

December 2023

Dear Friends, how grateful we are for your membership, your donations and your Book Sale purchases this year! Look at what all we have been able to fund with your support:

- ~ Adult Winter Reading Program prizes \$250
- ~ Exterior handicap-accessible door in the Bedford Room is now complete, totaling \$25,260
- ~ New sound system, projector, screen and blu-ray player in the Bedford Room complete \$14,389
- ~ Riddle on the Harp concerts for Bedford, Montvale, Stewartsville and Big Island in March \$500
- ~ Sam Wheelock performances in Bedford and Montvale in May \$433
- ~ Repair of the walls in the Bedford Room Storage area \$2,875
- ~ Assorted colors of filament tape for the 3-D printer \$198
- ~ Continuing education Scholarship for one staff member \$1,000
- ~ Children's Summer Reading Program \$3,500
- ~ Adult Summer Reading Program \$500
- ~ Update to the juvenile non-fiction collection \$3,000
- ~ Additional shelving in the Friends' newly enlarged Book Room \$1,683
- ~ Attendance and hotel stay for four staff members at the VA Library Assoc. conference \$2,116
- ~ Snacks for the Solar Eclipse Party with Parks and Recreation \$141
- ~ Altered Book Workshop \$142
- ~ Victorian Christmas Celebration \$916

So, Thank You, Thank You for all the ways you help us do these good things!

You might not think that buying a used book for 50 cents or a dollar can help much, but it does! And we're so fortunate the Library gave us one side of their staff room upstairs because now we use that area for storage and work space, giving us more room to sell more books in the newly named SECOND FLOOR BOOK STORE! The Book Store Hours are 10:30 - 1:30 every Tuesday and Thursday and the first and third Saturdays.

And thanks to the many spinners in the Library, we truly have a Book Sale EVERY DAY.

We happily continue to accept donated books, DVDs and puzzles. If you're new to donating to us, before doing so, please check our website www.friendsofbedfordlibrary.org for guidelines.

Questions? Contact Martha at martha51.johnson@gmail.com or at 540-874-5443.

Thank you again for wanting to stay involved with The Friends, you make a difference indeed!

Kathy Graham, President

On behalf of the Friends Board:

Martha Johnson, James Jones, Phillip Raintree, Ann Miller, Ann Thomas, Natalie Martin
and Rhetta Watkins