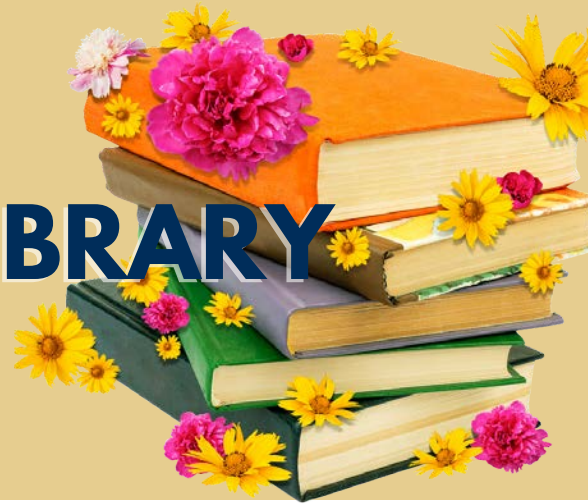




SPRING 2023

# FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY NEWSLETTER

LeRoy Collins Leon County Public Library System



## PRESIDENT'S LETTER

**Lisa Harvey, FOL Board President**

Dear Members,

Spring is here and great things are happening with the Friends of the Library. Our Title Wave book sale was held on April 1 and the weather was fabulous. Sales were brisk and we managed to break a record, with sales of \$4500. Our \$15 "stuff the bag" was once again a huge hit with our patrons. Next year we hope to be able to expand our Spring sale to a two-day event.

We also had a table at Word of South on April 22-23 where we collected over 20 new or renewing memberships. We raffled off an "Alice in Wonderland" gift basket to our newest members. New member Sarah Clarke won the basket and was thrilled.



*New member and raffle winner Sarah Clarke with Lisa Harvey.*

Funds raised from memberships are vitally important to Friends of the Library. The more membership we have the more ways we can help the library. Wouldn't it be great if we could double our membership numbers in 2023? All it would take is for each of you to reach out to two or three friends and invite them to join. Why not just forward this newsletter to your best friends and ask them to join you in enhancing library programs? It could make a difference for both the library and the community.

In October of this year, we will be celebrating National Friends of the Library Week by hosting a FriendsArt Show. All our members who are artists are invited to participate. As you already know, the library offers much more than just books. This art show will give us the opportunity to highlight the artistic talents of our members. Stay tuned for an upcoming email survey where you can let us know if you are interested in participating.

Thanks for being a Friend!

*Lisa Harvey*

# What Have You Done For Me Lately?

## Pamela Monroe, Library Director

Well the list is long! Your membership to the Friends of the Library has benefited our community in ways you can only imagine. My tenure as director (a whole 18 months) has opened my eyes to an organization that is not afraid to open their hearts. We are so grateful for your continued support and what the future holds. Here are just a few things that YOUR Friends membership has provided our community.



The future is bright and we look forward to seeing what other wonderful things we can do together for the residents of Leon County.

Amazing things are happening,

*Pamela*

**FriendsArt Show**  
Celebrating National Friends of the Library Week

HIGHLIGHTING THE ARTISTIC TALENTS OF OUR MEMBERS  
BECAUSE LIBRARIES OFFER MORE THAN JUST BOOKS.

**Artistically Talented?**

Coming Soon:  
Survey of Interest in May  
and a Call for Artists in June

OPEN TO ALL FOL MEMBERS

Questions: Contact us at [FriendsoftheLibraryTally@gmail.com](mailto:FriendsoftheLibraryTally@gmail.com)

The poster features a background of a paint palette and brushes on the left side.

**Books Members are Reading...**

- Six Memos for the Next Millennium by Italo Calvino
- Miami by Joan Didion
- Dinners with Ruth by Nina Totenberg
- Please Don't Sit on My Bed in Your Outside Clothes by Phoebe Robinson
- Everybody in my Family has Killed Someone by Benjamin Stevenson
- The Symphony of Secrets by Brendan Slocumb
- Daisy Darker by Alice Feeney
- Jephte's Daughter by Naomi Ragen
- Dopamine Nation by Dr. Anna Lembke

A stack of several books, with one book open in the foreground.



# FOL Welcomes Three New Board Members in April

Three new board members were approved by the Friends of the Library membership in April.

**Adam Boyles** has a Master of Fine Arts in Creative Writing and recently returned to Tallahassee from Austin Texas. While in Austin, he spent a number of years involved with the Austin Public Library and the Library Foundation helping with events and fundraisers. He is a working writer, publishing mostly about food, travel and restaurants. He believes our public libraries are the soul of our community and they must be supported and nourished.

