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FoKL POINT Newsletter — September 2025

First Friday with Friends

Join us on **Friday, October 3 at 9am Central** for a roundup of project updates from FoKL's 2025 Challenge Grant winners.

Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88484969231>.

**2025 Challenge Grant
Winner Showcase**
Project updates and impact

NATIONAL **Friends** OF **Libraries** WEEK

Friends groups across the country are preparing to celebrate National Friends of the Library Week from **October 19–25, 2025**. It's a celebration that both honors hardworking Friends volunteers and provides an opportunity to encourage new members to join.

FoKL encourages groups to explore the many resources provided by United for Libraries (a division of ALA) to help your group plan activities for this special week. They share a wealth of ideas and free downloadable materials, including:

- webinars
- sample news releases, proclamations, and letters to the editor
- social media campaign ideas
- graphics
- fresh fundraising ideas
- and more

It's as easy as filling in a simple sign-up form [available at this link](#).

Other celebration ideas we've gleaned from Kansas Friends groups:

- Create an attractive table display in the library lobby with membership information (brochure/form), cookies, candy, and/or other inexpensive give-away. One group had a drawing to win an Amazon Fire tablet and a \$25 gift certificate for the next Friends book sale.
- Hold an open house for Friends members with refreshments and light musical entertainment, providing membership information so new members can join that day.
- Create a display where people can write and post what they love most about the library.
- Do a series of social media posts throughout the week. Last year one group did daily profiles of Friends members and gave information about how to join. Another did daily "Did You Know" posts that highlighted the different programs and services Friends donations had supported the library.
- Have a special gift for new members who join during National Friends week, such as a book bag or book sale gift voucher.

Have a great week! Help FoKL follow and share your October celebrations by tagging us @FoKL!

FRIENDS VISION BOARD

Hold a fundraiser

SLODDY JOE DINNER

Friday, November 19th
4:30pm - 7:00pm
\$10 (includes drink, dessert & salad)
Helps fund books, paper, and other library materials.
Includes a donation to the library.
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CARDINAL CLASSIC GOLF TOURNAMENT

Village Greens Golf Course
Ozawie, KS
4 Person Scramble
\$200 per person
Includes lunch & prizes
Contact: Marlene Taylor
781-954-7443
JOIN US!
August 23, 2023
8:00am Start

Have a membership drive

WELCOME AUTUMN WITH SOME GOOD FRIENDS!

The Friends of the Andover Public Library organization help promote and support the library by fundraising, developing activities, presenting special programs, and encourage reading to our community's children and adults. Scan the QR code to find the form.



Host a program

THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS!

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CHRIS CAKES PANCAKE BREAKFAST
JOIN US FOR PANCAKE DAY FUN!



FRIDAY 9-11AM
@ RANDOLPH-DECKER PUBLIC LIBRARY
All Proceeds go toward activities at Randolph-Decker Public Library!

BINGO! at the Columbian

Thursday, August 28th
7:00 pm
Columbian Theatre



Proceeds benefit Wamego Public Library!

First Friday September 5, 9:30 a.m.

Ages 18 and up

Join us in the Friends Room for coffee and donuts. Sponsored by Friends of the Library

Help make bookshelves for the library to distribute.

Sign up at friendsandoverlibrary@gmail.com



Have a book sale

Autumn BAG SALE

SALE BEGINS SEPTEMBER 8
SALE ENDS NOVEMBER 1
\$5 BAG

Large INDOOR Book Sale

Special Opening for Friends of the Ottawa Library Members
Fri. Aug. 22nd
5pm-8pm



BOOK SALE

@ Banehar Community Library
FALL 2023

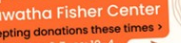


OCTOBER 2-5
THU, OCT 2, 1-7 "FRIENDS MEMBERS ONLY"
FRI, OCT 3, 9-5 "EVERYONE WELCOME"
SAT, OCT 4, 9-5 "COME ONE, COME ALL!"
SUN, OCT 5, 1-4 "FILL A FRIENDS TOTE BAG \$5"
DON'T MISS THE BOOKS!

BOOK Sale

Sept. 29 through Oct. 4
Hiawatha Fisher Center
Accepting donations these times >

Mon & Tues: 10-4
Wed & Thurs: 10-6
Sale times >
Wed & Thurs: 10-6
Friday: 10-4
Sat: 10-1



Derby Public Library
NON-FICTION DVD
FLASH SALE
\$2 EACH OR
3 FOR \$5
Sat. September 7th
Donors are added in as in condition.
All sales are final.



FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY DONATIONS

BOOKS DVDS AND MORE!

We gladly accept...

- Books
- Music on CD
- Audiobooks
- DVDs/Blu-Rays
- Magazines

If you have a large donation (i.e. more than 4 large bags) please call us at (620) 225-0248 to discuss your donation.

Book sales are every 1st Saturday (10am-2pm) and 3rd Thursday (3:30pm-6:30pm) of the month.

Dodge City Public Library
1001 N. 2nd Avenue, Dodge City, KS
Friends of the Library - Dodge City, KS

Friends of the Library Book Sale

Support the Friends of the Library by donating items or attending book sales. All book sales are free will donation.

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ONE DAY SALE!
SAT, AUGUST 23RD
9:00 - 11:30 AM

\$2.00 A BAG USING A FRIENDS PROVIDED BAG
\$4.00 A BAG FOR ANYTHING LARGER

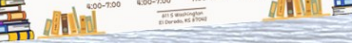
501 N. Main Street, Bonner Springs, KS 66015 913-441-5865
www.bonnerlibrary.org

BOOK AND BAKE SALE

September 24th-27th
Sept. 24 6:00-7:00
Sept. 25 9:00-10:00
Sept. 26 9:00-10:00
Sept. 27 9:00-10:00
\$1.00 per bag or \$1.00 each
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BOOK DONATIONS

FOR OUR UPCOMING BOOK SALE

FROM NOW UNTIL OCTOBER 17TH



FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY BOOK SALE

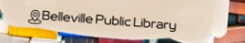
Thursday, September 18
Friends Only Memberships sold at the door
5:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Friday, September 19
8:00 am - 5:00 pm

Saturday, September 20
8:00 am - 5:00 pm

Monday, September 22
10:00 am - 5:30 pm

@Belleville Public Library

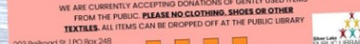


ANNUAL JUNQUE YARD SALE

SEPTEMBER 5TH - 6TH
FRIDAY: 9AM-5PM
SATURDAY: 8AM-3PM

WE ARE CURRENTLY ACCEPTING DONATIONS OF GENTLY USED ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC. PLEASE NO CLOTHING, SHOES OR OTHER TEXTILES. ALL ITEMS CAN BE DROPPED OFF AT THE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

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Silver Lake Public Library Foundation



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BOOK SALE

Come see us during the Watermelon Festival!

1/2 of ALL DONATIONS TO GRANNELL LIBRARY



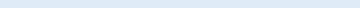
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Crafting a Friends Brochure

A membership brochure is a great marketing tool for Friends groups to display at the library, in the community, and to hand out at community events. Whether you are updating your brochure or starting from scratch, consider these things:

Overall design –

- Look at brochures from other organizations and brochure templates in Canva or other graphic design programs. You'll quickly see what you like, what you don't, and which designs seem to communicate the best. This is a good jumping off point. If your library or Friends group have "brand" colors that are consistent across other print materials, use these and include your own logo.
- Make sure your design elements don't overwhelm your content or message. Leave a little white space for an uncluttered look.
- Pick fonts that are easy to read and stick to just one or two fonts.
- Bullet points make lists easier to read.
- Graphics add interest. Considering using photos of the library, your book sale or store, or patrons at a community event. If you use multiple clip art images, look for ones with a consistent style.



Definitely include –

- contact Information (physical address, phone number, email address, and website)
- mission statement or a brief tagline describing your Friends group
- information about your projects and the impact you have on the library and community. Clearly and concisely highlight what makes your group and your library special.
- membership information including benefits. Do you offer early-bird access to book sales, discounts at your book store, a free book bag, a monthly newsletter? List these. Also list any membership tiers and benefits if offered (eg Student, Individual, Family, Business, etc).
- And most importantly, tell them how to join! Include:
 - a removable membership form that tells them where to mail or drop it off
 - a link to your online membership portal

Consider also adding –

- Ways new members can volunteer and become involved
- QR code for your website

Kansas Book Festival

The FoKL Board had a great day visiting with library and book lovers at the Kansas Book Festival on September 20. If you start seeing lots of cars with "Libraries YES!" front tags, that was our most popular giveaway. Thanks to everyone who stopped by.



Contact us!

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