



# *The Bookplate*

*Friends of the Library, Boone County*

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## Upcoming Events

### **May 27 – June 28**

Silent Auction - See picture on page 5 of the beautiful wood turned items on display at the library. Each item will be auctioned off individually. Winner to be chosen on Saturday, June 28.

### **June 24, 2025 at 5:00pm**

All Friends of the Library members are invited to a special meeting (See page 3) to vote on the amended bylaws and the constitution that govern how our organization operates. We will meet in the big meeting room upstairs at our library. Please attend if possible.

### **June 27, 2025 from 10:00am till noon**

Retirement party for Ginger Schoenenberger, Library Director, in the downstairs lobby of our library. Everyone is invited.

### **July 24, 2025 from 10:00am until 11:30am**

A retirement reception for Irene Arnett Kammer, Children's Outreach Coordinator, will be in the big meeting room upstairs. The public is invited.

### **August (exact dates TBA)**

Come help us celebrate the 125th anniversary of our Boone County Library.

### **October 23, 24 and 25**

Combination fall and holiday book sale. Details will be published in the next edition of the Bookplate newsletter and on our website FOLBC.org.

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## *Letter From the President*

Dear Friends,

Can you believe that it is June already? We have certainly been tested with the spring storms this year, but we can look forward to all the wonderful fresh garden produce coming from friends and neighbors or the Farmer's Market. Plus, the library is 125 years old. HAPPY BIRTHDAY Boone County Library.

It's summer and the children are out of school and family trips and vacations are happening along with those backyard bar-b-ques. Take a minute on June 6<sup>th</sup> and remember D-Day. June 14<sup>th</sup> is Father's Day, let's remember Dad and all that it means to be a father these days. Then on June 19<sup>th</sup> we have Juneteenth reunions and picnics. There, of course, will be a bevy of June brides to celebrate.

The Friends held two Book Sales this second quarter. The Spring Book Sale in April brought in \$2429.10 and the Young Adult and Children's Book Sale netted \$367.95. Thank you to all the folks that helped with these sales including the Men's Basketball team from NorthArk. These young men have helped at several of our sales, if you can, support them and attend one of their games.

In bitter-sweet news Ginger Schoenenberger, our library director will be retiring this summer and a reception in her honor is being held Friday, June 27<sup>th</sup> from 10 am to noon in the lobby area. We welcome Angelia Mueller, who will be the incoming director and ask for your continuing support. In July, Miss Irene's retirement reception will be held in the upstairs meeting room, where she has taught so many of our children and grandchildren. It will be held on Thursday, July 24, 2025 from 10 am to 11:30 am. We hope that you will attend and let these two wonderful ladies know how much they have meant to the citizens of Boone County.

All Friends members are encouraged to attend the June 24<sup>th</sup> meeting. This will be a special meeting to approve the amended constitution and by-laws of the Friends of the Library, Boone County, AR Inc. The amended by-laws reflect the change of membership fees and structure that the board approved summer 2024.

I hope each of you has a wonderful summer and look forward to seeing you at the fall book sale in October.

Sincerely  
Penny DeJournett, President  
Friends of the Library, Boone County, AR Inc.

*"Libraries store the energy that fuels the imagination. They open up windows to the world and inspire us to explore and achieve and contribute to improving our quality of life."*

Sidney Sheldon (1917-2007. American writer and producer)

## Special Meeting

A special meeting of the Friends of the Library, Boone County, Arkansas, Inc. will be held Tuesday, June 24, at 5:00pm in the upstairs meeting room at our library. All FOL members are requested to attend for the purpose of voting on the amended Constitution and By-laws of our organization. The changes basically move the information about membership contributions from the Constitution over to the By-Laws. Please attend this important meeting.

Proposed changes:

**Constitution - Article IV will be changed.** It currently reads –

*Annual membership contributions shall be receivable in the Friends of the Library Trust Fund on or before January 1 of each year for the 12 succeeding months. The officers may create, at their discretion, other appropriate categories of membership, and they may accept books or other material needed by the Library in lieu of contributions in cash. All contributions to the Friends of the Library Trust Fund and gifts of materials to the Library are tax-deductible.*

### **New wording**

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### **By-Laws – The following will be added:**

#### **Article I MEMBERSHIP**

**Section 1.** Any person or association interested in the objectives of this Corporation shall be eligible for membership upon the payment of dues, as stipulated:

<b>Family:</b>	<b>\$10.00 – 1 year</b>	<b>Business:</b>	<b>\$30.00 - Small Business</b>
	<b>\$20.00 – 2 years</b>		<b>\$100.00 – Corporation</b>
	<b>\$30.00 – 3 years</b>		
	<b>\$100.00 – Life Membership</b>		



### **Take a Bow, Gentlemen**

Again, many thanks to the great guys from the North Arkansas College Basketball team for their the hard work moving books for our recent sales.

