

FRIENDS OF UPPER TAMPA BAY REGIONAL LIBRARY CHAPTER
MAY 2004 NEWSLETTER

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Our Annual Friends of UTB Library Meeting will be Thursday, May 13th, at 7:00 P.M. at the Swim and Tennis Center (10405 Countryway Blvd.). Hope to see you there! We have the privilege of having Ms. Jan Stein from Hillsborough County Public Art as our main speaker. We are very fortunate to have someone as knowledgeable and enthusiastic about Art. We would like to remind our members to kindly mail back your proxy vote as soon as possible if you will be unable to attend this meeting.

Angle and Schmid Construction crew have been very busy again this month. The land has been elevated where the main entrance of the Library will be located (facing Countryway Blvd.) The footings are now in place with the steel rods. Since we have had only about two days of rain after construction started, it appears that the weather seems to be cooperating.

The Library Board has approved Sunday hours for the UTB Library! The Friends Group had requested awhile back that the UTB Library be opened on Sundays in order to better serve the population in the UTB area.

Hillsborough County has sent their Construction Grant requests to Tallahassee, and in August all of the State requests were prioritized. UTB is in for a \$500,000 State Grant. We are listed as #4 on the Construction Grant list for the FY2004-2005 Public Library Construction Grant State Applications. This list also indicates that projects submitted for fiscal year 2003-2004 funding and not funded are to maintain their priority ranking and receive priority funding for fiscal year 2004-2005 grant cycle (that would be great!)

One of our major fundraisers for 2004 will be the Friends of UTB Library Tree that will adorn the interior entranceway wall of the future UTB Library. This fundraiser will help raise monies to enhance Library services, programs and materials that are not covered in the budget. Plus the Friends Tree will serve as a history of the individuals and families who lived in the area when the Library opened. The bronze tree will be 5 1/2' in width and 5' high and will adorn the wall of the entry way as you walk into the main lobby of the Library. There will be more information about this at our May meeting, and letters will be going out shortly from our Doug Kellin, Fundraising Chair and Kim Muentner, Fundraising Co-Chair.

Hope you will be able to attend our meeting on May 13th and learn more about what is happening with the Friends Chapter and the future UTB Library.