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Central Library's BookEnds will reopen with a new look April 20

The Central Library's used bookstore is stocked with many hard to find and unique books

DALLAS, TX – The city's used bookstore, BookEnds will officially re-open at 10:30 a.m. Friday, April 20, after a facelift that included interior and exterior repainting, new shelving, and a new children's area. The bookstore is located on the first floor of the Central Library at 1515 Young St. The project was funded by the Junior League of Dallas (JLD) through grants from Pizza Hut, Inc., Wachovia Foundation and Communities Foundation of Texas.

The only bookstore in an almost eight mile radius, BookEnds serves the downtown area and southern sector of Dallas, with a selection of books, DVD's, videos, books on tape and gift items. Most of the store's 6,000 books, including current releases, are less than \$5. BookEnds also has a selection of "hard to find" and unique books for sale. As downtown Dallas grows as an urban center, BookEnds strives to provide relevant material to not only city visitors, but those who live and work downtown.

The Junior League of Dallas - selected BookEnds as one of three special projects to receive funding this year, as part of the League's 85th anniversary. JLD provided \$30,000 to the Friends of the Dallas Public Library for renovations; volunteers from the League also donated time and effort to help with the improvements.

"We are very excited to partner with Pizza Hut, who has been an important contributor to our efforts in the education area, to support the renovation of the used bookstore," said JLD President Lynn McBee. "We are excited to celebrate the opening of the new store and its impact on the Dallas community."

The Junior League of Dallas is an organization of women committed to promoting voluntarism, developing the potential of women and improving the community through the effective action and leadership of trained volunteers. In 2006-2007, the JLD will contribute more than \$1 million and 120,000 volunteer hours within the community. For more information, go to www.jld.net.

Pizza Hut provided a \$20,000 grant for the renovations and also hosted a book drive in its headquarters to help stock the shelves." Pizza Hut is proud to join the Junior League of Dallas in supporting the renovation of BookEnds at the Dallas Public Library," said Pizza Hut Chief People Officer Paul Moskowitz. "Bookends provides a valuable resource to many families, and we want to continue to encourage adults and children in our community to read."

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Pizza Hut created the BOOK IT!^(R) National Reading Incentive Program in 1985 to recognize and reward elementary school children who achieve set reading goals. Today, approximately 65 percent of public, private and parochial schools use the program in more than 910,000 classrooms across the country.

The company also contributes to education and literacy organizations in the Dallas-Fort Worth area and has been a major contributor in the education area for the Junior League of Dallas for the last two years. Pizza Hut is the world's largest pizza restaurant company with almost 6,600 restaurants in the United States and more than 4,000 restaurants in 100 other countries.

Wachovia Foundation and Communities Foundation of Texas each donated \$5,000 toward the renovations.

Speakers at the grand re-opening will include Director of Libraries Laurie Evans, Meredith Mosley, Junior League of Dallas Community Outreach Committee Chairperson, and Pizza Hut Chief People Officer Paul Moskowitz.

The Dallas Public Library operates the J. Erik Jonsson Central Library, 1515 Young St., and 23 branch locations. A library card is free for any Dallas resident. For information on the many free programs and services available at the Dallas Public Library, go to: <http://dallaslibrary.org/home.htm>.

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