

Friends of the Library, Boone County (FOLBC) Annual Report to the Membership January 2011 through December 2011

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

Highlights follow:

- FOLBC continues to advertise library services and materials by the *Bookplate*, our informative newsletter, the www.folbc.org website and word of mouth.
- FOLBC has supported the Boone County Library (BCL) directly with over \$15,000, including the FOLBC newsletter.
- FOLBC purchased *online reference* material such as Heritage Quest, providing library patrons with access to considerable genealogical data from home computers, and Law Check. These are available through the Boone County Library website www.boonecountylibrary.org through the Genealogy or Reference links.
- FOLBC purchased approximately \$10,000 of books to enhance the quality and currency of the library collection.
- FOLBC continued and enhanced our outreach efforts by delivering books to homebound, reading to day school tots, and providing with various donors' help small collections of books at all Boone County Head Start and ABC day schools that parents can check out. Since its inception in 2008 at six day schools, it has grown to now service sixteen classes. There have been over 3,245 checkouts since 2008, and FOLBC now distributes over 600 books.
- 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 Honor Books are included in the \$10,000 book purchase mentioned above.
- FOLBC continued their collaborative partnership with RSVP this year up until its closing in Harrison several months ago.
- 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, and Children's] continue to be our primary revenue source, approximately 70 percent.
- Memberships represent well over 1000 supporters, 300 of which are life members, that have donated over 2400 hours, the majority of which were contributed by the 12 working board members. According to the Corporation for National and Community Service, this 2400 hours translates to over \$50,000.

Every member of this 2012 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 for all your help in making a difference.

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