



Friends of Tennessee Libraries newsletter

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Special Legislative Issue

The Friends of Tennessee Libraries (FOTL)

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

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

We invite you to visit the local libraries in your district;
Know that libraries are being used more than ever before and are
“a place of surprises, a place that preserves the chance for getting caught by surprise.”

Tennessee ranks as the 47th state in per capita local library funding at \$17.39

National average - \$34.16 | Highest - \$61.80 (Illinois)

In Tennessee library funding comes from 93% local funds; 5% state funds; 2% federal funds.



Public libraries are up to these core purposes:

- Encourage and build a love of reading
- Provide confidential and neutral access to information, ideas, and recreation
- Serve as a place for individual self-education
- Serve as the community's living / meeting room and safe place
- Help integrate technology into the lives of customers
- Preserve the culture and history of the community
- Stimulate the imagination

The INTERNET is the best library in the world,
but all its books are strewn all over the floor.
What the INTERNET needs is a good librarian, and
one can be found at the local public library.



Fundraising

Almost every Library Friends group has one or more **book sales** each year to raise money for library projects.



Sevier County Public Library System Friends prepared a tasty dinner to benefit the Seymour Library's expansion fund. The homemade menu included a variety of hearty soups, cornbread muffins, choice of desserts, and tea.



Almost every Friends group raises money for special children's **Summer Reading Program** events like these in Oak Ridge and Collegedale.



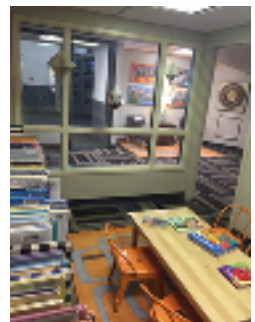
King Family Library Friends publishes a "Sevier County Memories" calendar annually to raise funds for materials and services for the library.



Putnam County Library Friends hosts an Annual Dinner with an Author to thank guests, volunteers, and sponsors for supporting the library.



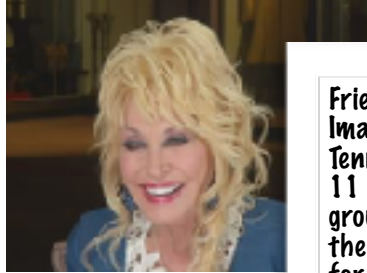
Friends of the Chattanooga Public Library have opened **Skylib**, an honor bookstore at the Chattanooga Metropolitan Airport. In addition, the Friends have honor book stands at the YMCA Downtown, Eastgate, Northgate, and Downtown.



Programs



Since 2011, Governor Bill Haslam has proclaimed **Friends of Libraries Week** during the third week of October. A national celebration, other cities and counties (Brentwood, Knox Co, Putnam Co, Williamson Co) have issued proclamations.



Friends groups support Dolly Parton's **Imagination Library** program in **every Tennessee county**. **11 Friends/Foundation library groups and 4 local libraries** are the sponsoring organization for their county's **Imagination Library** program, which provides free books to children from birth to age 5.



Friends of the Memphis Library repair or restore books for sale in the Friends' Second Edition Bookstore, at the Friends' book sales, or online.



Friends of the Humboldt Public Library installed a wi fi garden and new landscaping.

Friends of the White County Library have installed fifteen Little Free Libraries at strategic sites around the county.



Is your library an FOTL member?

