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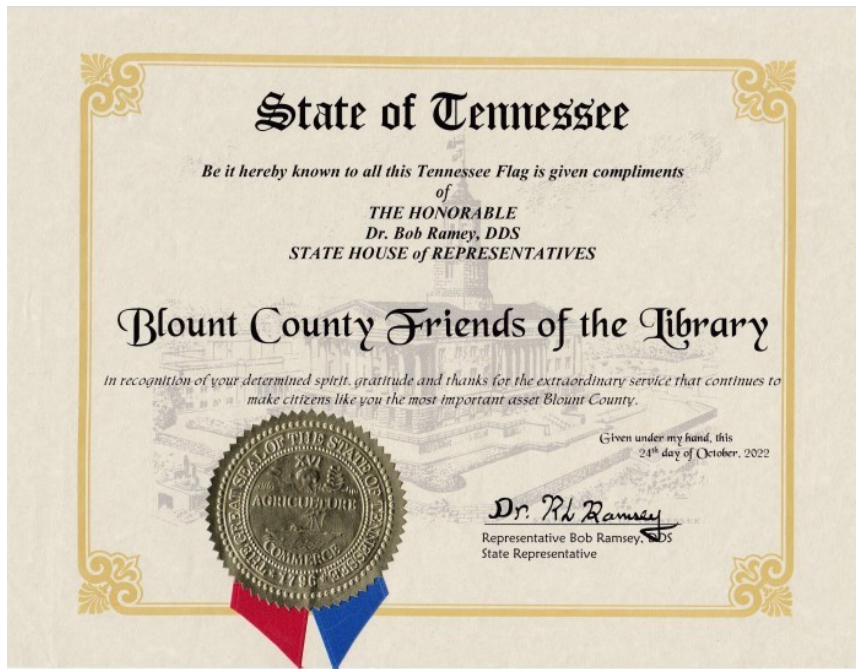
Blount County

Friends of the Library



Award for Service

Senator Bob Ramsey took time to say thank you to Blount County Friends of the Library and the wonderful volunteers. “Your service has been extraordinary,” he indicated in the certificate and the accompanying letter. It is because of our volunteers and our membership support that we are an important asset in the community. The TN Flag will fly proudly over the library in the near future.



Our quarterly BOOK SALES take place in the lower level of the Library. Most books are \$1-2 – but you will find lots of bargains. The children’s books go fast. Read classics or find your favorite author and read all of her books. The Regional section has lots of books on the Great Smoky Mountains, historical sites in the South, and cookbooks from around the Southeast. Lots of unique books and lots of great gift ideas!!

Money raised from the sales goes back to the community to fully fund library programs and community programs. Books you buy may be donated back to the BCFOL for future sales



BLOUNT COUNTY FRIENDS of the LIBRARY



BOOK SALES



MEMBERSHIP



VOLUNTEER



CONTRIBUTE

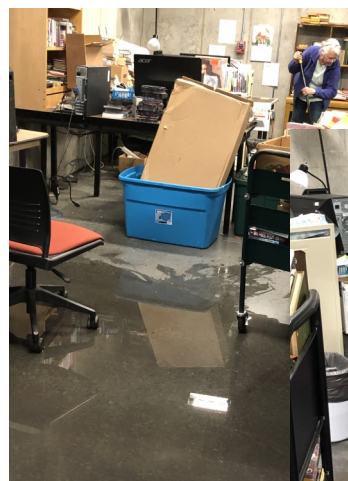
Our Website Gets A Facelift

Working with Slamdot, a web design company, we constructed a new website with updated information and a sleek new design. We hope you will easily find information on book sales and donating books. New member and volunteers are always welcome. Check it out:

www.bcfol.org

Christmas Eve Flood

Several of our volunteers helped clean up the library basement on Christmas Eve after a sprinkler broke during that December cold snap. The water rained down in the Teen Room upstairs and soon made its way downstairs. A big **thank you** for everyone who helped in the clean up effort.



