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FoKL Point Newsletter - October 2026

First Friday with Friends Successful Strategies For Growing Friends Memberships



The Friends of Baldwin Library raised \$25,000 from memberships in 2026 in a community of less than 5,000 people. How did they do it?

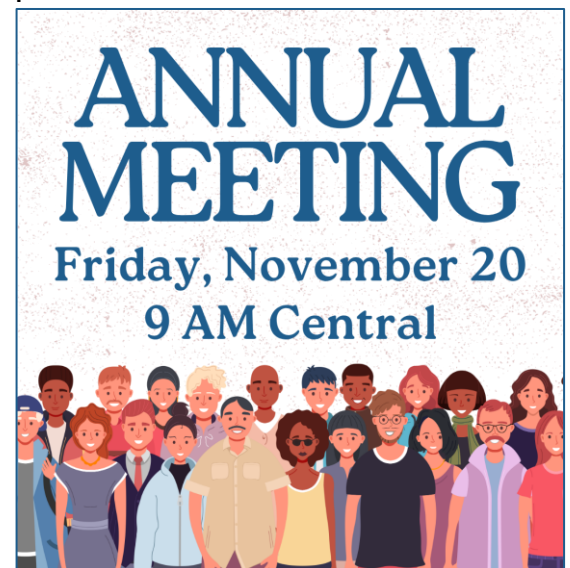
They did it by thinking about what their members want and building a membership program to match. Membership Coordinator Mary Ontko will share the Friends of Baldwin Library's experience at the next First Friday with Friends. Join us November 6 at 9 AM Central. Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88484969231>.

Welcome Friends

All FoKL members are invited to our Annual Meeting on Friday, November 20 at 9 AM Central. We will:

- Elect open officer and board positions
- Highlight FoKL's 2026 activities

There will also be time to ask questions and discuss how FoKL can best serve you and your library. Join us on Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84940394057>



Happy National Friends of Libraries Week!

BOOKSALES DONATIONS ADVOCACY
FUNDRAISING VOLUNTEERING COMMUNITY
PARTNERSHIPS SPECIAL EVENTS
MEMBERSHIP DRIVES SUPPORT
CELEBRATIONS RESOURCES PROMOTION
COLLABORATION LIBRARY LOVE

Thank the Friends.

Libraries and Friends groups across the state and country are honoring their hardworking volunteers during National Friends of the Library Week, **October 18-24, 2026**.

It's a terrific opportunity to salute the Friends who play a major part in the library's progress through their advocacy work and volunteering for programs and fundraising efforts.

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

Friends of Baldwin Library



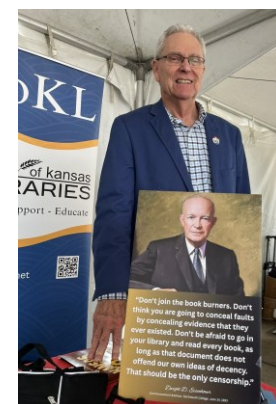
A group of past presidents of the Baldwin Library's Friends met on September 19th at the library. FOBL is gearing up to celebrate its 40th anniversary in 2027.

The current officers gathered the group to enjoy tea and pie and share stories of the creation of the Friends and their long commitment to the continuing growth of the Baldwin Library. These stories will be used in 2027 to promote the library as part of a year of activities to highlight the group..

Kansas Book Festival

FoKL had a great day at the Kansas Book Festival in September. We handed out *Protect the Right to Read* postcards and had interesting discussions with fellow book-loving folks, all of whom agreed that we should have the right to read anything we want, and that "Every child deserves to see themselves in a book" (quote from the postcards).

Since our display included a poster with an anti-censorship quote from Dwight Eisenhower, it was fortunate that we shared a tent with University of Kansas Press who was promoting *The Real Ike: Eisenhower Fact and Fiction* by Martin Mack Teasley. Teasley kindly posed for a picture for us (lower right).



FoKL Dues Year-End Offer

There is still time to take advantage of our **2027 Membership Offer** to join or renew now and receive 14 months of FoKL membership at the 2026 annual dues rate. Visit our website to print a membership form or renew online at fokl.net before January 1, 2027 for this offer. Your dues support FoKL's challenge grants, recognition awards, advocacy, and outreach projects. Thank you for being a Friend!

