



The Bookplate

Friends of the Library, Boone County, Inc.

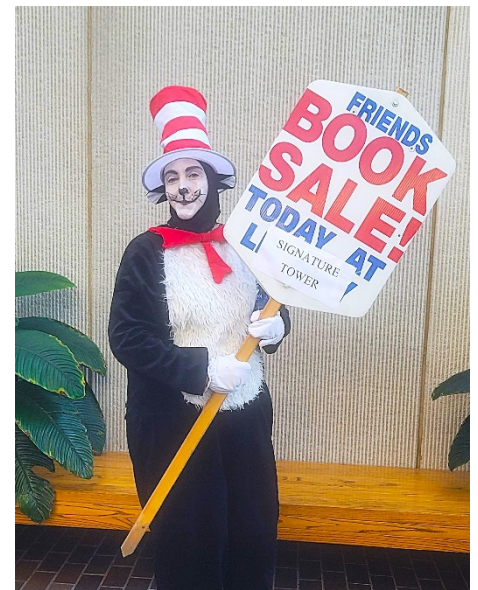
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Fall Book Sale

The Friends held their last book sale of 2024 on October 4th and 5th at the Signature Tower on Main Street in Harrison. The weather was great and helped make the sale a big success. Many thanks to Karlea Newberry, Signature Bank President, for the free use of their events facilities and the labor her employees provided. Besides having the large parking lot for vehicles, it was great having all that extra space to work and display books.

Other thanks go to all those who helped with setup and take-down and to Woody Woodliff for his help with the truck and trailer. Once again, Linda Patterson recruited the NorthArk basketball team to transport the boxes of books. Special thanks to librarian Nola Castro, aka Cat in the Hat, for adding to the fun and entertaining the kids.



Twenty-nine volunteers working a total of 174 hours were logged in to the sign-in sheets alone. Total sales brought in \$2,405.16 with an additional \$201.56 in donations and \$145.00 in memberships. Fifteen buyers appreciated the convenient option of using PayPal to pay for their books.

Thanks very much to all our volunteers and patrons!

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Letter From the President

Dear Friends,

As 2024 ends, I sincerely thank the FOL volunteers who put in so much time: Pat Evans, Linda Patterson, Rachel Gutting, Elta Woodliff, Alan and Teri Gregory, and the FOL Board: Nancy Chapey, Chris Posterick and Jackie Hern. And a big thank you to Rebecca Force for her years of dedication creating our newsletter, *The Bookplate*. I cannot thank Ginger Schoenenberger and the Boone County Public Library staff enough for your help, patience, encouragement and enthusiastic support. It's been an honor to work with all of you!

I am confident 2025's Library Board will work diligently to promote and maintain the FOL and continue this long-standing mission to serve the Boone County Public Library.

My congratulations and thanks to the 2025 Friends of the Library board:

- President Penny DeJournett
- Vice President Nancy Chapey
- Secretary Chris Posterick
- Treasurer Jackie Hern

The importance of serving and supporting the library cannot be overstated. Public libraries are essential to communities in numerous ways. Public libraries act as a cornerstone for education, community engagement, local history and personal growth. Public libraries are an invaluable asset to the communities they serve.

The FOL is a nonprofit corporation; nonprofits succeed by the efforts of volunteers. A robust volunteer organization needs volunteers; our FOL is no exception. We need active committed volunteers! These are ways members can support our FOL:

- **Book sleuths:** sort donated books;
- **Newsletter editor:** produce quarterly recap of FOL activities;
- **Marketing & Publicity:** promote the FOL & the Library;
- **Homebound & Preschool programs:** once a month, drive to the schools or homebound patrons to exchange book baskets;
- **Book sales:** moving book boxes, setting out books, working with patrons during the sale, cashiering, and assisting with take down;
- **Bake sales:** donating baked treats, setting up and cleaning up afterwards, enjoying the patrons and of course, being good customers ourselves;

- **Book donations:** please donate books in gently used condition, either newer releases or older, vintage books, paperbacks in good condition: book sales are the main source of income.
- **Online book sales:** place unique books up for sale or auction and post to buyers.

We need our members to attend meetings and actively participate, make suggestions, help with activities. What time you can share with the FOL is valuable, a few hours monthly or weekly make a big difference.

2024 events included a Valentine's Day bake sale, and spring and fall book sales; a children's/YA book sale was held before the end of the school year. We distributed a lot of books inexpensively to the community; and, of special importance to me, many children's and young adult books reached young readers.

