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FRIENDS OF TENNESSEE LIBRARIES



Website: www.friendstnlibraries.org | Facebook Page: <http://tinyurl.com/FOTLFacebook>

Our Vision

To help and support local Friends groups integrate their library thoroughly into the life and work of their community.

Our Mission Statement

The Friends of Tennessee Libraries (FOTL) is a volunteer organization of individuals and organizations dedicated to supporting Tennessee Libraries and local Friends of Library groups through:

- Establishing and helping Friends of Library groups succeed;
- Communicating with libraries and trustees about the value of Friends;
- Serving members as communication network and clearinghouse for information;
- Advocating for library funding and legislative support on a local, state, and national basis.

We promote libraries and their Friends.

We support libraries and their Friends.

We advocate funding for libraries on a local, state, and national basis.

FOTL

FOCUS on revitalizing local groups and establishing new ones.

ONGOING communication through the FOTL newsletter, website, Facebook Page, and workshops.

TRAINING for improved local and state advocacy.

LINKING friends groups to improve public awareness of Tennessee libraries and services.

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Why We Have Friends Of Tennessee Libraries (FOTL)

Friends of Tennessee Libraries is dedicated to supporting and strengthening library services and programs throughout the state. Support can come through strengthening advocacy, efforts, promoting literacy programs, increasing library awareness, providing support and encouragement for local groups, and organizing awards programs.

Specific reasons for our statewide organization include:

- ➔ To **ADVOCATE** Friends of Library groups in all types of libraries within local communities.
- ➔ To **ENCOURAGE** the exchange of ideas and information among Friends groups within the state.
- ➔ To **EMPHASIZE** the role of Friends of Library groups for legislative action and financial support.
- ➔ To **GENERATE** and support initiatives for improved library service.
- ➔ To **IDENTIFY** and develop new non-professional leadership within the state.
- ➔ To **PROMOTE** wider knowledge of libraries's functions, needs, resources, and services.
- ➔ To **PUBLISH** and distribute resource material for use by local Friends.
- ➔ To **PUBLICIZE** and reward outstanding Friends groups, projects, and programs.
- ➔ To **INCREASE** the general public's awareness of the important role of Friends and the services they perform for the library.
- ➔ To **FACILITATE** participation in achieving national objectives in te support of library services.
- ➔ To **STRENGTHEN** the total state library program through the participation of Friends along with trustees in the state library professional meetings.
- ➔ To **ADVANCE** activities specifically for Friends groups that will provide support for library development and enhance citizen advocacy wherever appropriate.

Everyone who cares about libraries is invited to join our Friends of Tennessee Libraries, to participate in Friends activities, and to unite in support of our state's libraries.



“Friends are more than just a book sale.”

Aside from occasional donations, FOTL relies entirely on membership dues to support its work. All FOTL members share in receiving benefits and in giving aid and support to each other according to their needs and abilities. Check out last year’s report <http://tinyurl.com/FOTL2016-17AnnualReport>. The more we participate, the more we gain from our memberships in organizations.

FOTL is a statewide band of concerned, dedicated individuals and all-sized local Friends groups who have joined together:

- **To network with each other** to share ideas and ask questions of each other (and get answers and/or information) —> through a members-only Listserv that has been created online to connect members for mutual support;
- **To promote awareness of legislative issues** in the state and nation that affect libraries and their supporters and to improve library funding;
- **To publicize the resources and services** of Tennessee libraries;
- **To be a unified voice** to advocate for the availability of libraries in local communities throughout Tennessee.

