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Fun Fact Quote

“I think a hero is an ordinary individual who finds strength to persevere and endure in spite of overwhelming obstacles.”~*Christopher Reeve, American actor and activist*

Flag Presentation in Memory of Grandson

On Tuesday, July 28, 2015, Mr. and Mrs. Ramiro and Carmen Utley presented the library with an indoor Texas flag and a flagpole in memory of their grandson, Mathias Utley. Mathias was 12 years old when he passed away August 31, 2014. He was diagnosed with acute lymphoblastic leukemia at the age of nine. On the website, www.supermanhallofheroes.com, Mathias's uncle John Canales inducted his nephew into the Hall of Heroes and included the Christopher Reeve quote to honor Mathias. On May 28, 2015, Mr. and Mrs. Utley also donated an outdoor Texas flag in memory of their grandson. The library will display the indoor Texas flag and pole by the east entrance. Once again, the Library Board extends their sincerest gratitude to Mr. and Mrs. Utley for their gracious gift.



Library's Memorial Donation Program

The library gratefully accepts memorial donations “in memory or in honor of” someone. Memorial donations made to the library in the form of books or media items must be in good condition and are subject to the library's selection policy. Patrons can also send a financial gift, and the library will select and purchase a suitable book. The donor may specify a title or subject area, or the library staff will select a book in an area that is in need of new materials. If it is a book donation, the patron fills out the “Memorial in Memory Of Acknowledgment Form.” The library retains the acknowledgement form in its Memorial binder. A bookplate bearing the name of the person being memorialized as well as the name of the donor is placed inside the memorial book. The library features all memorial books on the two-sided *Memorial Display Rack*, which was donated in memory of Patricia Welsh Goode. After a period of one year, the library integrates the books into the regular collection to accommodate new memorial donations. In addition to books, the library welcomes financial, equipment, and furniture contributions. Patrons who wish to donate equipment, furniture, or other items can meet with the Library Director to assess the feasibility of the donation, based on the library's needs, space, and objectives. The library sends a thank-you card to the donor and an acknowledgment card to the family of the person being honored. Memorial donations are a beautiful and enduring way to honor loved ones.