

Friends of the Texas A&M University Libraries
Paver Program Report
February 7, 2025

Background:

The Friends Paver Program was revived in Fall 2023 with the goal to have it serve as an additional source of revenue for the Friends and funding for the Libraries. Orders were taken at \$100 per paver through the Board Challenge and the notice of a Paver Price Increase. The Board approved a price increase from \$100 per 4x8 paver to \$150, effective May 1, 2024 through April 30, 2026. The Board also designated all net proceeds from paver sales to go toward the Friends Texas A&M University Sesquicentennial Fund through April 30, 2026.

Progress:

In May 2024, 118 pavers were ordered which were installed in the Friends of the Texas A&M University Libraries Plaza on August 5, 2024.

In September 2024, 21 pavers were ordered – this order has been delivered and is awaiting installation. The Libraries have received a quote for the paver installation and there is no installation date set at this time. The Libraries have volunteered to cover costs associated with installation at the Friends Plaza.

There was an issue brought forward by SSC about the "rolling" or bumpy Plaza surface with a suggestion that be remediated before additional installations. Kiara Jackson, Libraries Administrative Coordinator, has shared that issue has been resolved and further installations can take place since the Libraries facilities team is happy to move forward with the installations and they have been following up with SSC about the work order.

The addition of the 21 pavers will increase the number of inscribed pavers in the Friends Plaza to a total of 266. This is a 108% increase of installed pavers since August 2024. \$11,559 has been raised since August 2023 and restricted to the Friends Sesquicentennial Fund.

Current State:

We have been informed by Bricks R Us that the paver color that we have been using - #44 Mahogany – has been discontinued by all brick manufacturers. The company located a pallet in their warehouse that allowed them to fulfill the September order. The Friends purchased the remainder of the pallet – 120 pavers – for future orders.

Bricks R Us suggested an alternative would be to use an 8x8 paver cut in half. A sample of a cut and inscribed paver was sent to the Libraries. By itself, the paver with the cut edge looked fine. The only difference is there is no bevel on one long side, but the bevels are so small that the missing edge will be noticed when installed.

The Friends may need to create an installation plan of just "where" the cut pavers begin in the Plaza since we now have a 120 paver "cushion".