



The Bookplate

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Homebound and Preschool Delivery and Exchange

Friends of the Library, Boone County Arkansas became a 501 (c)(3) in 1990's with serving the library as its mission. FOL volunteers raise funds through book and bake sales, memberships and donations to purchase books and support library programming; a tradition that continues.

This year, the FOL will allocate:

- \$8,000 to purchase new books
- \$1,500 for children's summer programs
- \$ 300 towards the children's "1000 Books Read" program
- \$ 400 donated to the genealogy department

Volunteers deliver books to homebound patrons in our community. Homebound status isolates people, restricts access to goods and services and a person can become, simply, lonely. We believe our homebound deliveries help; our volunteers forge bonds with our patrons and care about their wellbeing.

Volunteers distribute and exchange baskets of books to preschools. Each basket holds 25 books. Currently we deliver about 400 books to nine schools; two are open all year while the remaining seven close for a summer break:

- Alpena Learning Center – 2 baskets
- Alpena ABC Preschool – 2 baskets
- Bergman Elementary – 4 baskets
- Forest Heights Elementary (new this semester) – 2 baskets
- Little Red Schoolhouse – 2 baskets
- Giggles & Grins Preschool – 2 baskets
- Harrison Preschool – 1 basket
- Room to Bloom – 2 baskets
- The Learning Center – 1 basket

These books are donated or purchased by FOL and mirror the Boone County Library collection so the availability of books at the library is not impacted. We want to show children that books are fun and help teachers raise another generation of readers.

Letter From the President

BY CAROL HARRIS

Dear Friends,

It's September, already! The holidays are coming up fast! I am looking forward to the festivities and get togethers. And, for me, the cooler weather can't happen soon enough.

The upcoming October book sale is the last book sale of 2024. Signature Bank has graciously donated the lobby and event room of the Signature Tower for our sale. Our book selection is varied, along with fiction and nonfiction, mystery, romance and thrillers, donations included excellent leather-bound books and other giftable books, perfect for holiday presents. Children's books are priced to go home to be enjoyed. The last day of the sale coincides with the 40th Annual Harvest Homecoming Festival on the Harrison square, so both events can be enjoyed.

Among fund-raising options, the FOL board is considering an ongoing book sale in the library to augment our book sales. We 're discussing with Ginger Schoenenberger, Boone County Library Director, and the library staff. Anyone with expertise or ideas, please contact us, we're looking for fresh ideas.

Our next meeting is September 19th at 4pm in the downstairs meeting room – the third Thursday instead of our usual 4th Thursday. Please join us! We will be thanking Janet McMurrin, webmaster, for all her years volunteering as webmaster and serving the FOL and the library in many important ways.

Please volunteer for the next book sale. We need everyone's help to benefit the FOL and the Boone County Public Library!

As ever, my sincere thanks to all the volunteers and library staff.

Carol Harris

Fall Book Sale

October 4th & 5th is the last book sale for this YEAR!

We have a large and varied children's book selection, board books to young adult interest; for adults, we will have collectible leather-bound volumes of WW2, Vietnam, JFK, collected novels of Jane Austin, Issac Asimov, Jules Verne and Sherlock Holmes along with a selection of vintage books, other genres include mystery, thrillers, science fiction and a collection of prophecy books by various authors, including Micheal J. Heiser, LTC Robert L. Maginnis, Thomas Horn, to name a few. Many books are pristine and suitable for holiday gift-giving.

"Overstock" books will be a \$1 a bag - any bag - both days.

Bargain books will be \$3 a bag on Saturday, again any bag.

The Boone County Library staff will host a table.

Signature Bank of Arkansas generously donated the Signature Tower event facilities for three days! Many thanks!

Where:

Signature Tower
303 N. Main Street
Harrison, AR 72601

When:

Friday, October 4th
9:00AM to Noon
(Members ONLY)
Noon - 7:00PM
Saturday, October 5th
9AM to 2PM

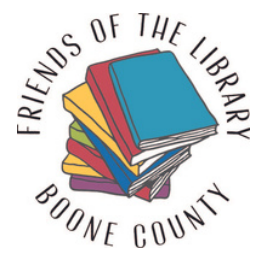


Two Holiday Raffles:

- A large, decorated, hand-made wooden rocking horse
- 8-place setting of holiday dishes, dinner & luncheon plate, bowl, cup & saucer and matching water glasses. (pictured left)

Volunteers needed to staff the book sale: set-up on Thursday, take down and cleanup on Saturday. During the sale, we need cashiers, rovers to help patrons fill their bags and answer questions. We always have great support from our members - greatly appreciated - so, please, when we call and ask for help, see if you can add the FOL book sale to your calendar.

