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## **The Junior League of Fort Worth Launches *Clear the List to Fill the Shelves* — A Virtual Book Drive Benefitting Maudrie M. Walton Elementary**

FORT WORTH – “Today a reader, tomorrow a leader.” – Margaret Fuller

The Junior League of Fort Worth, Inc. (JLFW) announces the launch of a virtual book drive benefitting a local Fort Worth Independent School District (FWISD) campus, Maudrie M. Walton Elementary.

On the evening of September 25, 2020, Maudrie M. Walton Elementary was burglarized and the library was set on fire. What was once a library full of life had now become a crime scene. The library was heavily damaged from fire and water causing all of its contents to be lost, including all books, just as students were set to return to on-campus learning.

JLFW has a long-standing partnership within FWISD through the Junior M.I.N.T.S. program which provides volunteers to several campuses to mentor, inspire, nurture, tutor, and support. Maudrie M. Walton is a school served through the M.I.N.T.S. program this year.

While we wait for the library to be restored, the JLFW is launching a virtual book drive: *Clear the List to Fill the Shelves*. An Amazon Wish List has been created and it is full of a variety of books for students at this pre-kindergarten through fifth grade campus. The goal is to clear the list of titles from the wish list to fill the shelves of the temporary library. In doing so, the community will be providing students with the opportunity to enhance literacy, build imagination, learn new facts, and enjoy reading for pleasure. School is much different for all students in the midst of a pandemic and having books readily accessible provides a sense of normalcy.

In order to help JLFW provide this valuable resource to Walton Elementary, please consider purchasing a book from the virtual wish list at [amzn.to/33Bu0uc](https://www.amazon.com/wishlist/ref=wl_cr_text). If you have any questions or would like more information, please email [mints.mwalton@juniorleaguefw.org](mailto:mints.mwalton@juniorleaguefw.org).

**About the Junior League of Fort Worth:** The Junior League of Fort Worth, Texas, Inc. is an organization of women committed to promoting voluntarism, developing the potential of women, and improving communities through the effective action and leadership of trained volunteers. Its purpose is exclusively educational and charitable. For more information about the Junior League of Fort Worth, please call 817.332.7500 or visit [www.juniorleaguefw.org](http://www.juniorleaguefw.org).

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