2018 Honor Roll of Tennessee Friends Groups

1. Friends of the **Art Circle** Public Library, **Crossville**
2. **Benton** County Friends of the Library, Camden
3. **Blount** County Friends of the Library, Maryville
4. Friends of the **Brentwood** Library (Williamson)
5. Friends of the **C.E. Weldon** Public Library, Martin (Weakley)
6. Friends of the **Chattanooga** Public Library (Hamilton)
7. Friends of the **Cheatham** County Public Libraries
8. Friends of the **Chester** County Library, Henderson
9. **Claiborne** County Library Friends, Tazewell
10. Friends of **Clarksville-Montgomery** County Library
11. Friends of the Library **Cleveland** Public Library (Bradley)
12. Friends of the **Clinton** Public Library (Anderson)
13. Friends of **Collegedale** Public Library (Hamilton)
14. Friends of **Collierville Burch** Library (Shelby)
15. Friends of the **Crockett** Memorial Library, Alamo
16. Friends of the **Dickson** County Public Library
17. Friends of the **Fairview** Library (Williamson)
18. **Franklin** County Friends of the Library
19. Friends of the **Gorham-MacBane** Library, **Springfield** (Robertson)
20. **Governor's Books** from Birth Foundation
21. Friends of **Greenback** Public Library (Loudon)
22. Friends of the **Hamilton Parks Trimble** Library (Dyer)
23. Friends of the **Hardin** County Library
24. **Hendersonville** Library Friends (Sumner County)
25. Friends of the **Humboldt** Public Library (Gibson)
26. Friends of the **Jackson-Madison** County Library
27. Friends of the **Jefferson City** Library (Jefferson)
28. Friends of the Library of **Johnson** County, Mountain City
29. Friends of the **King Family** Library, **Sevierville** (Sevier)
30. Friends of the **Knox County** Public Library
31. Friends of **Kodak** Library (Sevier)
32. Friends of the **LaFollette** Public Library (Campbell)
33. Friends of the **Lauderdale** County Library, Ripley
34. Friends of the **Lawrence** County Public Library
35. Friends of **Linebaugh** Public Library. Murfreesboro (Rutherford)
36. Friends of the Library **McMinn** County, Athens
37. Friends of **Memphis** Public Library (Shelby)
38. Friends of the **Monterey** Branch Library (Putnam)
39. Friends of the **Morristown-Hamblen** Library
40. Friends of **Nashville** Public Library (Davidson)
41. Friends of the **Oak Ridge** Public Library (Anderson)
42. Friends of the **Obion** County Public Library, Union City
43. **Pigeon Forge** Public Library Friends (Sevier)
44. **Polk** County Friends of the Library, Benton
45. **Putnam** County Library Friends, Cookeville
46. Friends of **Scott** County Public Libraries
47. Friends of **Sequatchie** County Public Library, Dunlap
48. Friends of **Seymour** Library (Sevier)
49. Friends of **Signal Mountain** Public Library (Hamilton)
50. Friends of **Smyrna** Library (Rutherford)
51. **Somerville-Fayette** County Friends of the Library
52. Friends of **Spring City** Audrey Pack Memorial Library (Rhea)
53. Friends of the **Spring Hill** Public Library (Maury)
54. **Stewart** County Friends of the Library, Dover
55. Friends of the **Tellico Village** Library (Loudon)
56. **Tennessee** Library Association
57. Friends of **Thomas** Memorial Branch Library, **Bluff City** (Sullivan)
58. Friends of the **Tipton** County Public Library, Covington
59. Friends of the **Vonore** Public Library (Monroe)
60. Friends of the **W G Rhea** Public Library, Paris (Henry)
61. Friends of the **Washington Co/Jonesborough** Library
62. Friends of the **White** County Library, Sparta
63. Friends of the **Williamson** County Public Library

How do Friends help their Library?

They

- ✓ **Know their community's needs** and provide valuable feedback.
- ✓ **Plan activities** with library's director and trustees, asking "what can we do," not announcing "we will do this."
- ✓ **Raise money** for materials, equipment, and projects not able to be covered by the library's budget.
- ✓ **Sponsor cultural and educational programs** to enlighten and entertain.
- ✓ **Volunteer** to do special library tasks and projects.
- ✓ **Represent the library** to the community - raising public awareness, speaking to civic groups, attending council/commission meetings, and contacting government officials to tell about the library's financial needs.
- ✓ **Advocate for the library** by speaking out on local, state, and national issues that affect libraries.
- ✓ **Recognize exceptional performance** of library staff members.



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