Go Pioneers!

## **On to New Adventures!**

### **A Letter From our Outgoing Library Director**

I began my journey at the Boone County Library in October 2007 as a part-time librarian in the Children's Department. From the very beginning, I found joy in connecting with young readers and creating a warm, engaging space for learning. On January 1, 2009, I transitioned to a full-time role as the Children's Librarian—a position that allowed me to take the lead on all story times, including visits to local preschools and the development of our now highly attended toddler program.

During those years, we brought stories to life through author and illustrator visits, launched a beloved doggie partner reading program—where the comforting presence of nonjudgmental pups encouraged reluctant readers—and hosted whimsical events like teddy bear tea picnics and tie-dye t-shirt days. Each program was created with love and purpose, helping foster a lifelong love of reading in our community's children.

In April 2012, the administrative board approached me with the opportunity to serve as Interim Director. I accepted, and what I thought might be temporary turned into a deeply fulfilling new chapter. Over the past 13 years, the library has undergone remarkable growth and transformation. We renovated our public restrooms, installed new flooring, added a 3D printer and wireless printing, remodeled our annex, created two new meeting rooms, and added a dedicated space downstairs where children can play while parents check out materials. We've also reorganized sections throughout the library to better serve our patrons—and the list goes on.

Saying goodbye is definitely bittersweet. I've built lasting friendships here and have watched children grow up—some of whom I first met during story time years ago. While I'll still be living in Harrison, I'm looking forward to spending more time with my own children and grandchildren.

I am profoundly grateful to the staff and the administrative board at Boone County Library. Their support and dedication made everything we accomplished possible. It has been an honor to serve this community, and I carry with me cherished memories and deep appreciation for the time I've spent here.

Ginger L. Schoenenberger – Director



Friends of the Library recently installed a beautiful bookcase crafted by John DeJournett in the new Creekside Community Center. It's stocked with children's books, and we've heard that the kids really enjoy having them available. Jackie Hern provided the wording for the plaque and volunteered to replenish the supply of books as needed. Great job, John. And thank you for your generous donation.



### In Appreciation

Irene Arnett Kammer, our library's Children's Outreach Coordinator, is retiring this summer. The following is a tribute from Ginger which expresses the sentiment of all of us.

For the past 13 years, Ms. Irene has been the heart of our Story Time and Toddle Time programs. We were incredibly lucky to have her join our team, and her impact on the children—and all of us—has been nothing short of amazing.

Ms. Irene has a special gift for connecting with young minds. Whether she's teaching ABCs, numbers, colors, or beloved songs, she does so with patience, joy, and a genuine love for learning. Her creativity shines through in every session, especially in the age-appropriate crafts she designs for both of her story time groups.

Beyond our walls, Ms. Irene has extended her warmth and storytelling talents to local schools, where staff and students alike deeply appreciate her visits. Her presence has left a lasting mark in classrooms and hearts throughout our community.

While we will miss her tremendously, we are comforted by her promise to visit often. Thank you, Ms. Irene, for your years of dedication, passion, and love. You've made story time magical, and we are forever grateful.

Ginger L. Schoenenberger – Director

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### **Auction Ends June 28**



These beautiful wood-turned items crafted by John DeJournett are on display at the front desk of our library. Each item is being auctioned off individually. Saturday, June 28, is the day of the drawing. Get your bids in now before you forget.

## SOS

Hard to believe, but our Friends of the Library organization is thirty-seven years old this year. And it's never been in more urgent need of help. Many of the people that have kept it healthy and vibrant over the years have aged out. Some have left due to burn out or health problems. Sadly, some have passed.

