



# Among Friends

Blount County  
Friends of the Library



## Annual Meeting

Tuesday, June 6

Sharon Lawson Room

RSVP at

[BlountCounty25@gmail.com](mailto:BlountCounty25@gmail.com)

11:30 Review of Accomplishments  
for the Year

12:00 Lunch

12:30 Annual Report



## Quarterly Book Sale

June 1-3, 2023

Thurs: Members Only, Noon – 6 pm

Fri & Sat: Everyone Welcome, 10 am – 4 pm

### Quarterly **BOOK SALES** take place in the lower level of the Library.

- ◆ Most books are \$1-2 – but you will find lots of bargains.
- ◆ Children's books go fast.
- ◆ Books by your favorite authors and classics are plentiful.
- ◆ The Regional section has books on the Great Smoky Mountains, historical sites in the South, and cookbooks from around the Southeast.
- ◆ You will find lots of unique books and lots of great gift ideas!!
- ◆

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

### **SHOW 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 June 2-3, 2023 only**

**A library is not a luxury but one of the necessities of life.**  
**HENRY WARD BEECHER**

## **Friends Helping Friends**

Like friends do, Diane Rocco and Dee Barham are working with other Tennessee Friends groups across the State.

Diane is helping the Fairview Library (near Nashville) to set up their eBay store.

Dee and Diane are working with a library near Memphis that just received a collection of almost 30,000 cookbooks.

## **Membership Information**

**Don't Let Your Membership Lapse!**

**➡ Automatic Renewals Are Now Available ⬅**

Step 1: Complete the online membership form at [bcfol.org/membership](http://bcfol.org/membership) to update your membership or create a new membership.

Step 2: To activate recurring automatic payments, call 865-273-1451. Your credit card will be billed automatically on your membership anniversary.

## **Help Wanted**

Our eBay business is booming which is a good thing. But that means there are lots of books to pull off the shelves and pack up to ship. Our shippers could use some help pulling sold books for shipping.

Easy morning commitment Monday and Friday. This usually only requires one hour. Training will be provided with a smile.

Contact Michelle Vineyard at 865-696-8692 or [michellevineyard@gmail.com](mailto:michellevineyard@gmail.com)



**eBay shippers pack and ship 30-40 books per day.**

## Volunteer in the Spotlight



Mike Hammack has been a BCFOL volunteer for about 5 years. He ships books in eBay and empties the donation bins weekly. He also does various other odd jobs around the basement as needed.



You may also see him around the library tutoring folks who are working on high school equivalency exams or working with a service dog puppy from Smoky Mountain Service Dogs.

Mike's life-long love of books started as a kid. Despite moving around a lot there always seemed to be a local library close by giving him a chance to explore the world. He joined the US Air Force at 19 and traveled the world as an aircraft maintainer for over 30 years. He moved to Blount County in 2012 with his wife Marcie and their two boys. When he is not working with local service organizations, you can find him playing bass in local bands around town or exploring East Tennessee backroads on his motorcycle.

## Meet Your Board Members



**Ellen Weingold**, BCFOL Director-at-Large, is a retired English teacher. She enjoys helping children and adults find books they will like. She helps with lobby sales, community outreach, and preparing for quarterly sales. Her hobbies include volunteering at a local animal shelter, hiking, and birdwatching.

**Dick Burgess** is currently Volunteer Coordinator for the BCFOL. He's a past president and vice president. We're fairly certain he has done every BCFOL job except for V-listing! He collects books out of the bins, picks up donations, builds and fills bookcases, coordinates quarterly sales, and more. Currently, his specialty is matching up volunteers with BCFOL tasks. He became active in the BCFOL in 2016. He is a retired pharmacist. He and Diane moved to Maryville in 1991. Diane also volunteers!



## BCFOL Book Discussion Group

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

- **June:** *The Personal Librarian* by Marie Benedict & Vistoria Chrisopher Murry
- **July:** *The Diamond Eye* by Kate Quinn
- **August:** *The Man in the Sharkskin Suit* by Lucette Lagnado

## NOTICE

### New Library Hours start July 1

- Mon - Thurs - 8:00am – 8:00pm
- Friday - 8:00am – 5:00pm
- Saturday - 8:00am – 4:30pm
- Sunday - 1:00pm – 5:00pm

## eBay High Value Sellers in April

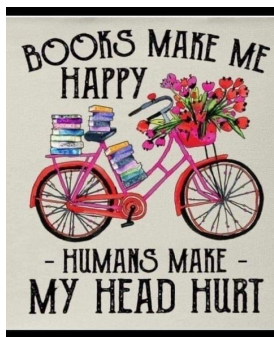
### Simpsons Figurines

Pimento Grove - Hawthorne Christmas Village	\$223
Lard Lad Donuts - Hawthorne Christmas Village	\$199
Phineas Q Butterfat's Ice Cream Parlor - Hawthorne Village	\$82
Stuck on Christmas - Springfield's Festive Friends	\$70

### Books

<i>Cook's Traveller's Handbook Egypt and the Sudan</i> by Elston 1920	\$70
<i>Works of Reverend Daniel M'Calla Vol. 1</i> 1810	\$65

## Library Humor



Alot is not a word.  
 You do not write alittle, abunch,  
 acantaloupe, or aporkchop.  
 Stop writing alot.



I was the kid that  
 was actually excited  
 when the  
 teacher told  
 us to read silently.

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 BCFOL.org

