

## ***Friends of the Library, Boone County (FOLBC) Year 2007 Annual Report to the Membership***

Friends is an all volunteer 501©(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](http://www.folbc.org) website and word of mouth.
- \* FOLBC has purchased online reference materials such as: Heritage Quest and Forms on File. Available at [www.bcl.state.ar.us](http://www.bcl.state.ar.us).
- \* FOLBC purchased \$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.
- \* 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 collection.
- \* FOLBC joined in a collaborative partnership with RSVP this year. Any FOLBC members, 55 and over, 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 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 remains partnered with the Boone County Oral History Project, the Boone County Library and the Boone County Heritage Museum - the objective being to record stories of 100 older members of multi-generational Ozarks families.
- \* FOLBC, with every project, creates added value. The Book Sleuths evaluate all donated books and price according to value. This has kept our book sales growing.
- \* Book sales [Spring, Fall, Holiday, Silent Auction, Trolley, Internet (Booksellers in the Ozarks), Christmas Tree of Books and Children's] continue to be our primary revenue source.
- \* Memberships have grown to 27 percent of total revenue and are equivalent to 43 percent of book sale revenue.
- \* Every member of this 2007 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