to have so many of you gathering at the Grand Opening at the end of the year!

We will be fortunate to have a Friends of the Library Book Store in the UTB Library. At the Friends store you will be able to browse and purchase reasonably priced used books, and it should be a popular place for all who love to get books at bargain prices! So now is a good time to remember that we'll be looking for donated books at the end of the year so start saving your books to be donated. We will let you know when we will start collecting them! Maybe some of you will volunteer to help us stack them too!

Needless to say many people are involved in preparing the necessary items that are needed in the Library when it opens. Actually items such as books have been ordered for awhile, but some of the other items have recently been chosen and orders sent in for furniture, the tiles needed for walls and floors, special seating for children's area, DVD's, etc. There will be some very unique accent pieces in the children's area. It will be a very colorful and inviting room to start the little ones on the way to life long learning as they visit to find their favorite books. The adults have not been forgotten either. The adult section will have very large and comfortable chairs that should make it a special place to visit and look over reading material.

We would like to welcome to our Executive Committee Doug Killian, Jeff Wilhelm, and Jackie Singleton. We are happy to welcome them to our UTB Executive Committee as we prepare for a very busy year coming up before the UTB Library opens.

Now is the time to mark your calendar for our next Friends of the UTB Library Meeting. It will be on Thursday, May 13th at the WC Swim and Tennis on Countryway Blvd. We hope to see you there.