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Book Sales

The Friends held two book sales during the second quarter, the Spring Book Sale was held April 11th-13th and the Young Adult/Children's Book Sale began Friday, May 10th, and ended Saturday, May 11th. Thanks to Jerrica Cheeks's calls and organizing, forty-one volunteers helped with the Spring Book Sale and fifteen with the smaller Young Adult / Children's Book Sale.

For the Spring Book Sale, Linda Patterson recruited the NorthArk basketball team to bring banana boxes from storage and the Recovery Center of the Ozarks aided with setup. Thanks to Woody Woodliff for his help with truck and trailer.

Total book sales for the Spring Book Sale were \$2,405.16 with an additional \$201.56 in donations and \$145.00 for membership. Penny DeJournett donated a CD/DVD system which sold for \$50.00. On the last day of the sale, bargain room books were \$3.00 a bag, any size bag, and many books were sold. Payments via PayPal increased and patrons thanked us for the convenience.

The Young Adult / Children's Book two-day sale was just a few weeks after the Spring Book Sale. We did not have quantity, but we offered good books inexpensively. Several teachers purchased books for the upcoming school year and we gained another school for our preschool book deliveries. Our total sales were \$411.87, with \$15.55 in donations, and a new member at \$5.00.

Thanks very much to all the volunteers and patrons!



Letter From the President

BY CAROL HARRIS

Dear Friends,

I sincerely thank the FOL volunteers who regularly keep everything going. The morning book sleuths examine and sort donations for pricing, silent auction, and set up our free shelves and books for sale. The afternoon book sleuths determine which books can be offered in various sales and determine a reasonable – inexpensive – price or place books in special services such as preschool book delivery & exchange. The homebound book delivery crews provide a vital service to those who love to read but cannot go to the library. Preschool book baskets are delivered and exchanged monthly to several schools. Other volunteers, Rebecca Force, the creativity behind “The Bookplate”, and Janet McMurrin, webmaster, provide invaluable services. The FOL executive board, secretary Chris Posterick, treasurer Jackie Hern, and vice president Jerrica Cheek have served the FOL and the Boone County Library for many years. My heartfelt thanks to everyone as we go through this year!

The FOL meets every 4th Thursday at 4 PM in the downstairs meeting room. During our June meeting, we will honor Pat Evans, a longtime FOL member and dedicated book sleuth. Please do join us.

A special thanks to Ginger Schoenberger, the library director, and the library staff who are always helpful, kind, and professional.

This second quarter has been busy, with five days dedicated to book sales, a few more for setup, and much more time for preparation. It's nearly summer, school's out, and it's time for vacations and travel. Whether you travel or stay home this summer, it's also a great time to visit the library for reading material, audiobooks, DVDs, and eBooks. When you stop by, check out the extensive programs the library offers adults and children. A lot is going on at Boone County Library.

Sincerely,

Carol Harris



Fall Book Sale

Will be held on October 4th & 5th at the Signature Tower, 303 N. Main Street, Harrison, in the Community Room. Raffles, all sorts of books: children's, young adult, adult mystery, fiction, non-fiction, romance, thrillers, and suspense. Boone County Library plans a table and display too.

The Vital Role of Community Networking in Small Community Libraries

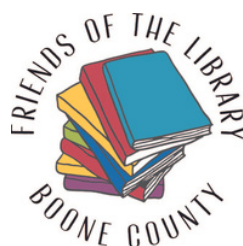
BY JERRICA CHEEK

In the digital age, where information flows abundantly through cyberspace, the relevance of small community libraries might seem diminished. However, these cozy corners of knowledge continue to play a crucial role, especially in fostering community cohesion and personal enrichment. At the heart of their effectiveness lies a key ingredient: community networking.

Small community libraries serve as more than just repositories of books; they are vibrant hubs where people gather to learn, share, and connect. Community networking, both within the library and with external partners, is paramount to their success.

Community networking enhances resource pooling. Small libraries often operate on limited budgets and have finite collections. By networking with other libraries, educational institutions, and local organizations, they can access a broader range of resources, from books and digital archives to educational programs and workshops. This collaboration ensures that patrons have access to a diverse array of materials and activities that enrich their lives.