Depending on their needs and interests, members have access to and help make a contribution to:

- ✓ **Assistance** in and materials for creating, revitalizing, and developing a local Friends of the Library group, especially **The Ethical Dozen for Friends of the Library** (<http://tinyurl.com/FriendsEthicalDozen>) to help Friends understand ethical behavior.
- ✓ **Learning and training experiences** about library trends and services through FOTL publications and attendance at workshops and conferences co-sponsored with the Tennessee Library Association and the Tennessee State Library & Archives.
- ✓ A **Spring annual meeting/workshop** to bring Friends, librarians, trustees, and advocates together from around the state for special training, fellowship, and inspiration.
 - ➔ In 2018 being held on **May 5 at the Williamson County Public Library in Franklin.**
- ✓ A **Web Site** (<http://www.friendstnlibraries.org>) with information about Friends’ activities and programs in Tennessee and around the country and **Resources** with ideas for programming, fundraising, financial operations, managing volunteers, annual reports, and library advocacy;
- ✓ A **Facebook Page** (<http://tinyurl.com/FOTLFacebook>), a quarterly **Newsletter** (<https://tinyurl.com/FOTLnewsletters>), occasional e-Notes, and materials to keep members up-to-date.
- ✓ Sponsor the annual **Friends of Libraries Week, October 21-27, 2018.**
- ✓ **Grants** (<http://www.friendstnlibraries.org/awards-grants/>) to support Friends’ projects related to fundraising, membership, and advocacy: **Applications for Grants are due February 14.**
 - ➔ \$300 each to support projects of advocacy, fund-raising, or membership campaigns;
 - ➔ Metro Friends groups usually eschew application for these grants because they have their own significant funds to cover their projects.
- ✓ **Awards** (<http://www.friendstnlibraries.org/awards-grants/>) for exemplary contributions by individuals or groups in Tennessee libraries.
 - ➔ **Friend of the Year Award** to a group or person who has made a significant contribution to the advancement of libraries in Tennessee: in 2018 the FOY Awards will be presented at the **TLA lunch meeting in Memphis on April 6.** [Speaker will be Joy Bailey Bryant, managing director of Lord Cultural Resources (<https://www.lord.ca>), a firm whose mission is to collaborate with people and organizations to plan and manage cultural places, programs, and resources that deliver excellence in the service of society. Ms. Bryant’s presentation will be “Dr. Martin Luther King’s Dream and the Cultural Design of Libraries.” FOTL President William Sundquist observes, “Joy Bryant will offer an authentic voice to this historic moment.”]
Nominations for this Award are due November 15.
 - ➔ **Recognition Certificates** (with a \$100 award) to recognize volunteers for their outstanding contributions to Tennessee libraries; **Applications for Recognitions are due February 14.**
- ✓ **State and national Library Legislative Days** to advocate for continued legislative support of libraries: **Tennessee Legislative Day March 14 / National Library Legislative Day May 7-8.**
- ✓ **Opportunity to participate** in FOTL projects and committees - “The more we participate, the more we gain from our memberships in organizations.”