Membership Type	2027 (through Dec 31, 2026)	2027 (starting Jan 1, 2027)
Individual	\$15	\$20
Friends Group	\$25	\$30
Library or Organization	\$35	\$40
Best Friend	\$50	\$50
Book Worm	\$100	\$100
Carnegie Circle	\$250	NA
Award Sponsor	NA	\$200

Friends of the Wichita Public Library

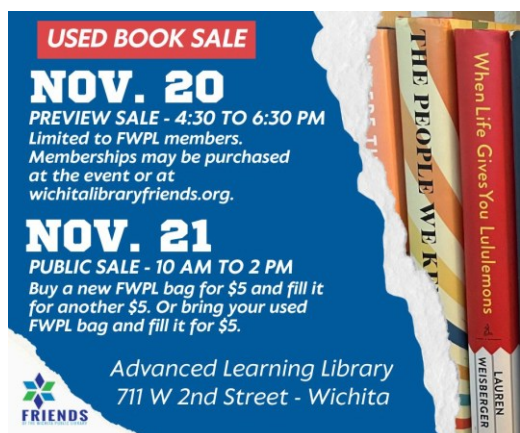
The Friends of the Wichita Public Library (FWPL) will hold their next book sale on Saturday, November 21 from 10am-2pm at the Advanced Learning Library (711 W. 2nd Street).

The event is open to the public and customers may either purchase an FWPL cloth tote bag and fill it for \$10 or bring a previously purchased FWPL bag (red, green, blue or purple with FWPL logo) and fill it for \$5. Library-themed 150th anniversary merchandise will also be sold. Visit the Friends website for complete details about the book sale.

Paid members of FWPL may attend a special member-only preview book sale on Friday, November 20 at the Advanced Learning Library from 4:30-6:30pm. FWPL memberships range from \$15 to \$150 and can be purchased at the preview event. Proceeds from the book sale benefit the Wichita Public Library by helping to fund literacy initiatives, branch programs, and author events.

Donated books, music CDs, magazines, movie DVDs, audiobooks and sheet music are also sold year-round to the public at the Friends Used Bookstore on the first floor of the Advanced Learning Library. The bookstore is open Monday through Saturday from 10:30am-4:30pm.

Learn more about this energetic group's activities at www.wichitalibraryfriends.org.



Intellectual Freedom First Friday Resources

Thank you to Lacie Griffin for presenting an outstanding program, *Intellectual Freedom – Library Advocacy and Support for Friends Groups*, at FoKL's First Friday event in October.

Lacie is Collection Development Manager at Johnson County Library and Chair of KLA's Intellectual Freedom Committee.

Session recordings from this and past First Friday events are [available at this link](https://fokl.net/firstfriday) (fokl.net/firstfriday). Recent sessions are available in both video and audio formats.



Event suggested resources:

- The Librarians – 2025 documentary available to stream on several platforms
- [Kansas Library Association - Intellectual Freedom Committee](#)
- [Kansas Library Association - Governmental Affairs Committee](#)
- [American Library Association Office for Intellectual Freedom](#)
- [Unite Against Book Bans](#)
- [EveryLibrary](#)

See you at KLA

The FoKL Board will be on hand to visit with you at KLA on October 29 in the vendor hall.



In keeping with the conference theme, our table will feature the book *Swimmy* by Leo Lionni, which wonderfully illustrates how libraries and Friends groups are "Better Together" when we work in partnership.

Come by to learn more about how FoKL can be of help to you and your library and put your name in the drawing for a copy of the book, or a \$15, or \$35 gift card.

Winfield Friends

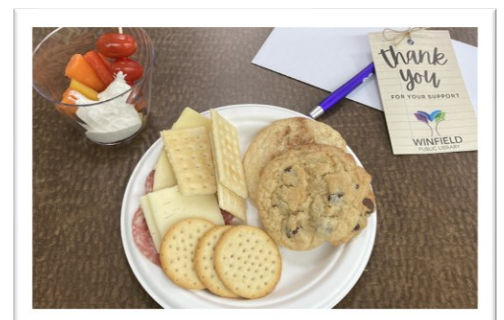
Winfield Public Library Friends held their annual meeting on Thursday, October 15 as a kick-off for National Friends of Libraries Week.

Friends were invited to visit and mingle over refreshments before holding a brief business meeting. Friends President, Laura Gottlob welcomed all in attendance and shared highlights and efforts of the year including:

- providing support for a busy summer reading program
- partnering with staff for events on the library's newly completed outdoor patio and gathering space
- ongoing work of the Green Team to maintain green spaces at the library
- and the Booktique and annual book sales.

