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Friends of Fondren Library • Celebrating a Legacy of Library Support in 2021
In this unusual year, the Friends of Fondren Library will continue to uphold our tradition of annual support for Fondren Library.

Please join us as we maintain uninterrupted giving in 2021 by remembering the legacy of donors, who through their generosity, have shaped the library’s building, collections and programs.

Our next in-person gala will be held March 25, 2022.
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In 1950, a group of library supporters created Friends of Fondren Library to provide financial and programming support to Rice University’s Fondren Library. This dues-based organization leveraged their fundraising efforts in the 1980s with an annual Saturday Night party, held on the main floor of the library. The second Saturday Night party featured a Monte Carlo casino theme, which proved to be especially popular and was repeated for many years. Revenues generated during the early galas established the Friends of Fondren Library Endowment Fund, a fund to purchase library books and materials.
In the ensuing years, the event outgrew the library and was held in other venues, including Baker Hall, Cohen House, the Houston Country Club and the River Oaks Country Club. A formal dinner and auction replaced the casino tables, but the focus remained on supporting Fondren Library and expanding its collections. Following a major library renovation in 2006, the gala returned to the library’s main floor for several years before moving to its most recent location, the River Oaks Country Club. Favorite gala traditions that have spanned the years include special occasion dinner tickets, auctions and the custom of honoring those who have had a special impact on the library.
Friends of Fondren galas have funded many improvements to the library building and its collections, including:

- The Friends of Fondren Library Endowment Fund
- The Endowment Fund for Special Collections
- The Friends of Fondren University Librarian’s Endowment
- Renovations throughout the library, including the South Reading Room, the Brown Fine Arts Library, and offices and study rooms
- Staff support for projects and special collections, including the Task Force on Slavery, Segregation and Racial Injustice and the Houston Jewish History Archive
- The purchase of books, musical scores and electronic resources to support faculty and student scholarship and research
Supporting Friends of Fondren Library also helps us create programming that connects Rice and the library to the Houston community. Over the years, the Friends of Fondren has hosted book sales and student art shows, held a Distinguished Author lecture series and published the Flyleaf. Current programming includes Books That Shaped My World lectures, homecoming concerts and Meet the Author events that make Rice’s scholarship endeavors accessible to the Rice community and beyond. The Rice Authors Reception, hosted by Friends of Fondren, is the only universitywide event honoring Rice faculty, staff, alumni and members of the Friends of Fondren who write or edit a book, compose a musical piece or produce a solo art show.
**Larry McMurtry**

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"A Beautiful Mind: Genius, Madness, Remorselessness"

Sylvia Nasar, whose book was chosen to win the Pulitzer Prize for nonfiction, will be a speaker at Rice University. She is a winner of the 2000 National Book Critics Circle Award for Biography. She is a New York Times bestselling author of biographies and novels. The author of "A Beautiful Mind," the basis for the Academy Award-winning movie starring Russell Crowe, she is currently working on a book about 20th-century economic thinkers and has been named by the New York Times as one of the nation's most influential thinkers.

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Carlos Fuentes is a literary figure and a renowned intellectual and public voice. He has been a major figure in 20th-century literature. He has been the recipient of numerous awards, including the National Book Critics Circle Award, the National Book Award, and the Nobel Prize in Literature. The author of "The Death of the Indian," he has been a significant voice in Latin American literature.

**Larry McMurtry**

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"The Last of the Texas Rangers"

Larry McMurtry is an American author, a novelist, and a screenwriter. He is best known for his novels set in the American West, especially his works about the Texas Rangers. His novels include "Lonesome Dove," "The Last of the Texas Rangers," and "The Last Picture Show."
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2000  Lee Seureau
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2002  Pamela Riley Smith
2003  Lucas and Vicky Elliot
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      Sally Reynolds, Karen Rogers
2005  Harriet Calvin Latimer
2006  Elsa Horlock and Mary Ellen Wilson
2007  Peggy Barnett
2008  Lee Seureau
2009  Cathryn Rodd Selman
2010  Debby Crabtree
2011  Susan Alexander
2012  Elizabeth Gillis and Geraldina Wise
2013  Kathryn King Coleman and Hank Coleman
2014  Phoebe and Bobby Tudor
2015  Melinda Snell and Bess Wareing
2016  Karen and Larry George
2017  Liz Howard Crowell
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Through the years, Fondren Library has served as the heart of campus research and scholarship; a repository of journals, documents, databases and rare books; a quiet place to study; a gathering place for students at The Roost or Club Fondy; and a place of innovation and digital resources.

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