

Dear Friends,

As you all know, Friends of the Library Boone County (FOLBC) is a 501(c)3 organization. I have noticed time and again that certain 501(c)3 organizations make donations to other 501(c)3 organizations. I have wondered about the ethics and charters of these entities, that would allow them to do this.

Imagine an organization soliciting and receiving money to execute their charter, which appeals to certain donors, only to have that organization give the donor's money to another 501(c)3 with a different charter. This could make certain donors irate.

Well, FOLBC has participated in this pass-through scheme after much discussion and soul searching. Allow me to present the specificity.

The Twentieth Century Club has a project whereby they give dictionaries to all third graders in Boone County. They ask FOLBC for \$100 to help defray the cost. We consented with FOLBC being listed as a contributor.

The reasoning that carried the day was: 1) This surely contributes to youths being literate, which in turn will make them a library user and supporter; 2) It is promotion of FOLBC and puts FOLBC before the young people and their parents of our community, which may cause them to join and support FOLBC.

To quantify the efficacy of either of these reasons is nigh impossible.

I wish you readers to comment on this project upon which we have embarked.

Keep in mind, our charter is to enhance library. Is it too much of a stretch to think we are doing this? Contact me.

Please attend our annual meeting as noted on the front page of this newsletter.

Please consider our Holiday Book Sale as a source of Christmas gifts. We have some great reads at a minimal price. The recipients will love it and you will be helping Friends of the Library, Boone County.

Thank you,
George Cline

Important places on the web:

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Boone County Library <http://bcl.state.ar.us/>

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