Stand Up to Stand Out



By unanimous vote at our August FOL board meeting, Janet McMurrin was chosen to be this year's third quarter Stand Up to Stand Out award honoree.

Janet was born and raised in Harrison and has been with FOL since about 1997. She worked with Carolyn & George Cline in those early days to transition the old library card catalog system into a database. In appreciation of her work, she was honored with a governor's volunteer award in 1997. She enjoyed working with the Clines and spoke highly and affectionately of them. George encouraged her to go to college.



After that, Janet took on more projects at our library. She served as backup for many library positions and helped set up the first four public access computers with internet. With the goal of becoming a school librarian, she earned certification and degrees in that field. Along the way, Janet became a member of our FOL board, and she has been the webmaster ever since 2004. She is currently a Business & IT Assistant Professor at North Arkansas College.

Janet's love of books began early. She has fond memories of the Grandma's Attic series by Arleta Richardson. Based on true stories from the author's grandmother, who was one hundred years older than Janet, the stories spoke to her. Janet still has a letter she received from the author.

Anne of Green Gables is one of Janet's favorite book characters. She enjoys juvenile books from the 1950s-1980s, Christian fiction and classics written by Jane Austen and Eleanor H. Porter. But her favorite book of all is the Bible, "the Bible is eternal", which she reads every day.

Janet tends to read more than one book at a time, be it on her Kindle or hard copy. She also enjoys listening to books with Alexa. Janet has four bookcases of books and over a thousand books on Kindle, many she hasn't read yet.

Besides reading, Janet likes to make ice cream and cookies, hike with her friends, take pictures of nature (especially flowers!) and keep bees. She enjoys history and loves to visit old one-room schoolhouses.

When asked what book should be required reading for everyone, Janet doesn't hesitate to say the Bible. "It has all the answers for life's problems."

Thank you, Janet, for your selfless decades of hard work, dedication and expertise you've contributed to our library, our Friends organization and our community. You've done an outstanding job being our behind-the-scenes, ever faithful webmaster. We wouldn't be the same without you, and it's been a pleasure.

The Stand Up to Stand Out program was created to recognize and thank those who give so much of themselves to help our library and/or our FOL. Our library wouldn't be the same without them. They are jewels in our community.

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NEW & RENEWING MEMBERS

Life Memberships:

Jerrica Cheek

Cindi Newton

“The Bookplate” Distribution

Everyone has felt the pinch of higher prices. The latest postal increase combined with other costs of mailing “The Bookplate” forces the FOL to reevaluate mail delivery. The third quarter edition will be mailed as usual, but we want to deliver future issues via email.

“The Bookplate” will continue email delivery and copies will be available in the Library, on the FOL webpage and on Facebook page, Friends of the Library – Boone County. If you have an email address, we really appreciate notifying us, either by emailing or calling the library:

Email: president@folbc.org

Library front desk: 870-741-5913

For some FOL members, we realize email delivery may not be possible or practical. If so, please call me, Carol Harris, at 909-744-2394.

Benefits of FOL Membership

- Contribute to the maintenance of a strong and vibrant library.
- Receive a quarterly newsletter notifying of Friends and Library activities.
- Invest in your community.
- The best perk of ALL is the members-only early admission to the Friends’ book sales!!!

We look forward to meeting and working with you!

Friends of the Library membership

Name: _____

Address: _____

City _____ State _____

Zip _____ Phone#: _____

Email to receive Bookplate

Newsletter: _____

Membership Category

Individual - \$5

Family - \$10

Sustaining - \$25

Life - \$100

Business - \$25

Commercial - \$100

**Friends of the Boone County Library, Harrison AR
is an all-volunteer, 501(c)3 organization.**

Our mission is to maintain a strong and vibrant library and enhance the overall value of our community. We provide funds for new books, programs for children and adults, library improvements, outreach and book deliveries to homebound citizens.