



Friends
OF THE ALPINE PUBLIC LIBRARY

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Dear Friend of the Alpine Public Library:

Libraries are about books. They're also about numbers:

-  The Alpine Public Library serves a population of about 6,500 in Alpine proper, as well as visitors passing through the city.
-  The library has 4,000 card-carrying patrons. That's more than half the population.
-  Children's programs in June and July 2005 served 909 children in Alpine, 164 in Marathon. The participants read 2,116 books in Alpine, 478 in Marathon.
-  The city has appropriated \$40,000 to fund the library in 2006; the county has appropriated \$34,000. That's only about \$11.00 per person in Alpine and Marathon—**for over 39,000 visits a year to the library.**

Pretty impressive numbers for such a small operation, wouldn't you say? To keep the numbers—of books, of patrons, of programs—up, though, the library needs Friends. Please consider joining the Friends of the Alpine Public Library at one of the levels outlined on the next page. Pick a number and become one of the library's new Best Friends!

THE THINGS I WANT TO KNOW ARE IN BOOKS;
MY BEST FRIEND IS THE MAN WHO'LL GET ME A BOOK
I AIN'T READ.

—ABRAHAM LINCOLN

Sincerely,

Kathy Bork
Membership chair

P.S. If you'd like all of this in paper form, just let me know. I'll send everything via U.S. mail.

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YES, I want to help people find books they "ain't read."
Please sign me up for an automatic, *tax-deductible*
monthly gift of

\$5 \$10 \$15 \$25 \$____ (Other—I'm feeling
really Friendly!)

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail (saves postage): _____

Signature (*required* for automatic giving):

Date: _____

Each month, your tax-deductible gift will help the **Friends
of the Library**

 keep Re-Reads open and earning supplemental income
for the library

 support Toddler Time and help develop a love of
reading in our children

 pay licensing fees for the automated cataloging system

 help the library with outreach efforts

I would like to make my
monthly, tax-deductible gift
using the automatic-giving
option:

Automatic Bank
Withdrawal

I authorize my bank to
transfer my entire monthly
gift of \$____ each month and
send it to Friends of the
Alpine Public Library. Please
make the transfer on the
 1st 15th
of each month.

Please include a VOIDED
check from the account from
which you want the gift
drawn. This authorization
may be canceled at any time
upon written notice.

*Checks will be shredded after
information is entered into the
bank's database.*

*NO information will be
shared.*

I prefer to make an **annual**
gift at the following level:

\$5 (Student/Senior [65+])

\$10 (Individual)

\$15 (Family)

\$25 (Business)

\$____ (Other—I'm still
feeling Friendly)

Please complete this form and send to Kathy Bork/1008 E. Nations/Alpine TX 79830.

FRIENDS OF THE ALPINE PUBLIC LIBRARY

Fact Sheet

Who We Are

We are a nonprofit group of citizens who believe that any community is a better place in which to live if that community has a first-rate library.

What We Do

We act in cooperation with the Alpine Public Library's director and Board of Directors and serve as liaison between the community and the library.

We create public support for and awareness of the Alpine Public Library by supporting children's programs, homebound-patrons services, video series, workshops, staff training, equipment purchases, building repairs and renovations, landscaping, and special purchases.

When We Meet

Noon on the Tuesday before the second Thursday of each month in the Norman and Ruth Beard Multipurpose Meeting Room behind the library.

What the Library Can Do for You

Give you an outlet where you can use your special skills and talents

Provide public-access computers

Make your long drives in West Texas less boring

Teach your children that libraries and all they contain are fun

Help you with genealogical research

Make the local newspapers available

Sell you inexpensive fiction and nonfiction

Make Alpine, your town, a better place to live

What You Can Do for the Library

Shelve/catalog

Weed the collection

Help create programming for youths and adults

Staff the bookstore

Help with public relations for the library

Help maintain and renovate the library buildings and grounds

JOIN THE FRIENDS OF THE ALPINE PUBLIC LIBRARY!