

Friends of the Library, Boone County (FOLBC) Year 2009 Annual Report to the Membership

Friends is an all volunteer 501(c)3 organization. Our charter is to enhance our library. To this end, we have had another successful year. Highlights follow:

- * FOLBC continues to advertise library services and materials by *Bookplate*, our informative newsletter; *Harrison Daily Times* "New Books Added to the Library"; www.folbc.org website; word of mouth.
- * FOLBC has supported BCL directly with over \$20,500, including the FOLBC newsletter.
- * FOLBC has purchased *online reference* material such as: Heritage Quest and Lawchek for Libraries. Available at www.bcl.state.ar.us.
- * FOLBC purchased over \$10,000 of books to help provide quality and currency of the library collection.
- * FOLBC continued and enhanced our outreach efforts by: delivery of books to homebound, reading to day school tots, and providing, with Wal-Mart's help, small collections of books at specific day schools. In addition, parents can now check out these books at these daycare schools – Head Start and OUR. As a result of last year's very successful *check out* project (729 books checked out and taken home with only 2 books lost), we expanded the program for the 2009-10 school year from six classes to fifteen.
- * FOLBC continues to honor those who have donated over \$25 or who have donated any amount of labor with a book in their honor added to the BCL collection. These books are included in the \$10,000 of books mentioned above.
- * FOLBC continues the collaborative partnership with RSVP this year. Any FOLBC members, 55 years old and older, can become RSVP members with no effect on their FOLBC volunteer status. And non-FOLBC members of RSVP are encouraged to volunteer with FOLBC. Total RSVP volunteer hours are reported to state and federal agencies in order to paint a better picture of old folks activities and to influence relevant legislation.
- * FOLBC partnered with the Boone County Genealogical Society to present a noteworthy and well attended *Beginning Genealogy* seminar by the nationally know Lynda Childers Suffridge.
- * FOLBC, with every project, creates added value. The Book Sleuths evaluate all donated books and price according to value. This has kept our book sale revenue growing.
- * Book sales [Spring, Fall, Holiday, Silent Auction, Trolley, Internet (Booksellers in the Ozarks), and Children's] continue to be our primary revenue source.
- * Memberships generate 21 percent of total revenue and book sales generate 69 percent of revenue.
- * Memberships represent between 700 and 800 supporters that have donated well over 2500 hours.
- * Every member of this 2009 Board appreciates the opportunity to serve our community. This organization will continue to operate in an ethical fashion and will continue a frugal and sagacious use of resources so as to warrant public trust and your generous support.
- * Thank you all for your help in making a difference.

George Cline, President

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