Book Discussion Group

The BCFOL Book Discussion Group meets every second Wednesday of the month in the Dorothy Herron room starting at 10:15am.

March - *The Girls of Atomic City* by Denise Kieman

April - *The Song of the Cell* by Siddhartha Mukherjee

May - *The Mother Tongue* by Bill Bryson

Membership Perk Returning

Reserve seating for BCFOL members will begin at special Library events. Check in at the BCFOL Membership desk in the front lobby for a card giving you permission to sit in the first few rows. Unused seats will be released back to the general public 15 minutes prior to the start. Limited seats will be blocked off, so first come, first served.

Writer in Residence Program

This new Writer in Residence program was established for aspiring/published writers of Blount County or surrounding counties that promotes the Library's mission through the creation of an original piece of work and distributes their knowledge through programming.

The program will be looking for a few good applicants during the month of March to lead the effort. Watch for more information in the newspaper, on the library website and in email.

CLIP THIS COUPON

**BCFOL Members get 10% off when
shopping at the book sale on
Friday or Saturday only**

**MUST PRESENT THIS COUPON AT THE SALE TO RECEIVE
THE DISCOUNT! Valid on March 3-4, 2023 only**

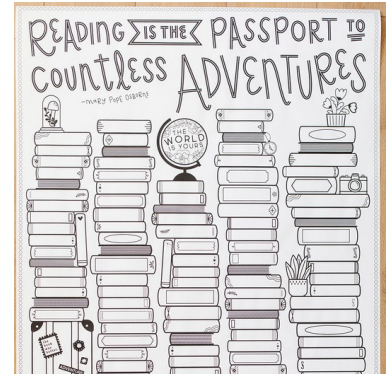
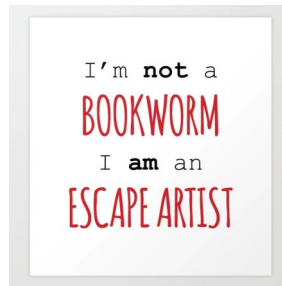
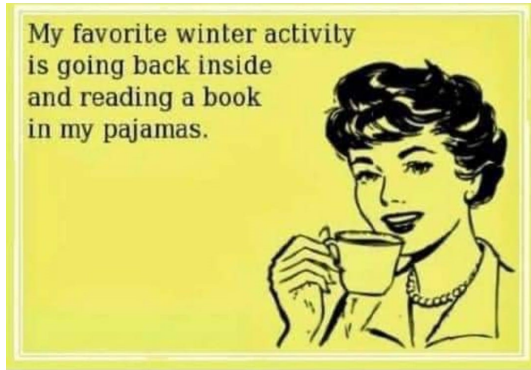
Volunteer Activities – Lots of Opportunities

Meet Pat Aldridge who has been a BCFOL volunteer for about 5 years. She started off working in the Collectible section. She is now in charge of a beautiful and extensive Regional section. This section, located along the back wall of the lower level, houses fiction set in East Tennessee and non-fiction books about the Great Smoky Mountains and the South-east. Pat researches and prices the books as well as sorts, shelves and creates displays highlighting the books for sale.

Pat grew up in Knoxville and has lived in Anderson County. She taught high school English and was a school librarian. Pat's teaching, library and volunteering experience support her love of books.



Library Humor



Meet Your Board Members



Betsy Smith, BCFOL secretary, has been active in the BCFOL since March 2017 spending most of her time managing the Collectibles. As eBay sales have evolved, she has shifted to packing book orders. She is a retired Technical Communication professor. She and her husband enjoy walking their dogs and biking Cades Cove on car-free Wednesdays.

Dr. Ann Fairhurst, BCFOL Treasurer, is a retired professor and Department Head of Retail, Hospitality and Tourism Management at the University of Tennessee. Her first job at 16, was shelving books in a Carnegie Library in Paris, IL. Working in a library solidified her love of books and reading. Her other passion, traveling, has provided her with the opportunity to visit many places in the world, experiencing different cultures through the people, history and food. Ann also enjoys knitting and different cultures designs & techniques.