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The Vital Role of Community Networking in Small Community Libraries, continued

BY JERRICA CHEEK

Community networking fosters a sense of belonging and participation. Libraries are not just places to consume information; they are spaces for engagement and interaction. Through partnerships with local schools, community centers, and businesses, libraries can organize events, such as author talks, book clubs, and educational seminars. These activities not only attract patrons but also encourage them to become active members of their community, forging connections with fellow residents and strengthening social ties.

Moreover, community networking enables libraries to tailor their services to the specific needs of their patrons. By engaging with community leaders, educators, and residents, libraries can gather feedback and insights that inform their programming and collection development. This ensures that the library remains relevant and responsive to the evolving interests and demographics of the community it serves.

Community networking amplifies the impact of outreach efforts. Through partnerships with local media outlets, community organizations, and online platforms, libraries can broaden their reach and attract new patrons. Whether promoting literacy programs, fundraising events, or volunteer opportunities, these partnerships help libraries raise awareness about their services and initiatives, ultimately increasing community engagement and support.

In essence, community networking is the lifeblood of small community libraries. It empowers them to transcend their physical confines and become dynamic centers of knowledge, culture, and connection. By forging partnerships, pooling resources, and engaging with their communities, these libraries can fulfill their mission of enriching lives and strengthening communities, one book at a time.



American Quilt Raffle

We're raffling a red-white-and-blue donated quilt. It measures approximately 64" x 81", The quilt is on display at the library.

Drawing will be held on July 1, 2024, at the library. You need not be present to win, just, please remember to print your name and phone number on the raffle ticket.

Tickets are

- 1 ticket = \$1.00
- 6 tickets = \$5.00
- 15 tickets = \$10.00

TIPS FOR GETTING CHILDREN TO READ OVER THE SUMMER

BY: MELISSA DIXON, TAMMERA HALITZKA, AND MISTY WILKINSON



Hello, Summertime!

Teachers, parents, and students are looking forward to all the fun activities that happen in the Summer! In this article, we would like to encourage parents to remember to put time to read to/with your child into their daily schedule. Research shows that students can lose anywhere from 17%-34% of what they learned over the school year during the Summer months. (Atteberry, Allison, and McEachin, 2019) Educators call this the “Summer slide”. To help prevent this from happening, parents need to read to and with their child DAILY.

Here are some tips to help you get started:

- Make time to have a fun day and visit the public library and check out books every couple of weeks.
- Have an incentive chart (sticker chart) where your child earns a sticker for each book they read. After a certain number of stickers, go do something fun! For example, go get ice cream!
- Read a chapter book to your child. Read a couple of chapters every day. A great idea would be to do this as a family!
- Have a print-rich environment for your child. Buying magazines, books, and print material at yard sales can be a fun way to increase your home library.
- Have technology-free days. Set up an art center with crayons, markers, pencils, paper, etc. Become an author/illustrator using larger vocabulary words from books your child has already read.
- Start talking to your child using larger vocabulary words. Make it a game to look up vocabulary words you may not even know. Don't let you or your child abdicate their learning.
- Make a contest: have kids compete to see which one can read the most books. The contest and prizes could vary. It could be a daily contest or weekly; the winner could pick what is cooked at home for dinner/dessert or maybe it's something bigger like a small toy from the store.
- One of the best ways to encourage your child to read is to show interest in what they learned from reading. Did they learn a lesson from the book? Some cool fact? Was there a funny joke or event?
- Speaking of jokes: not all summer reading has to be done in one sitting or in one type of book. Your child could read jokes to you from a joke book as you cook dinner or drive to the store.
- Children also enjoy sharing their cool facts with friends. If a friend is coming over, they could both read a fun book for 5 minutes, share a fact they learned, and then play! Books such as “What If You Had An Animal Nose?” by Sandra Markle are a great option! There are several books like this available- offering interesting facts in a way that is fun and quick to read. These facts and information could even be used to transfer into several different games to show what they have learned and see if others remember reading that information as well.

