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FoKL POINT Newsletter — August 2026

Fundraising *Best Practices for Friends Groups* **First Friday with Friends** **Friday, September 4 at 9AM**

Friends groups already know how to raise money — book sales, raffles, ticketed events, and the community that shows up for all of it. This talk is about building on that: practical ways to grow revenue, build more engaged Friends groups, and sidestep a few common pitfalls before they become problems.

Robyn Kollar brings 25 years of fundraising and marketing experience, including leading annual giving and membership at the University of Missouri and serving as Director of Annual Giving for a national women's empowerment organization. She currently serves as Fundraising and Public Relations Consultant for the Northeast Kansas Library System, where this year she grew Library Giving Day fundraising by 214% across the region's 48 public libraries.

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



See you in September!

Mark your calendar to stop by and see your friends from FoKL at the Kansas Book Festival on September 26 from 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM at Washburn University, Topeka.

FoKL volunteers will be sharing information with festival goers about libraries and Friends groups, and will give out “Protect the Right to Read” post cards as long as supplies last.

Membership Update **and 2027 Special Offer**

After 23 years with no change in our membership dues, FoKL has decided to increase some categories by \$5 and to restructure other levels starting in 2027.

2027 Membership Offer - you may join or renew now and receive 15 months of FoKL membership at the 2026 annual dues rate.

Visit our website to print a membership form or renew online at www.fokl.net

Your dues support FoKL's challenge grants, recognition awards, advocacy, and outreach projects. Thank you for being a Friend.

Fundraising
Best Practices for Friends Groups
Presented by Robyn Kollar
Fundraising and PR Consultant
Northeast Kansas Library System
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 4
9 AM CENTRAL
www.fokl.net

Summer Sightings!



Friends of the Ellis Public Library unveiled the first of three Little Free Libraries being installed in Ellis parks.

Friends of Moore Family Library at the parade in Grinnell.

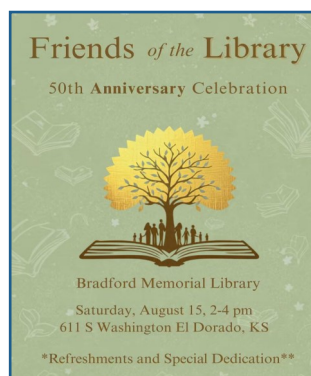


Bonner Springs Friends of the Library at the Farmers Market.

A summer plant sale at Delaware Township Library (Valley Falls) with all proceeds going to support library programs.



Congratulations! Friends of Bradford Memorial Library 50 Years of Friendship



First Friday Archives

SESSION RECORDING

We know it doesn't always work in your busy schedule to take an hour to join our First Friday with Friends events, but did you know that the FoKL has a wealth of archived video recordings available on our website?

Check out our [First Friday web page](#) for past programs on celebrating National Friends Week, book sale tips and tricks, document retention, and much more.

By request, we have also started providing audio-only session recordings as an added feature for those who like to listen on-the-go.

Contact us!

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BOOK PALOOZA

SUMMER SALE
AT THE BOOK NOOK
THROUGH JULY 31

10 DVDs FOR \$5

ALL HARBACK PATTERSON & CONNELLY BOOKS — \$1 EACH

LAHAYE PAPERBACK BOOKS — 50¢ EACH

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

Book Nook
August 1 & 2

Saturday, 9:00 am - 11:00 am
Used Book Donation Day

Saturday, 10:00 am - 2:00 pm
Friends Used Book Sale

Sunday, 10:00 am - 2:00 pm
Friends Used Book Sale

friendsofcl.org/events

Friends of the Library BOOK SALE

July 27th - August 1st

9am-6pm Mon-Thurs.
10am-5pm Fri. & Sat.
CBLB, Main Floor
1409 Williams
Great Bend KS 67530

SUPPORT YOUR LIBRARY

Proceeds benefit library programming
Items for all ages and genres
Cash and Checks accepted

Flash BOOK SALE

August 7.5 - 8 p.m.
August 8, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.
618 Mechanic St.

STEVENS COUNTY LIBRARY

BOOK SALE
VENTA DE LIBROS

Stevens County Library

Everything is \$1!
¡Todo cuesta 1 dólar!

