

FRIENDS OF THE UPPER TAMPA BAY REGIONAL LIBRARY

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<http://www:uppertampabaylibrary.org>

The UTB Library Construction is moving right along. Everyone that drove or walked by the Library in July, could not miss the new glistening steel trusses being installed for the future roof. Within the next few weeks there will be a completed roof on the UTB Library, and after that the work will be able to begin inside the building. The Angle Schmid Construction crew is making fantastic progress, and luckily the weather still is cooperating. We have been very fortunate that when it does rain it seems to be at the end of the day, or in the evening, which allows a lot of work to be accomplished each day.

Our letters have been mailed to our Members for the Friends of the UTB Regional Library Tree Fundraiser, and we are getting a very good response. We appreciate your great support in this effort. As mentioned previously there will be a limited number of leafs, acorns and stones so we suggest that when you receive your letter, and if you are interested in participating send back your request as soon as possible to reserve a leaf, acorn or stone. We will be sending out the second batch of letters shortly to the general public, and more information will be posted on our web site for all interested in participating.

At a Library Meeting last month it was announced that the Tampa-Hillsborough County Library System received a "Special Mention" recognition from Library Journal which is a National publication. This is a Prestigious Award from the Library Journal, and it's not easy to achieve. We all should be very proud of the wonderful Library system we have in our County, and especially the dedicated people who work within the Library System and County making it possible to achieve such an award. More information on this Prestigious Award can be found on the Hillsborough County Public Library Cooperative Site at: <http://www.hcplc.org>. This is also a very informative site for Library information. You might want to check out the Happenings and Events and the Information Gateway sections when you are visiting! It's great to see all of the scheduled programs in the various Libraries that are offered to all. Just think in a few months Library Services will have scheduled events listed there for UTB Library!

Next month (September) will be National Library Card Sign-up Month. This is a good time to remind your friends and neighbors to sign up for their Library Card. When our Library opens we want everyone to be ready to put those Library cards to good use. The circulation count shows how busy each Library is, and Library services keeps monthly reports on the activity at each location. With the enthusiasm shown for Library Service from the UTB Area, the UTB Library should have one of the highest numbers for circulation in the County.