The library gave each Friend a thank you note and Winfield Public Library pen.

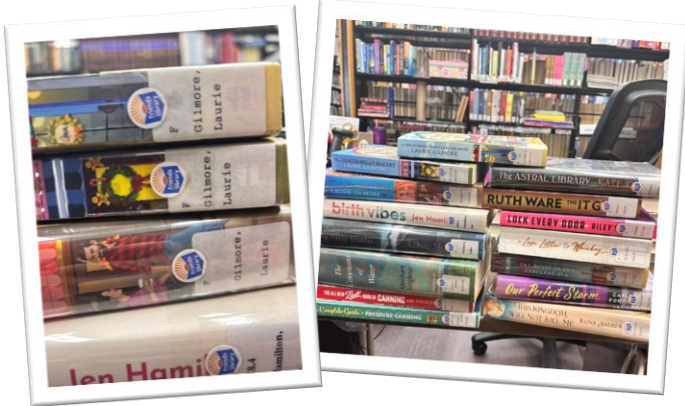
Following the business meeting, everyone was invited to stay for a concert presented by singer-songwriter, Sarah McQuaid. Born in Spain, raised in Chicago, and now living in rural England after spending many years in Ireland, McQuaid is as multinational as she is multitalented. Her original compositions span a wide range of styles, from contemplative ballads to playful blues to atmospheric instrumentals. Her performances also include the occasional folk song, evergreen classic or unexpected contemporary cover.



Friends of Clay Center Library

Friends of the Clay Center Library had great success with Blind Date With A Book and other book sales at Piotique -- Clay Center's annual community gathering. This active group is also sponsoring a give-away of the book Verity by Colleen Hoover.

And starting now, Clay Center patrons will always know which books are sponsored by Friends of the Library by looking for the nice FOL sticker on the book spine.



Friends of Fredonia Library

The Fredonia Friends were an active presence at the community's Fall Homecoming festivities on October 10. Check out photos of their parade entry and booth on the town square, which featured burritos, books, t-shirts, and reading accessories for sale.



MPL Friends - Hiawatha



The Friends of the Morrill Public Library's successful October book sale included a Halloween-themed basket raffle for a quilt, witch's hat, children's book, and flashlight.

The library enhanced the event by holding a Mini Fall Fest at the community building during the sale. Besides browsing books, kids and families enjoyed playing pumpkin golf, making haunted houses and Halloween bookmarks, and making (and eating!) monster snacks.



Thank you

To all the Friends groups, community volunteers, donors, library staff, and book lovers across the state who committed their time, energy, and creativity, and did a lot of heavy lifting in support of our libraries! Check out the beautiful flyers on the next page.

Contact us!

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TASK presents

BOOK SALE

Cash Only-By Donation

September 25-27
Hillsboro Public Library

This event is a fundraiser for the library's new library building. They will be selling books to help raise funds and support the building. The book sale is primarily children's titles.

BOOK SALE

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

OCT 16-18

Marvin Auditorium

B.Y.O. \$5 Bag Sale is Back!

DON'T FORGET TO CHECK OUT OUR FREE AREA IN THE SOUTHSIDE ENTRANCE!

230 W. 1ST ST. 785-238-4331 JCLIB.ORG

Psst...

You can come to the Friends Preview Nite!

Just become a member of the Friends at the door!
Thurs., Oct. 22 from 4-6 p.m.
Salina Public Library

Book Sale

Saturday, October 3rd
Stop by and fill a bag with books for \$3 during the Fall Festival!
See you there!

BOOK SALE

AT THE LIBRARY
ONE WEEK ONLY:
SEPTEMBER 26TH - OCTOBER 3RD
THE BIGGEST BOOK SALE EVER!

COST:
Monday-Thursday: Donation for \$2 Grocery Bag or \$5 Canvas Bag
Friday-Saturday: 1/2 Price!

Sale Open During Library Hours
7272 K Highway Suite D, Meriden, KS 66512

Book Sale

Delaware Township Library
421 Mary St., Valley Falls

Friday, October 9 - Friday, October 16
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday: 9-12/1-5
Wednesday: 9-12/1-8 • Saturday: 9-12

Children, Teen and Adult Books

Fill a bag for \$5.00!!

BOOK SALE at the library

ALL OCTOBER LONG!

