

LIBRARY LINE



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TEEN READERS ARE TOMORROW'S LEADERS

Help bring amazing authors to Irving, keep library programs thriving and spread the magic of books—all with one simple act of generosity! North Texas Giving season is here, and with it comes a chance to support the Friends of the Irving Public Library in their mission to make reading exciting and accessible for everyone.

The Friends of the Irving Public Library, celebrating 50 years of public service, are a powerhouse of book-loving volunteers who fundraise to make library events and programs bigger, better and free for the community. One of their biggest projects is the [North Texas Teen Book Festival \(NTTBF\)](#)—a one-of-a-kind, star-studded book fest where teens meet their favorite authors, dive into thrilling book discussions and geek out over stories that inspire them. The event is unique in that it is hosted by the Irving Public Library at the Irving Convention Center and the goal isn't to make money, but to reach today's youth with the love of books and reading.

Best of all, it's completely FREE to attend because of generous donations from the community!

Keep NTTBF free! This festival brings in about 70 authors of Middle Grade and Young Adult works and consistently attracts over 10,000 young readers each year since it began in 2015 at the Irving Convention Center.

Every dollar goes toward making NTTBF even more incredible and accessible. This year, the Friends have an ambitious goal to raise \$10,000 for the event taking place March 7, 2026. Whether giving a little or a lot, every donation makes a big impact. Can't give? Help spread the word!

Visit the [Friends' Giving Day website](#) to learn more or make a donation now through Sept. 18!

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NorthTexasGivingDay.org

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FRIENDS NEWS



OUTREACH VAN HITS THE ROAD!

This year's Back to School Book Sale came with something extra special—the debut of the Library's new Outreach Van, ILOV (Irving Library Outreach Van). The Outreach Team was on-site to sign up new library cardholders and share how the van will enhance community activities throughout Irving. The first 50 attendees were also handed commemorative stickers celebrating the Outreach Van and the Friends' 50th Anniversary.

While grants helped secure the van and more will fund the vehicle interior, the Friends were instrumental in paying for the colorful van wrap that features "Dewey" the playful dragon featured on the library's "Be Gentle to Your Rental" bookmark that teaches young readers how to care for their library books.

Be on the look out for this extra special van at community events throughout Irving this fall and beyond!

Book Sales

at 3000 Rock Island Road


Friends
HOLIDAY
Book Sale

10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Nov. 8

Members Book Sales

**1 to 3 p.m. Oct. 1, Nov. 5
and Dec. 3**

BOOK DONATIONS

During the holidays, the Friends will not be accepting donations on Nov. 26, Dec. 24 or Dec. 31. Please hold on to those donations until the Warehouse reopens on Jan. 7. Space pending, library locations should be accepting donations during regular open hours.

PROGRAM NEWS

Looking for more events or event details? Check out the [Beyond the Stacks newsletter!](#)



September is Library Card Sign-Up Month, and Irving Public Library is celebrating by partnering with local restaurants to offer special deals to cardholders. Simply show an Irving Library card at any of the participating locations to receive the following offers:

Bruno's Ristorante

9462 N. MacArthur Blvd.:
20% off ticket

Joe's Coffee Shop

425 W. Irving Blvd.:
½ off pie with entrée purchase

Lennys Grill & Subs

3401 W. Airport Fwy., #138:
15% off an order of \$15 or more

Milkshakes and More

925 W. John Carpenter Fwy., #101:
10% off ticket

New York Pizza Pasta & Subs

10009 N. MacArthur Blvd., #121:
Free drink with purchase

Pax & Beneficia

(Las Colinas location ONLY)
5244 N. O'Connor Blvd #150:
10% off ticket

Rey's Restaurant & Bar

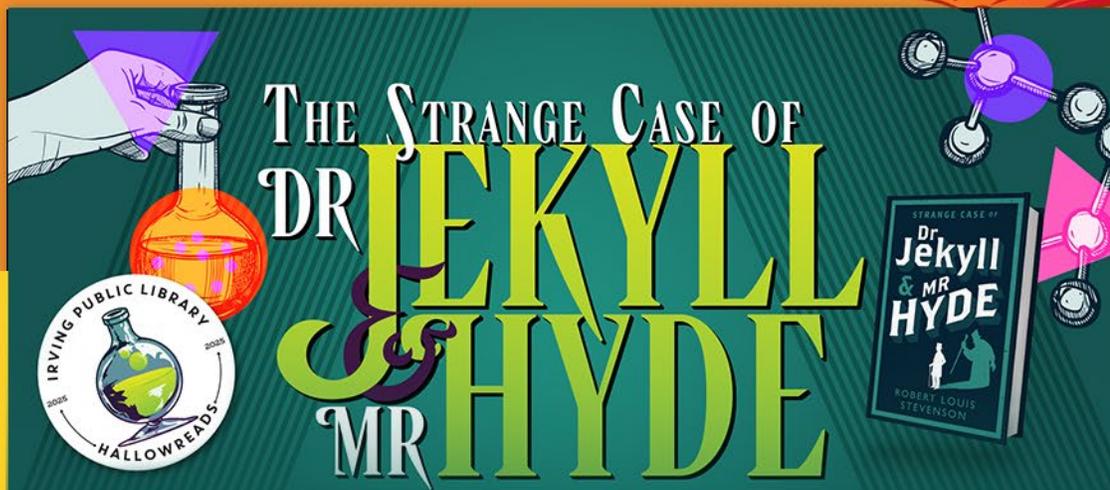
2836 N. O'Connor Rd.:
10% off each entrée