Be sure to make time this Summer in your daily schedule to apply some of these tips. Your child's imagination and learning is sure to grow! Kate DiCamillo once stated that, “Reading should not be presented to children as a chore or a duty. It should be offered to them as a precious gift.” This is so true! Make reading fun!

Stand Up to Stand Out

BY: CHRIS POSTERICK

The spotlight this quarter is on Friends of the Library volunteer Pat Evans, our third honoree. Pat was recently chosen for this distinction by unanimous agreement of the FOL Board. She will be presented with a personalized wooden plaque at the June FOL meeting, and her name will be inscribed on the master plaque that hangs in our library.

Pat was first introduced to Friends of the Library about twenty-four years ago when a friend invited her to an annual FOL banquet. Something clicked, and to put it in her own words, "I was hooked". In 2004, after working at book sales for several years, she joined the book sleuths. Working under the tutelage of the late Mary Wright, she learned to evaluate donated books and price them for book sales. She's been doing it weekly ever since.



In the last few years, in addition to sleuthing, Pat has been transporting and setting up books in the bargain room prior to our book sales. She has estimated that she's donated about three thousand hours of her time to our FOL.

Sleuthing, according to Pat, is like a book treasure hunt. She says it's always a surprise to see what the week's donations bring in. She has come across stellar first editions, a 1946 Reader's Digest, an 1880 family Bible, even two hundred pounds of National Geographic magazines. Sometimes, she comes across the occasional curiosity, like the snake skin someone included along with their donated books.

As for her personal taste in books, mysteries have been a favorite since her days as a child reading The Bobbsey Twins and Nancy Drew. Growing up, she moved on to Sherlock Holmes and Agatha Christie, which she still rereads. Louise Penny, Donna Leon, Lee Child and Robert Crais are some of her current favorites. In the nonfiction category, she indulges in Erik Larson's books.

Pat enjoys tending her flower beds or traveling (with an audio book) when she's not reading. She says she has been fortunate to have travelled the world, but her last trip, which she described as phenomenal, was, in her own words, a "Tour de Eastern Arkansas from Missouri to Louisiana". It made her want to see more of our state.

When asked to name a book that she thought everyone should read, Pat replied, "I would not presume to select a book that everyone should read, but if I did it would be Nineteen Eighty-Four by George Orwell. So very prescient".

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.

Thank you, Pat!

Book Donations

Too many books in your collection?

Make room on your bookshelves for new books by donating books to the Friends of the Boone County Library.

The FOL needs books to enhance our book sales.

- We need gently handled books in good to great condition.
- We need books for all genres, including children's, young adult, adult mystery, suspense, and science fiction.
- Children's books may be offered in our annual children's and young adult book sale, added to the children's library, or in the preschool book baskets delivered and exchanged monthly to local schools.

Donations may be dropped off at the library desk, or if you need books picked up, please call/text/email Carol Harris at 909-744-2394, ceharris124@gmail.com, or president@folbc.org.

We are sincerely grateful for the donations!

Friends of the Boone County Library is a 501(c)3; all proceeds benefit the Boone County Library.

Please – no textbooks, encyclopedias, magazines, or damaged books.

Volunteers Needed - Publicity & Grant Writer

The Friends need assistance in two specialized areas – publicity and grant writing

Publicity is essential to a successful book or bake sale! We're asking for a volunteer to assist and guide us in getting the word out to book-reading folks. Book readers are generally also book buyers but no matter how good our selection and prices are, without publicity, they won't know to come browse. If you have expertise or are simply interested and willing, we really could use your help.

Grant writer – The FOL can best serve the library by donating funds and/or equipment. It would help the FOL to utilize the expertise of a grant writer who can direct, advise, and assist us in applying for grants. Please call Carol Harris at 909-744-2394 or email ceharris124@gmail.com.

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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!

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Membership Category

- Individual - \$5
- Family - \$10
- Sustaining - \$25
- Life - \$100
- Business - \$25
- Commercial - \$100

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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.