DVDS: \$1
BAG OF BOOKS: \$5

THANKS FOR SUPPORTING PLAINS COMMUNITY LIBRARY

FALL BOOK SALE

October 16-20

618 MECHANIC STREET

HILLSBORO PUBLIC LIBRARY

Fall Library Sale

October 12 -16

M: 10 am - 5 pm
Tues-Th: 8 am - 5 pm
F: 8 am - 1 pm
Hillsboro City Hall
East Community Room
118 E. Grand

Hillsboro Public Library invites you to attend its 2024 Fall Library Sale! Proceeds from the sale will be applied toward future purchases throughout the library.

All items on the sale are available by cash donation!

The Fall Library sale will be held in conjunction with the Hillsboro Public Library's board of trustees Library Luncheon from 11 am - 1 pm, Monday, Oct. 12, in the Hillsboro City Hall West Community Room.

LIBERAL MEMORIAL LIBRARY

BOOKSALE

October 20th - October 24th
During Library Hours

Tues-Thurs
• Paperbacks \$5.00 each • Everything else \$1 each

Fri-Sat
• \$1 per bag of books • \$2 per box of books

\$5.00 BAG OF BOOKS SALE

October 1-31

all items sold in as-is condition

\$5 Derby Library Bag Or Pay 25¢ for paperback 50¢ for hardback

Friends of the Library

BRADFORD BRIDGES LIBRARY BOOK AND BAKE SALE

\$7.00 per bag or .50 each

September 23-26

WED. SEPT. 23 4:00-7:00	THUR. SEPT. 24 4:00-7:00	FRI. SEPT. 25 9:00-9:00	SAT. SEPT. 26 9:00-12:00
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611 S. Washington
El Dorado, KS 67042

Friends of the Library

ANNUAL BOOK SALE

@ the Fisher Community Center

Oct. 5-10

ACCEPTING BOOKS:
10a-4p on Mon., Oct. 5
10a-4p on Tues., Oct. 6
10a-6p on Wed., Oct. 7

BOOK SALE DATES:
10a-6p on Wed. Oct. 7
10a-6p on Thurs. Oct. 8
10a-4p on Fri. Oct. 9
10a-1p on Sat. Oct. 10

KIDS JOIN US FOR A MINI FALL FEST!
A FALL CRAFT!
GAMES & ACTIVITIES!
MAKE & TAKE HALLOWEEN TREAT!
FIND US IN THE GYM AREA
4-6 PM. > THURSDAY ONLY!

4-6 P.M. THURS. OCT. 8

Dorothy Bramlage Public Library

BOOK SALE

NOW COLLECTING:
GENTLY USED HARDBACKS, PAPERBACKS & DVDS
Drop off at Circulation Desk during library business hours
Curbside Drop Off: Saturday, October 3rd 9am - 11am

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY PRESALE:
Thursday, November 12th 4 PM - 6 PM

BOOK SALE:
Friday, November 13th 12 PM - 6 PM
Saturday, November 14th 9 AM - 6 PM

BAG SALE:
Saturday, November 14th 1 PM - 2 PM

www.jclib.org 785-238-4331 230 W. 7th Street

USED BOOK SALE

NOV. 20
PREVIEW SALE - 4:30 TO 6:30 PM
Limited to FPL members.
Memberships may be purchased at the event or at wichitalibraryfriends.org.

NOV. 21
PUBLIC SALE - 10 AM TO 2 PM
Buy a new FPL bag for \$5 and fill it for another \$5. Or bring your used FPL bag and fill it for \$5.

Advanced Learning Library
711 W 2nd Street - Wichita

Friends of the Foundation

Fall BOOK SALE

FRI-SAT • Oct 9-10 • 10-6
SUN • Oct 11 • 12-4

Members' Night • THU • Oct 8 • 5-7
Become a Member for \$5 at the door!

Friends of the Library

BOOK SALE

Great books • Great prices • A greater cause

MEMBERS ONLY:
Thursday, October 22nd 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

PUBLIC SALE:
Friday, October 23rd 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Saturday, October 24th 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Frederia Public Library - in the Lafferty Room

Hello.

My name is Inigo Montoya.

There is a Book Sale at the Valley Center Public Library.

Prepare to Buy.

(Sept 28 - Oct. 10, open during regular library hours)

DONATION DROP-OFF

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10TH
10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

FRIENDS OF THE BARBERS LIBRARY

Fall Book Sale

October 1-4, 2026

Thursday, 1pm-7pm
*Members Only
Friday, 9am-5pm
Saturday, 9am-5pm
Sunday, 1pm-4pm
Fill a Friends tote bag \$5