Sultani

2851 Esters Rd.: 20% off ticket

Tio Carlos Mex-Latin Grill

2742 N. O'Connor Rd., Suite #104:
Free queso and free kid's ice cream



Out of the dark returns HallowReads for fall 2025 with “The Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde” by Robert Lewis Stevenson. Free copies of the HallowReads selection will become available starting Sept. 22 at all Irving Library locations. Grab a copy and then attend one of the library’s many book clubs to discuss this intriguing tale of Gothic horror. The HallowReads selection and programming are intended for adult audiences.

Book clubs discussing the HallowReads selection include:

- Midweek Mysteries Book Club | Noon, Oct. 1 | South Irving Library
- HallowReads Book Discussion | 7 p.m., Oct. 15 | Valley Ranch Library
- Heritage Book Club | 7 p.m., Oct. 16 | Heritage Senior Center, 200 S. Jefferson St.
- Super Cool Book Club | 7 p.m., Oct. 28 | West Irving Library

Adults with a dark side and a creative side can join in the following featured events:

- Mug Shots: Pumpkin Pie | 2 p.m., Oct. 3 | West Irving Library
- Movie: Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde | 6:30 p.m., Oct. 8 | Valley Ranch Library
- The Sleepy Hollow Society Book Club | 6 p.m., Oct. 9 | South Irving Library
Discussing “The Legend of Sleepy Hollow” by Washington Irving.
- Spooky Bad Art | 4 p.m., Oct. 11 | South Irving Library
- Classic Horror Theater | 6:30 p.m., Oct. 16 | South Irving Library
Screening: Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde (1931), For mature audiences.
- Game On! For Adults | 3:30 p.m., Oct. 18 | Valley Ranch Library

Call (972) 721-2440 to be connected to a preferred library location for more details.

**COMMUNITY HOLIDAY
DECOR SWAP**
2 TO 5 P.M. | SEPT. 28
SOUTH IRVING LIBRARY

DROP IN FOR AN OPPORTUNITY TO DISCOVER DECOR TO TAKE HOME AND ADD FRESH FLAIR TO UPCOMING HOLIDAY DISPLAYS.

**TRUNK
OR TREAT**
7 P.M., OCT. 24
SOUTH IRVING LIBRARY
COSTUMES ARE ENCOURAGED.
PLEASE BRING A TREAT BAG FROM HOME.

SERVICES NEWS

SYSTEM MIGRATION STARTING OCT. 8

Many library services will be unavailable from Oct. 8 through approximately Oct. 14 as the Irving Library moves to a new database, allowing exciting new features to be added this year, such as a new catalog and mobile app.

Services that will be down will include:

- Placing hold requests
- Returning checked out items
- Renewing checked out items
- Renewing an expired library card
- Paying a fine or fee
- Accessing library account info online
- Check out without a library card (i.e. with a photo ID or other information besides a library card number)
- PIN resets
- Replacing lost library cards
- Registering new library cards
- Utilizing Interlibrary Loan services

Services expected to remain available* include:

- Borrowing library materials (limit of 5 items per visit)
- Most digital services (online databases, hoopla, Libby)
- Limited access to library catalog (current status of items will not be available)
- Public computer access
- Printing, faxing and scanning
- Library events and programs (including MiY Zones)

No items will be due during this time and no library accounts will expire.

UPCOMING LIBRARY CLOSURES

Nov. 27-28 closed (closing at 6 p.m., Nov. 26)

Week of Dec. 1 (multi-day closure for equipment installation) only at Valley Ranch
Dates subject to change.

Dec. 24-25 closed (closing at 6 p.m., Dec. 23)

Jan. 1, 2026 closed (closing at 6 p.m., Dec. 31)

Library patrons are encouraged to Review, Reset and Return prior to the database move:

· **REVIEW** their library card number and the location of their physical library card. The card number will be required for access to all library services during the migration. Patrons unable to locate their card can purchase a replacement for \$2 at any library location prior to Oct. 8. Patrons are asked to check the expiration date of their account. Accounts set to expire during the migration will be extended, but accounts that are already expired must be renewed by the account holder prior to or after the database move. Library card renewal information is available [online](#).

· **RESET** their PIN if needed. PINs are required to access library PCs and online services. Neither patrons nor library staff will be able to reset PINs during the migration, so patrons who are concerned they may have forgotten their PIN should reset theirs on the [library website](#).

· **RETURN** unwanted items. Returns will not be accepted during the database move, as staff will be unable to check them in to remove them from patrons' accounts. Patrons who have items they no longer need should return those items prior to the move. Patrons should feel free to hold on to any items still in their possession while the system is unavailable as nothing will be due during the migration.

*Some services will have limited availability and may experience slowness or downtime.