Years ago, when our organization was young and more robust, we had twenty core people that kept things running. Today, that number is down to less than half that. We need people to fill the positions listed below. If any of these subjects interest you, please consider helping us out. Let us know what position appeals to you and how to reach you by one of the following:

- Click on the contact tab on our website FOLBC.org
- Leave a note at our library front desk
- Email: [president@folbc.org](mailto:president@folbc.org)
- Come to our monthly meeting at our library on June 24

Someone will contact you and provide further information.

**Vice President** – assists the president in the day-to-day operations of the organization and fills in when necessary.

**Book Sleuth** – scours the internet to find the value of donated books and prices them accordingly for our sales. Is responsible for the silent auction books, book trolley and the free book shelves. The lead also maintains the storage building of books between sales.

**Book Sales Coordinator** – sets up book sales and takes them down afterwards. Rounds up volunteers to work.

**Webpage Administrator** – refreshes and keeps FOLBC.org up to date with changes and upcoming events.

**Newsletter Creation and Mailings** – the person that fills this position takes charge of all aspects of putting together our quarterly newsletter and distributes it via the U.S. postal service and by email.

**Publicity and Promotion** – advertises upcoming book sales or special events by use of local radio, the Harrison Daily Times, billboards, etc. Maintains the FOL book display case.

**Membership** – seeks new memberships and adds them to our database. Notifies lapsing members for renewal and updates database when members renew.

**Photographer** – takes pictures at our sales and special events for publishing in our newsletter or the Harrison Daily Times.



An ***ex libris*** ([Latin](#) for 'from the books'),<sup>[1][2]</sup> also known as a **bookplate** (or **book-plate**, as it was commonly styled until the early 20th century),<sup>[3]</sup> is a printed or decorative label pasted into a book, often on the front [endpaper](#), to indicate ownership.<sup>[4]</sup> Simple typographical bookplates are termed "book labels".<sup>[5]</sup>

Bookplates often bear a motif relating to the book's owner, such as a [coat-of-arms](#), [crest](#), [badge](#), [motto](#), or a design commissioned from an artist or designer.<sup>[6][7][8]</sup> The name of the owner usually follows an inscription such as "from the books of..." or "from the library of...", or in Latin, "*ex libris*". Bookplates are important evidence for the [provenance](#) of books.

The most traditional technique used to make bookplates is [burin engraving](#). The engraved copper matrix is then printed with an [intaglio press](#) on paper, and the resulting print can be pasted into the book to indicate ownership.

In the United States, bookplates replaced [book rhymes](#) (which replaced [book curses](#)) after the 19th century.<sup>[9]</sup>

-Wikipedia - [ex libris \(bookplate\) - Wikipedia](#)

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## Brain Exercise

A great way to sharpen your mind and have a bit of fun at the same time is to play free web-based word games. Here are three favorites from the FOL team. All can be played by one or more people.

**Wordle** - players have six attempts to guess a five-letter word, receiving feedback through colored tiles that indicate correct letters and their placement. A single puzzle is released daily, with all players attempting to solve the same word.

<https://www.nytimes.com/games/wordle/index.html>

**Connections** – group words that share a common thread.

<https://www.nytimes.com/games/connections>

**Waffle** – players get fifteen attempts to reconfigure random letters to form five-letter words.

<https://wordwaffle.org/unlimited>

## New and Renewing Members

**Small Business** ..... Books on Main

### **Lifetime Memberships**

Sherry Bishop

Ray Darby

Mary Jane Hunter

Cindy Newton

Ralph Shower, Jr.

David & Sherri Smith

### **Three Year Memberships**

Lisa B. Hudson

Becky Mueske

Cheryl Nichols

### **One Year Memberships**

Jane Brown

Jimmie Collins

Rose Dirst

Wanda Evans

Debbie Goddard

David Guraedy

Joey Jones

Irene Kammer

Laurie Krantz

Mildred Krisik

JoAnn McEntire

Francis Middleton

Beth Neel

Breanna Nichols

Jimmy R. Offutt

Meaghan Rosado

Danny Royce

Terena Terry

Shelly Walden

LeeAnn West

Gina Whited

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## **Friends of the Library Membership**

Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Membership Level**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

☐ **One year - \$10**

Address \_\_\_\_\_

☐ **Two years - \$20**

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

☐ **Three years - \$30**

Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

☐ **Lifetime - \$100**

Email:

☐ **Small Business (One year) - \$30**

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☐ **Corporation (One year) - \$100**