The FOL purchased books, paid for children's programs and genealogy recourses. Expenses are pending for book orders; the annual magazine subscription and we have a new webpage and database. On December 19th, the FOL is sponsoring a children's Christmas celebration including a visit from Mr. & Mrs. Santa Claus, cookie decorating, hot cocoa and prizes and gifts. Please, bring your children, grandchildren and invite your neighbors.

In parting, let me ask you as members, to donate time and materials, support the library's extensive adult and children's programs and speak up on behalf of public libraries; tell our local and state leadership that the library is a vital and vibrant community asset.

My best wishes for a happy and healthy holiday season filled with love and kindness and I sincerely hope we all enjoy a prosperous and peaceful new year!

*Sincerely,
Carol Harris*

Above and Beyond

We would like to thank the following people and businesses for their recent generous contributions to the FOL and the library:

- Arvest Foundation for a \$15,000 grant to be used for new furniture for our library.
- Karlea Newberry, Signature Bank President, for giving FOL free use of the Signature Tower for our fall book sale.
- Rebecca Force, for her years and dedication creating *The Bookplate*.
- Nature's Wonders for a generous donation of \$250.
- Hudson's Supermarket and The Cake Shop for gift certificates to be offered in our Christmas raffle.
- Clay Battin for donating the beautiful Christmas dinnerware set for our raffle.



2025 Friends of the Library Board

Left to Right: Penny DeJournett, President ; Nancy Chapey, Vice President
Chris Posterick, Secretary and Jackie Hern, Treasurer



Christmas Raffle

The raffle includes service for 8 dinnerware consisting of dinner & luncheon plates, bowls, cups & saucers, matching glassware and 2 condiment shakers.

There's also a \$50 gift card to Hudson's Grocery and a \$20 gift card for The Cake Shop. Tickets are available at the library front desk.

- 2 tickets for \$5.00
- 6 tickets for \$10.00
- 15 tickets for \$20

Raffle ends Friday, December 13.
The winner will be called, so please write your number legibly.

Check Us Out

We're proud to announce that our website, **FOLBC.org**, has been given a facelift. Please take a few moments to stroll through it. We think you'll find it bright, fresh and professional looking. It conveys who we are and what we do. Whether you're looking for upcoming events, a place to sign up to become a member or volunteer or you'd like to donate to our cause, you'll find it there. It contains the current and past issues of our newsletter - *The Bookplate*. There's a section featuring people who deserve special recognition for their contribution to our mission, as well as a section introducing our board members. There's a tab if you'd like to contact us, along with a link to our library's website.

Our new website was built to incorporate as many elements as possible to tell our story. If you have a suggestion or comment, please click on the contact tab at *folbc.org* or send an email to *president@folbc.org*. We appreciate your input.

Our new website was a team effort. We thank Cole Campbell and his wife Hannah of Elevate Digital Designs in Harrison for their inspiration and their beautiful design. Photos came from Linda Patterson and Ted Harris. Chris Posterick and Carol Harris worked on content. Thanks again to everyone involved in this project.

Last but not least, we would like to thank Janet McMurrin, who has served FOL so many years as web mistress to our old website. We hope this doesn't end her involvement with Friends of the Library. We'd love to have her stay on with us in any capacity of her choosing.

We hope you all visit and enjoy our new digital presence in the world.

In addition to our new website, we've also gone over to a new database to manage our membership and volunteer lists. As a result, it may have changed the way some people receive their copy of our quarterly newsletter, *The Bookplate*. If we have a valid email address for you in our database, we will be sending you the newsletter via email. If you receive our newsletter via USPS and you have an email address, we would very much appreciate your consent to switch to email delivery. We respect your privacy, and we will not share your email address with third parties. Please notify us in one of the following ways:

- Click on the contact tab on our website FOLBC.org
- Or email: *president@folbc.org*
- Or call our library at 870-741-5913

The Bookplate is also available at the library front desk and online at *folbc.org*.

Reducing our paper mailings allows more funding for library books, programs and improvements. It also saves trees that provide the oxygen we breathe. Thanks for helping.

New and Renewing Members

Lifetime Membership Kathryn C. Scarsdale

Commercial Potter Equipment Company

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Two Year Memberships Nancy & Peter Deisch and Ed Truex

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City _____ State _____

Three years - \$30

Zip _____ Phone _____

Lifetime - \$100

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Corporation (One year) - \$100

Thanks to all our members. You are the wind beneath our wings.