

Friends of the Library  
Annual Report  
April 2024

Welcome Friends,

April 5th, 2024

Purposes of the Association:

The purpose of this organization shall be to actively support the Clarksville-Montgomery County Public Library by the following:

- maintaining an association of persons interested in books and libraries;
- focusing attention on library services and needs;
- fundraising and stimulating gifts, desirable collections, endowments, and bequests;
- strengthening reading interest and library information services for young people.

This statement was approved at the Board's annual review of the Bylaws. The current Bylaws can be found on the Friends page of [clarksville.org](http://clarksville.org) under the Your Library menu tab.

A Board of Directors governs FOL. The Board of Directors consists of the offices of President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary, ten directors, and the immediate Past President of the Board. Officers are elected by the General Membership and serve a two-year term.

An election of officers will be held on May 14, 2024. The slate of officers up for election is as follows:

Malinda Mabrey Scott, President

Jan Hodgson, Vice President

Christina Chester-Fangman, Secretary

Anne Black, Treasurer

Board Directors are Anne Black (Treasurer), Christina Chester-Fangman (Secretary), Jacqueline Crouch, Susan Douglass, Darwin Eldridge, Jennifer Ford (President), Brenda Harper, Jan Hodgson (Vice President), Marlin Huddleston, Linda Nichols, Kim Santiago, Malinda Mabry Scott, and Barbara Wilbur.

Three new Directors joined the Board in the past 12 months, and two resigned.

The Board welcomed Susan Douglass and Marlin Huddleston in June 2023 and Kim Santiago in February 2024.

Heather Mendoza resigned in October 2023 after 10 years of devoted service, and Shirley Hood resigned in March this year after 20 years of dedicated service.

The Board thanks Heather and Shirley for contributing their time and talents. We will miss seeing them at the monthly board meetings.

The Booktique continues to do very well. It features fiction and nonfiction books, children's books, DVDs, audiobooks, and more for \$1 each. All funds raised by the Booktique support the Friends, which helps support important library programming and other forms of Library support. In the last 12 months (April 2023 – March 2024), the Booktique has brought in \$9,338 of income.

The April and October Used Book Sales of 2023 raised approximately \$17,110, which is \$3,310 more than the two book sales in 2022. Friends contributed almost 670 hours of volunteer services to support the 2023 sales.

Our next book sale will be April 25-28, 2024.

In the last 12 months (April 2023 – March 2024), Friends took in funds raised by the used book sales, membership dues, Friends of the Library tote bag sales, and the Booktique. Other significant sources of income were memorials and donations from generous groups and individuals.

In the last 12 months (April 2023 – March 2024), Friends' support of youth and adult services for the library included programming expenses for Adult Murder Mystery, Adult Summer reading prizes, Teen & Tween prizes, supplies, and snacks for lock-in programs and special events; performers, snacks, and supplies for Harry Potter Night, Sci-Fi Expo, Touch-truck event, Noon Years Eve party, the youth summer reading program, youth holiday programs, special story times, all ages special events and library outreach supplies for approximately \$8,240 in program support.

In addition, Friends supported the library with an annual Canva subscription, the \$3,500 yearly grant given to the library, and \$300 in holiday gift cards for library staff to show our appreciation. Friends also donates \$2,000 annually to the Imagination Library.

Current volunteer opportunities for all Friends members include sorting through book donations, stocking and refreshing the Booktique, volunteering for the April and October book sales, and volunteering for the June 2024 Scholastic Book Sale. Last summer, the sale raised \$2,998 for the library, almost \$722 more than in 2022.

We remain the 501(c)3 organization for Imagination Library to hold donations in a separate account for the Clarksville Imagination Library Board.

Thank you for your continued support of the Friends and the Clarksville-Montgomery County Public Library.

Sincerely,  
Jennifer Ford, President