AUGUST AUGUSTO

County-Wide Book Sale
Books, DVDs, AudioBooks and more... featuring a form of branches of the Coffey County Library

Burlington Library
410 Juniata St.
Burlington, KS 66839

August 1st 2026
8am-Noon

FREE will donation.

School librarians, Teachers, home school parents, and the general public are all encouraged to come shop!

Fall into a Good Book Sale

August 21st & 22nd

The sale will be open during regular library hours, 9 AM-6 PM.
Saturday is Fill a Bag/Box Day.

Book Sale Drop-Off

August 15th-19th

Donate books, audio CDs, and DVDs at the front counter for the fall book sale.

Due to limited storage space, we cannot accept donations outside of this window.

PRATT PUBLIC LIBRARY'S
Annual BOOK SALE!

Great Books. Great Prices. Great for Our Community!

MONDAY AUG 3 THRU FRIDAY AUG 7

FICTION & NONFICTION FOR ALL AGES! | HARDCOVERS, PAPERBACKS, KIDS' BOOKS, AND MORE!

LOW PRICES! Big Impact!

PRATT PUBLIC LIBRARY
Read. Learn. Connect.

Friends of the Library Book Sale!

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

FILL A BAG SALE!

SAT, AUG 29TH
FROM 9:00 AM - 11:30 AM

201 N Nettleton Bonner Springs, KS 66012 913-441-2665 www.bonnerlibrary.org

INDOOR Book Sale

204 S Walnut St
Ottawa, KS

Public Shopping:
Sat. Aug. 22nd
8am-5pm

Special Shopping Hours for Friends of Ottawa Library
Members: Fri. Aug. 21st 5-8pm

Not a Friends Member? No Problem! You can sign up on-site and shop Friday from 9-8 pm. Or stop by the library to join ahead of time!

Ottawa Library
785-242-3080

BOOK SALE
ONE DAY ONLY!

HOSTED BY
FRIENDS

ANDOVER PUBLIC LIBRARY
LOCATED IN FEMA/STORY LAB ROOM

JULY 29
9:00 AM - 7:00 PM

DON'T MISS THIS ONE-DAY EVENT!
Bring your friends and find your next favorite book!

Book Sale
August 3rd-7th

Monday-Thursday:
10am-7pm
Friday:
10am-6pm

PUBLIC LIBRARY

Large INDOOR Book Sale

Special opening for Friends of the Ottawa Library Members:
Fri. Aug. 21st 5pm - 8pm
Open to the Public:
204 S Walnut St.
Sat. Aug. 22nd 8am - 5pm
Bag Sale from 3-5pm \$1 (Wal-Mart plastic bag)

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Hardbacks \$1
Library Discard Hardbacks \$0.50
Paperbacks \$0.50
Children's Books \$0.50
DVDs \$1
AudioBooks
Special Collections: price as marked
Games, puzzles, and more

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FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY
BOOK SALE

FRIDAY JULY 31 10AM - 3PM
SATURDAY AUGUST 1 10AM - 3PM

1001 N. 2ND AVENUE, DODGE CITY, KS 67801
WWW.DCPL.INFO/FRIENDS
Friends of the Library - Dodge City, KS

LOCAL AUTHOR & KIDS BOOK FAIR

KIDS BOOK FAIR
A dedicated book sale with children's books, bookish trinkets and goodies!

LOCAL AUTHOR FAIR
Discover books written by local and regional writers

August 29, 2026 10AM - 3PM

Coffeyville Public Library | 311 W. 10th St. Coffeyville, KS 67537

Friends of the Library Book Sale

August 20th @ 2-6 p.m. - Friends Members Only
August 21st & 22nd @ 10 a.m.-4 p.m. - Open to All
August 23rd @ 1-5 p.m. - Open to All, Freewill Donation

\$5 per Bag
50% Member Discount in Store
Individual Memberships Cost \$15/Year
Memberships can be purchased at the sale

HATS PUBLIC LIBRARY

Last Chance BOOK SALE

Going, going, GONE!
This will be the LAST book sale of the YEAR!

Monday-Friday
Aug. 3rd-7th