**Angela Chiang** is an attorney with the Department of Management Services. She was an avid reader and library patron as a child and her curiosity remains with her today. She is organized, detail-oriented and is looking forward to using her leadership skills to promote board events and programs.

**Cimona Seagraves** wants to make a positive impact on the community by serving on the board. She is an educator and literacy specialist who understands the value of reading. She is homeschooling three children and uses library programs as a necessary part of their education. She has a unique perspective and is passionate and dedicated to helping both the Friends and the Library achieve its strategic vision.

Interested in serving on the Board of Directors? The Board has a vacancy for one dedicated Friend to fill. Interested persons should contact Nominating Committee Chair Bailey Howard at [baileyhowardcsw@gmail.com](mailto:baileyhowardcsw@gmail.com) to learn more and receive an application.

We are also looking for one Teen Board Member to serve a term starting June 1, 2023 to May 31, 2024. The teen must be under the age of eighteen at the time of the election and be a resident of Leon County.



# Word of South



# Spring Title Wave Book Sale: Breaks Sales Record!



We are thrilled to report that the Spring Title Wave Book Sale was a huge success, thanks to the support of our dedicated members and volunteers. The sale resulted in impressive statistics that we are proud to share with you.

In total, we raised \$4,500, which is a record for our one-day book sale event. We made 354 sales during the book sale, with 95 of them made via PayPal and 259 in cash. It was wonderful to see so many people come out and support the library during Springtime Tallahassee.

One of the highlights of the sale was the number of bags sold. We sold an incredible 160 bags, which is a testament to the continued quality of books and other media donations the Friendshop collects. We were so pleased to see so many people take advantage of this opportunity to add great books, CDs, DVDs, and vinyl to their personal collections. Speaking of the Friendshop, the

Friends owe a huge debt of gratitude to Deitra Kemmer, Mary Koshy, and Morris Jackson for their assistance with organizing and stocking the garage prior to and during the book sale. We could not have done it without them.

In addition to book sales, we also registered six new memberships during the event. Welcoming new members to the Friends of the Library community is always exciting, and we are grateful for their support.

Finally, we were able to raise \$76.14 in donations during the sale. These donations will go directly towards supporting our library's programs and initiatives, helping to ensure that our community has access to the resources they need to thrive.

Overall, we could not be more pleased with the success of the Spring Title Wave Book Sale. We are grateful to our volunteers who worked tirelessly to make this event possible and to our community members who came out to support us. We look forward to continuing to work together to support our library and all the wonderful programs and resources it provides.

**Calling for Donations!**

The Friendshop needs your donations of books, audiobooks, CDs, DVDs, vinyl, and other media. Donations can be dropped off at any library branch location. Call or email for assistance.

**(850) 224-3290**  
**FriendShopTally@gmail.com**

# A Membership Moment

What a busy and exciting Spring we have had! Our membership additions and renewals have steadily increased from the Title Wave sale to the Word of South weekend. Membership dues allow the Friends of the Leon County Library to bring valuable resources to our library and community.

The Title Wave sale was a great way for us to connect with our membership (new and returning) in person! We loved talking with you all and hope you enjoyed meeting our membership team. Anya loved helping check out and seeing everyone getting excited about the treasures they found. And Debra noted that this picture is her favorite memory of the event Brining the love of reading to younger generations is a passion of our membership team.

We are again reviewing our membership roster and working to ease the renewal process. Our online platform is an easy and quick way to renew your membership (or even send your friends to apply)! We are also encouraging all our members to consider becoming a Lifetime Friend of the Library and would love to invite you to level your membership up to a Lifetime!

I encourage you to look at our redesigned website for all your membership needs at:  
<https://cms.leoncountyfl.gov/friendsofthelibrary/Membership/>.

If you are unsure of your membership status or need help navigating the online form, don't hesitate to get in touch with us at [FriendsoftheLibraryTally@gmail.com](mailto:FriendsoftheLibraryTally@gmail.com).



*Level Up To Lifetime*

TAKE YOUR MEMBERSHIP TO THE NEXT LEVEL  
APPLY LAST YEAR'S CONTRIBUTION TO A \$1,000 OR \$5,000 LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP...

...AND PERMANENTLY ADD YOUR NAME TO THE TREE OF KNOWLEDGE.  
ELIMINATE ANNUAL DUES.  
EARLY ENTRY TO FOL EVENTS

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

**Friends of the Library Welcomes New Business Members**

**MORNINGSTAR STORAGE**

**COMMUNITY THRIFT MARKET**

**Please join us in supporting these businesses that support our Library**