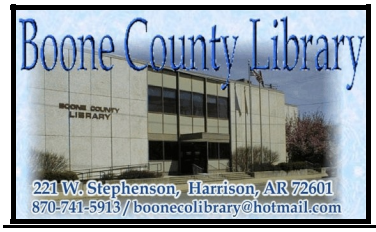

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2011 Membership Renewal Reminder

Imagine for a moment what Harrison and the surrounding area would be like if Friends of the Library suddenly ceased to exist. If no one donated their used books, gave freely of their time or became members. If there were no more huge community book sales. If there were thousands of books fewer on the shelves of our library. If the daycare centers in Boone County no longer had a collection of children's library books hand delivered to them on a regular basis that the children could take home to read. If there was no one here to call upon to deliver reading materials to the homebound. Imagine what a loss it would be.

Non-profits, like the FOL, are the heart and soul of a community. Literally thousands of hours of time, labor and energy are donated yearly by people in Boone County who know that good citizenship dictates that every capable person do their part in some way to contribute to a greater cause than themselves. If you consider our mission a worthy cause and would like to support our efforts, please consider joining the ranks of those that proudly call themselves a Friend of the Library. Make this the year you become an active volunteer. Donate your used books. Write out a check to renew your membership or become an Above and Beyond financial supporter.

If you're not sure of your membership status this year, check the mailing label attached to this newsletter. It should look like the one to the right. If the year line indicates "Life" there will never be another fee. If it reads "Complimentary Copy" it is being sent free with the hope that you will find a way to support Friends of the Boone County Library. If it doesn't say "2011" it's time for you to renew. You can renew for a year as an individual for $5, a family for $10, a sustaining member for $25, or a lifetime member with no further fees for $100. Business memberships are $25 and commercial memberships are $100. Please use the membership form enclosed in this newsletter.

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2011 Membership Status
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Where do your membership dues go? Friends of the Library uses them, along with its book sale proceeds, to help maintain the vibrancy of the Boone County Library in many ways. Every year the Friends gives the library about $10,000. to augment their collection with the newest, most desirable books on the market. Friends also provides funds needed to improve and maintain the physical needs of the library, both inside and out. Your memberships and donations pay for online reference materials, software, programs for children and adults, library staff development, subscriptions, the Boone County Oral History Project, etc. Membership funds were also used again this past year to contribute to a 20th Century Club project that distributed paperback dictionaries to every third grade student in Boone County schools.

If you haven't already done so, please help us support one of the best libraries in Arkansas by taking a moment now to renew your membership. Or join us for the first time. We welcome and appreciate your participation.

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