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**2011 Children’s Book Sale was a Splash!!**

By Debbie Goens

June 4, 2011 8:55 am – All was quiet on the second floor of the Boone County Library as the FOL Children’s Book Sale workers did last minute checks in preparation for the big splash of children they knew was coming in just 5 minutes! 32½ boxes of children’s books had been sorted and displayed the day before and were now ready for the children to claim as their own.

9:00 am – The doors to the library opened wide and children and adults could be heard and soon seen rushing through the library and up the stairs to the Children’s Book Sale! Some went straight for the young adults’ section and others to the primary level books and read-alouds. The excitement in the air was palpable. The smiles on the faces of the children and the excitement in their voices as they showed parents what they found let the workers know that once again their time was well spent.

11:00 am – The rush slowed down as the crowd thinned. Well over half the books displayed were purchased in the first two hours! We had already condensed some tables and at 11:00 began moving the young adult section into the meeting room with the primary and read-alouds.

2:00 pm - The door prize drawing was held and the winners were notified. Alex Huffman won the young adult storage bin, and Elsie Miller won the primary level wagon. Both were loaded with goodies for the summer and, of course, several age appropriate books. We sincerely hope they both enjoy their prizes. Seven unsold boxes of books were packed up and donated to the Summer Reading Program for Children’s Librarian, Ginger Schoenberger, to display on a “free” trolley. We are sure, as in the past, they will go fast!

This year’s Children’s Book Sale earned \$467.00 for the Friends of the Library to continue their support of the Boone County Library. Of course, it’s never about the money with the Children’s Book Sale, but about the love of reading instilled in our younger generation, and getting the books in their hands! It takes all of us working together to make this possible and FOL would like to thank the entire library staff for promoting the Children’s Book Sale and prominently displaying our door prizes. And a special thanks to Perry Gaither for his wonderful signs. We would also like to thank the following 23 FOL members for donating 88½ hours of their time for this sale:

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| Amanda Baker   | Malinda Brown      | Joseph Dezort   | Millie Mondahl  |
| Danny Baker    | Linda Clark        | Debbie Goens    | Bonnilee Nodolf |
| Samantha Baker | George Cline       | Louise Mahaffey | Teri Penquite   |
| Nola Barnett   | Shirley Copeland   | Barbara Martin  | Sally Robinson  |
| Lena Boswell   | Kathryn Crunkleton | Dicksie Milburn | Chuck Speice    |
|                | Al Davis           | Felicia Minton  | Mary Wright     |

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