

President's Message

Dear Friends of the Boone County Library,

With this message, I want to review developments at the library.

Personnel: Within this past few months, all upper level management positions have changed hands.

Malinda Evans is now the Children's Librarian, replacing Sue Davis. This occurred when Sue resigned to try teaching again.

LaVoyce Ewing is now the Adult Services Librarian, replacing Eva Wilson who resigned to pursue other interests.

"_____ " to be named soon becomes the Library Director, replacing Jim Miller who resigned to be closer to family.

Three other new staff members: Perry Gaither, Ginger Milam and Martha Purvis have been hired as additions and replacements.

All seem good selections – people oriented, friendly, and know service is number one in their job description. Welcome, all.

Library Hours: The library is now open two additional hours per week, totaling fifty-two. Tuesday is the day with the two hour extension. Both Tuesday and Thursday now have evening hours till 7:00 p.m. Opening time is at 9:00 a.m. Monday through Saturday, close at 5:00 p.m. except Tuesday and Thursday. Closed all day Sunday.

Large Lawing Estate Bequest: Several months ago, Mrs. Lawing, deceased, gifted the Boone County Library with a large bequest (compared with other past gifts). A few pieces of property, both residential and commercial, were included in the gift. The proceeds are to be used only for the purchase of books. The proceeds, invested conservatively, should more than double our presently budgeted spending on inventory of \$50,000. The properties are in the process of being sold and the proceeds may start generating revenue by year end.

Boone County Library Foundation: This foundation has been formed to raise funds, to serve as a repository of bequests, to manage both for the benefit of the Boone County Library.

Long Range Plan : Last Fall, several citizens of the county gave the Library Board input in the development of a long range plan. A few salient features of the plan are: to improve service to all Boone County citizens through outreach, more open hours, and programs; to utilize a Library Foundation to solicit and nurture bequests; to maintain standards for a library our size; to consider growth of physical facility since growing pains are evident. See www.bcl.state.ar.us > Library Info > Long Range Plan for additional information.

See folbc.org to review developments with Friends of the Library, Boone County.

George Cline, President

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