

Honor Book Project 2007

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Ever wonder where your membership dues really go? Or the proceeds from the book sales held every few months? Wonder no more, my friend. You are cordially invited to come to the library to see firsthand the fruit of your labor, donations and dues. Just to the right as you enter the front door is an alcove with a very inviting display of the new books purchased this year by the library with funds donated by The Friends. Through very frugal comparison shopping, the library staff was able to buy more than five hundred books this year with the same amount of money that bought about four hundred last year. And there are some dandies. This collection has something for everyone, including teen-agers, Nascar fans, sports fans, people that like to travel, that love history or politics, sports, crafts, poetry, biographies, antiques and collectibles. There's a great anthology of poetry entitled *Magnetic North*. There are books by Rudy Guliani, John McCain, Barack Obama and Madeleine Albright, among others. It's like a box of bon bons. See them now before they get reshelved into their Dewey Decimal places. More books are upstairs in the children's department.

Please note as you peruse the great selection of books that many of them have a bookplate just inside the front cover and facing you with the name of a Friends of the Library donor or volunteer. Others may be names of donors or volunteers that supported the library directly. Each and every nameplate honors some individual, family, business or company that supports the Boone County Library and the importance of reading. Collectively they put their money, time and energy where their mouths are. Feel proud as you look through these books. They are there because of you.

Friends of the Library, Boone County (FOLBC)

FOLBC is a 501(c)3 organization. FOLBC's charter is to provide enrichment of the total resources and facilities of the Boone County Library. FOLBC, as a 501(c)3, is an independent, self-directed organization and as such frequently orders outside audits to review our procedures and verify accuracy of these procedures.

FOLBC has initiated and executed many major and minor projects from automation of the Boone County Library and surveying Boone County residents to purchasing plastic bags for children's programs.

Since the survey results were published, FOLBC has initiated several programs that address the issues surfaced with the survey. Three areas are outreach, advertising, and subject matter of books purchased.

In advertising, FOLBC uses the Harrison Daily Times, FOLBC newsletter *Bookplate*, and website FOLBC.ORG, and local audio and visual media, all to advertise new books added to library, book sales, programs and services.

In outreach, FOLBC volunteers read at daycare centers and other sites, maintain mini-libraries at daycare centers, locate homebound individuals and deliver books to them.

In the purchase of books, FOLBC initiated the Honor Books project whereby books of particular subjects of most interest to surveyees are purchased by FOLBC to honor those making specific donations.

FOLBC is involved in several collaborative ventures benefiting FOLBC, the Boone County Library, the community or all three. FOLBC collaborators are presently: RSVP, Boone County Library, Boone County Heritage Museum, various daycare centers, and the Oral History Project.

These activities are mainly paid for by book sales, grants and donations. FOLBC volunteers write grant applications, solicit membership donations, and conduct book sales. Book sales have every book evaluated and are continuously being revised to offer purchasers great value while maximizing FOLBC income. The book sales are specific and continuous including some inventory available on the www. And the kudos. FOLBC has won various local and national awards and are regularly mentioned in the FOLUSA newsletter, all to the credit and gratification of over 400 members.