

Friends of the Library, Boone County (FOLBC) 2010 Annual Report to the Membership November 2009 through October 2010

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 \$18,000, including the FOLBC newsletter.
- FOLBC purchased *online reference* material such as Heritage Quest, providing library patrons with access to federal census records 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 specific day schools that parents can check out. The checkout pilot since its inception in 2008 at six Headstart and OUR classes was so successful that it has expanded to seventeen classes.
- 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 continues the collaborative partnership with RSVP this year. Any FOLBC members, 55 years old or older, 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, 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, Internet (Booksellers in the Ozarks), and Children's continue to be our primary revenue source, approximately 70 percent.
- Memberships represent well over 1000 supporters that have donated over 2800 hours, nearly 2000 of which were contributed by the 15 working board members.

Every member of this 2010 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.

George Cline, President

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