

FRIENDS OF THE UPPER TAMPA BAY REGIONAL LIBRARY

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Our next Friends of the UTB Library Meeting will be on Wednesday, September 22nd at the Westchase Swim and Tennis, 10405 Countryway Blvd. at 7:00 P.M. Through Library Services we have invited Ms. Jodi Cohen and our new Children's Librarian to attend this meeting. Other guests will be Mr. Israel Grajales, Sr. Architect and Ms. Jean Peters, Chief Librarian. Please mark your calendars, and hope to see you there!

Our Friends Tree is growing with Friends names, and will be a wonderful history of the people in the area when the Library opens. The letter to the general public inviting their participation is being mailed out in August. The Friends of UTB Library Tree will adorn the interior entranceway wall of the future UTB Library for all to see as they enter. A picture of the tree is on our web site. As mentioned previously, the proceeds will be used to enhance Library services, programs and materials that are not covered in the budget at this time. This would be a great gift idea for a special Anniversary, Birthday or a Memorial.

We are starting our 15 month Friends of UTB Library Membership offer. Now is a good time for those that have been putting off filling out that membership form to do so. When you join now it is for the rest of this year and all of next year. As you know one of our goals is to double our membership, and have lots of "Friends" to welcome the UTB Library into the Community this December. There is a form on our web site you can print off and mail as indicated, or you can call Kim at 818-4688 or Maureen at 926-4008. You also will be able to pick up a form at our meeting on September 22nd. Membership categories start at \$10.00 for Single, \$25.00 for Family, \$50.00 Supporting, \$100.00 Patron, \$500.00 Benefactor, \$750.00 Lifetime and \$1,000 Corporate.

As everyone can see as they drive or walk by the UTB Library a lot of work has been completed. The silver roof trusses are now complete and the rest of the roof will probably be complete by the time you are reading this. The red bricks are on the sides of the building and much work has been accomplished. The construction crew has been working on Saturdays lately. In a few weeks there will be another tour of the construction site, and we will include the date of the tour in our newsletters and on our web site as soon as we find out.

Remember, September is National Library Card Sign-up Month. If you haven't gotten your Library Card yet, now is the time. That way you'll be able to use your card to check out all those books and DVD's you want when the Library opens.

Invite one of your friends or neighbors to attend the Friends Meeting with you on September 22nd and learn more about the UTB Friends and the UTB Library.