

Friends of the Library, Boone County (FOLBC) Year 2008 Annual Report to the Membership

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 *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 \$14,000, including the FOLBC newsletter
- FOLBC has purchased *online reference* material such as Heritage Quest. 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 additions, parents can now check out these books at these daycare schools – Head Start and OUR.
- 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 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 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 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), and Children's] continue to be our primary revenue source.
- Memberships generate 25 percent of total revenue and book sales generate 74 percent of revenue.
- Members number over 550 and have donated over 2400 hours.
- Every member of this 2008 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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1. Click on Bookstores in top red navigation toolbar.
2. In Search Bookstores, type in Booksellers in the Ozarks and click search.
3. In the Displaying Results, click on Booksellers in the Ozarks (Friends) and choose between Browse or Search their books.

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