

**Friends of the Wells Branch Community Library Business Member Application**

Name of Business \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Business Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name of contact \_\_\_\_\_ Position \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email address of contact \_\_\_\_\_ Fax # \_\_\_\_\_

Tell me more about donating computers or furnishings  
 Tell me more about volunteering

**Level of Sponsorship:**  
 \$100 Contributor  
 \$250 Sponsor  
 \$500 Founder  
 \$1000 Benefactor  
 \$5000 Champion

**Payment by credit card and by installment available. Call 989-3188 for details.**  
 Make checks payable to: **Friends of the Wells Branch Community Library**  
 501(c)(3) TaxID# 74-2911870 Tax receipts sent upon request.

Mail form & contribution to:  
**Friends of the WBCL**  
 14735 Bratton Ln #210, Austin, TX 78728

## Introducing the Friends of the Library

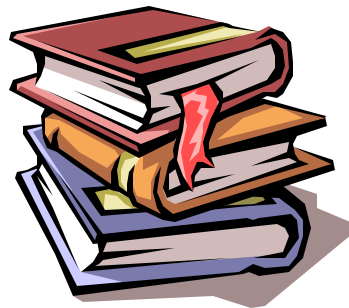
Friends of the Library help support the local library by raising funds, grant writing, recruiting volunteers, and advocating for the library's needs.

The Friends board works with the library's Board of Trustees and the Library Manager to determine where there is need and then helps to fund and staff critical projects. Friends also provide support and recognition for the many library volunteers.

You can become a Friend of the Wells Branch Community Library by donating your time, an item the library needs, or with a tax deductible contribution.

Look inside this brochure for more information or contact the library at (512) 989-3188.

You can find the library's website at: [www.wblibrary.org](http://www.wblibrary.org).



*The mission of the Wells Branch Community Library is to provide access to reference and reading materials in the form of print or other media to people within the Wells Branch Community and neighboring areas.*

An invitation  
 from the  
 Friends of the Library

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## Library History

The Wells Branch Community Library District was established by an election in August 1998.

We received generous donations of books and monetary contributions from our neighbors. With this legendary Wells Branch community spirit, we were able to open for borrowing services on September 26, 1998.

On February 20, 1999, we opened the doors to our temporary facility at 14735 Bratton Lane, Suite #210, directly across from Wells Branch Elementary school at the corner of Bratton Lane and Merriltown Drive.

In 2002, we worked with the community to design a permanent facility. In February 2003, just 4 years after we opened in our first location, construction began on a 16,000 square foot building at 15001 Wells Port Dr.

The District is funded by ½ of 1% sales tax revenue on transactions within the district. However, that money must be supplemented by donations from the public to provide furnishings and materials, and to extend the level of service the community demands.

The library has a broad selection of books, videos, and special collections (books on tape, large print, etc.). We offer a number of programs for all ages, and also have computer resources available for patrons, including an employment resource center.



## How you can help

The library is always in need of three resources: money, materials, and time.

### Money

The primary need is for additional monetary sources to help us to provide the services, furnishings, books, and resources our patrons demand. *Please see "Sponsorship Levels" for details.*

### Materials

While we strive to provide all the resources our patrons need, the demand is great. We always appreciate donations of quality books, tapes, and CDs. In addition, we are currently in need of:

- Computers (new desktops and laptops)
- Office furniture

*Please contact the Library Manager if you would like to make a contribution toward the purchase of a specific item or type of material.*



### Time

To assure the ability to provide the high service levels the community expects, we supplement our paid staff with many volunteer hours each month. We are a member of Guidestar, the national database of nonprofit organizations.

You can support us through donations of your employee's time for special projects or on a regular basis. *Call the library for more information.*

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## Sponsorship Levels

*Note: All sponsorships are annual. Unless you renew, all benefits will expire at the end of the quarter closest to 12 months from receipt of your contribution.*

### Contributor **\$100**

Friends window decal

Rights to use Friend of Library logo in your business correspondence or advertising.

Your name printed in the following month's *Wells Branch Neighborhood News*, which is distributed to residents of Wells Branch

Business name displayed in Donor section of the library's website ([www.wblibrary.org](http://www.wblibrary.org)).

### Sponsor **\$250**

*All of the Contributor benefits, plus...*

Your business name and a link to your website (or email address) distributed via our quarterly eMail newsletter to a database of patrons and friends of the library.

### Founder **\$500**

*All of the Sponsor benefits, plus...*

Business name and logo or link to website appears on library's Home page (rather than Donor page).

Business name appears on a Sponsor Board, prominently displayed in the library.

### Benefactor **\$1,000**

*All of the Founder benefits, plus...*

Business name and logo displays on Library Brochures and Flyers

### Champion **\$5,000**

*All of the Benefactor benefits, plus...*

Plaque to display in your business (*formally presented by request*)

Ad in following month's *Wells Branch Neighborhood News* announcing your gift.

