



# Among Friends

Blount County

Friends of the Library



## Quarterly Book Sale Dec. 1-3, 2022

**Thurs.: Members only, noon-6**  
**Fri. & Sat.: Everyone welcome, 10 -4**

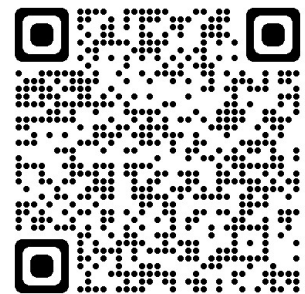
Our BOOK SALES take place in the lower level of the Library. Most books are \$1-2 – but you will find lots of bargains. The children’s books go fast. Read classics or find your favorite author and read all of her books. The Regional section has lots of books on the Great Smoky Mountains, historical sites in the South, and cookbooks from around the Southeast. Lots of great gift ideas!!  
All sales go back to the community to fully fund library programs and community programs. Think about donating the books you buy, back to the library for a future sale.

### Ebay On-Line Sales Continue to Grow!!

If you can't make it to our quarterly sale, you can check out our on-line store! All funds support the Library!

[www.ebay.com/str/bcfriendsoflibrary](http://www.ebay.com/str/bcfriendsoflibrary)

Scan our QR code today and start shopping!



### Humor Corner



## Volunteer Activities – Lots of Opportunities

The BCFOL receives 1,500 – 2,000 book donations each week! Anne Brown, Fawni Brown, Ellen Hadaway, and Donna Reagan (pictures below) are on the front line.

They scan each book. Using an iPad with the eBay app, they scan in the ISBN for each book. If the book doesn't have a barcode, they go one step further and read or type in the title/author. They then place the books on carts for the appropriate area. Books go to the quarterly sales area or to the eBay area for further research and pricing.

But—it doesn't stop there. Their curiosity leads to recognizing sets of books that have been separated or unusual books that may have significant value.

We have seen an increase in identifying books for our eBay store and that has significantly increased book sales. The BCFOL funds all programs offered by the Blount County Public Library. This year the BCFOL gave over \$95,000 to the BCPL.

They don't "whistle while they work" – but close! They are always cheerful and chat other volunteers while working efficiently. We can count on the team the of scanners to get books to the best sales area.

The BCFOL needs volunteers. In upcoming newsletters, we will continue to feature volunteers and how they contribute their time and energy to raising funds for the Library.



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

November—Rebecca by Daphne du Maurier

## Meet Your Board Members



Dee Barham, President, retired from the government and moved to Maryville in 2018. She enjoys reading and painting as well as cruising. She makes sure she has enough books when she travels! She has taken the eBay variable lists from 200 to over 4000 books in the past year. Picture on the left is Dee cruising with her husband Mike.

Jennifer Spirko, Vice President, retired from her work at the library. She is now the Volunteer Development Manager at Girl Scout Council of Southern Appalachians. Jennifer grew up in Blount County. She focuses on getting word out about the BCFOL through our website and social media (Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter).