2017 Honor Roll of Tennessee Friends of Library Groups

1. Friends of the **Art Circle** Public Library, **Crossville** (Cumberland County)
2. Friends of **Audrey Pack** Memorial Library, **Spring City** (Rhea County)
3. **Blount** County Friends of the Library
4. **Bluff City** Friends of Thomas Memorial Library (Sullivan County)
5. Friends of the **Brentwood** Library (Williamson)
6. Friends of the **Chattanooga** Public Library (Hamilton)
7. Friends of the **Cheatham** County Public Library
8. Friends of **Clarksville-Montgomery** County Library
9. Friends of the **Clay** County Public Library, Celina
10. Friends of the Library **Cleveland** Public Library (Bradley)
11. Friends of the **Clinton** Public Library (Anderson)
12. Friends of **Collegedale** Library (Hamilton County)
13. Friends of **Collierville Burch** Library (Shelby)
14. Friends of **Colonial Heights** Library, **Kingsport** (Sullivan County)
15. Friends of **Elizabethton Carter County** Library
16. **Everett Horn** Public Library Friends, **Lexington** (Henderson County)
17. **Franklin** County Friends of the Library
18. Friends of the **Gorham-MacBane** Library, **Springfield** (Robertson County)
19. Friends of **Greenback** Public Library (Loudon)
20. Friends of the **Greeneville-Greene** County Library
21. Friends of the **Hamilton Parks Trimble** Library
22. Friends of the **Hardin** County Library
23. **Hendersonville** Library Friends (Sumner County)
24. **Houston** County Friends of the Library
25. Friends of the **Humboldt** Public Library (Gibson)
26. Friends of the **Jefferson City** Library (Jefferson)
27. Friends of the Library of **Johnson** County
28. Friends of the **King Family** Library, **Sevierville** (Sevier)
29. Friends of the **Knox County** Public Library
30. Friends of **Kodak** Library (Sevier)
31. Friends of the **Lafollette** Public Library (Campbell)
32. Friends of the **Lauderdale** County Library
33. Friends of the **Lawrence** County Public Library
34. Friends of **Linebaugh** Public Library (Rutherford)
35. Friends of the Library **McMinn** County
36. Friends of **Memphis** Public Library (Shelby County)
37. Friends of **Mildred G Fields** Memorial Library, **Milan** (Gibson County)
38. Friends of the **Monterey** Branch Library (Putnam)
39. Friends of **Nashville** Public Library (Davidson)
40. Friends of the **Oak Ridge** Public Library
41. Friends of the **Obion** County Public Library
42. Friends of the Library of **Perry** County
43. Friends of the **Pigeon Forge** Public Library (Sevier)
44. **Polk** County Friends of the Library
45. **Putnam** County Library Friends
46. Friends of **Sequatchie** County Public Library
47. Friends of **Seymour** Library (Sevier County)
48. Friends of **Signal Mountain** Public Library (Hamilton)
49. Friends of **Smyrna** Library (Rutherford)
50. **Somerville-Fayette** County Friends of the Library
51. Friends of the **Spring Hill** Public Library (Maury)
52. **Stewart** County Friends of the Library
53. Friends of the **Tellico Village** Public Lib (Loudon)
54. Friends of the **Tipton** County Public Library
55. Friends of the **Vonore** Public Library (Monroe)
56. Friends of the **W G Rhea** Public Library, Paris (Henry)
57. Friends of the **Washington Co/Jonesborough** Lib
58. Friends of the **White** County Library
59. **White House** Library Friends (Robertson County)
60. Friends of the **Williamson** County Public Library

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LOGOS OF FOTL MEMBER GROUPS



FRIENDS
of The Brentwood Library





**FOTL is a unified voice
for local libraries & all Tennessee libraries.**
~ William Sundquist, FOTL 2017-19 President

It is that time of year again to renew your membership with the Friends of Tennessee Libraries. First and foremost, THANK YOU for your support. Since 1992 FOTL has been providing support and advocacy for Libraries in Tennessee and your support is the reason for our success.

I encourage you to visit our website (www.friendstnlibraries.org) for detailed information on FOTL and volunteer information. We are always looking for individuals to contribute time as well resources and we welcome your participation.

I also encourage you to "like" our Facebook Page (<http://tinyurl.com/FOTLFacebook>) and use this great way to share your amazing library stories with your fellow Library Friends in real time.

As I have said through my term as president, this is "our time" with respect to libraries being essential services to our communities. With your continued support, I look forward to building on our strong foundation to ensure libraries are there to welcome the curious for years to come.

Thank you for your support of the Friends of Tennessee Libraries!

William Sundquist, Chattanooga



Membership Application 2018

Become a Friend of Tennessee Libraries

(Membership year is January to December)

INDIVIDUAL or FAMILY		ORGANIZATION	
<input type="checkbox"/> Individual	\$15/yr	<input type="checkbox"/> 1-49 Members	\$25/yr
<input type="checkbox"/> Family	\$25/yr	<input type="checkbox"/> 50-99 Members	\$55/yr
<input type="checkbox"/> Silver	\$50/yr	<input type="checkbox"/> 100-499 Members	\$75/yr
<input type="checkbox"/> Gold	\$100/yr	<input type="checkbox"/> 500 Members	\$100/yr
<input type="checkbox"/> Platinum	\$500/yr		

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

TN County _____

E-Mail _____

(which you want to use to participate in FOTL Membership Listserv)

I would prefer to receive my Newsletter by (CIRCLE ONE): **Postal Mail** OR **Email**

Please make checks payable to
Friends of Tennessee Libraries

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Or join and pay online: <https://tinyurl.com/FOTLMembershipForm>