



FRIENDS FORECAST

FRIENDS OF LIBRARIES & ARCHIVES OF TEXAS

WINTER 2008

FRIENDS RECEIVE \$1 MILLION GIFT TO CAPITAL CAMPAIGN!



In the 1950s and 60s the Texas State Library had a powerful advocate—Governor Price Daniel.

Daniel personally oversaw the construction of a new TSL building, including selecting library furniture and coordinating the content of the exhibit cases in the lobby. In this photo, Governor Daniel and Mrs. Daniel cut the ribbon opening the state of the art Lorenzo de Zavala State Archives and Library Building April 10, 1962.

The Friends of Libraries & Archives of Texas has received a \$1 million pledge to its \$10 million capital campaign to renovate the aging headquarters of the Texas State Library and Archives. The Jean and Price Daniel Foundation, Inc., made the generous pledge, the first foundation to do so.

“We are ecstatic about this gift, and even more so about the wonderful and needed building improvements that it will help us accomplish,” said Peggy D. Rudd, state librarian. The Friends want to raise \$10 million to pay for such things as archival shelving, both movable and freestanding, furniture for patrons and staff, equipment, energy efficient lighting, recording booths for the Talking Book Program, a conservation lab, and other items that are not covered by the

initial \$15.5 million legislative appropriation.

Governor Price Daniel was in office when the Lorenzo de Zavala State Library and Archives building opened, and he spoke eloquently at the dedication of the building in 1962. In fact, he had been instrumental in its design and construction, personally overseeing aspects of the project and working tirelessly with the Texas Legislature to appropriately fund it.

After his third term as governor ended, he continued his service to the state and the nation, and at the time of his death in 1988, he had held more offices of public trust than any other person in Texas history. His public service included three terms on the Library and Archives Commission. Upon his death, Mrs. Daniel served the remainder of his third term. Between them, the couple dedicated 18 years of service advancing the mission of the Texas State Library and Archives Commission. Additionally, Governor and Mrs. Daniel donated land for the home of the Sam Houston Regional Library and Research Center in Liberty. Says Rudd, “Governor and Mrs. Daniel were lifelong supporters of the work of our commission.”



Governor Daniel, center breaking ground for the Zavala Building.

Photos: Texas State Library and Archives Commission



*On November 9, 2007, the Friends sponsored an educational event for prospective donors, Conversations with State Historian Frank de la Teja. Attendees heard a riveting lecture by the state historian, learned about the programs and plans of the Texas State Library and Archives Commission, and viewed archival treasures from the holdings of the Texas State Archives at this catered event
More Friends-sponsored events are coming this Spring.*

OUR THANKS TO THE JEAN AND PRICE DANIEL FOUNDATION, INC. FOR THEIR GENEROUS CONTRIBUTION TO THE LORENZO DE ZAVALA STATE LIBRARY & ARCHIVES CAPITAL CAMPAIGN.

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ABOUT THE FRIENDS

The Friends of Libraries & Archives of Texas is a non-profit organization that supports the work of the Texas State Library and Archives Commission and the efforts of local friends groups around the state.

The Texas State Library and Archives Commission is the state agency that improves Texas library services and preserves and makes accessible the official history of Texas government.



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BETWEEN FRIENDS

The Friends seek a part-time development director

Exciting news! The Friends of Libraries & Archives of Texas has grown and now seeks its first development director. This part-time position will work with the Friends board of directors and the state librarian to define a strategic direction for the fundraising/capital campaign of the Friends. The new director will share office space with the Public Information Office of the Texas State Library.

This new opportunity is made possible because of the Tocker Foundation's generous support and assistance. The foundation will fund the salary of the development director in the interim until the Friends can secure more permanent funding from other sources.

So, the search is on! If you know someone who'd be perfect for the job, please refer him or her to the job posting located on the Friends' Web site, www.tsl.state.tx.us/friends.

Join the Friends at the
Annual Membership Meeting
at the Texas Library Association
Annual Conference
April 16, 2008, 2:00–3:50 p.m.
Dallas, Texas
Dallas Convention Center

The Friends will elect new board members and officers and will present a program,
Donor Development: Finding Friends and Funds for Your Library.



RENOVATION NEWS

A sea of five hundred eighty book carts full of library materials from the collections of the Texas State Library are moving out of their permanent home on Brazos Street in Austin and into an off site warehouse. The Texas State Library and Archives Commission is pushing forward with major renovations to its main facility, the Lorenzo de Zavala State Archives and Library building, located just east of the Texas State Capitol.

After the library materials have gone, State Archives staff will begin another arduous task: moving the bulk of the archival collection, some of which are brittle and fragile, out of the building. The process will take another several weeks to complete.

In preparation for the renovation work, services have been relocated within the building. Since December 17, all public services (except the Library Science Collection) have been operating out of Room 300. As the bulk of the library and archival materials will not be in the building, please telephone the library at 512-463-5455 before you visit to make sure the items you need will be available. In some cases library staff will refer you to an alternate source, if available.

The two-year renovation project will begin in January 2008, with asbestos abatement the first order of business. What a way to start the New Year!

Above, an expanse of carted-up archives in the Genealogy Reading room await shrink-wrap and transport to off site storage. Empty warehouse space in the off site storage facility, at right, awaits the surge of archives materials once the area is shipshape for climate control. Photos: Texas State Library and Archives Commission

