LIBRARY SUPPORT

- Subscribed to *BookPage* for distribution to Library patrons
- Provided free bookmarks and book bags for Library patrons
- Donated $1,500 to Shelby County Books from Birth for free books distributed to Bartlett children
- Participated in community events - Bartlett Festival, Bartlett Business EXPO, Read Across America, and the Bartlett Library Book Bonanza
- Conducted the 21st Annual Book Sale as well as daily and feature sales in the Library; continued to sell selected books on eBay
- Celebrated National Friends of Libraries Week with a display in the Library lobby and a special ½-price book sale
- Provided funding for the Bartlett Library community events including the Back to School Bash and the Summer Kick Off including the Traveling Dinos Dinosaur Museum for Kids.
- Provided funding for Bartlett Library staff professional development
- Provided financial support for Library programs benefiting all ages

FUNDRAISING

Book Sales

Friends' primary source of revenue is the sale of books donated by the community. Overall book sales generated 83% of of Friends total income this year. Sales are conducted in various formats.

The 21st *Annual Book Sale* was held in The Venue, Rainey Banquet Hall, April 16-18, 2026. Our Bag Sale was a huge success. The sale generated over $6,313 which enables the Friends to support the Bartlett Library. Thank you to the more than 650 customers who shopped the sale, buying an estimated 995 bags of books and recorded items. Unsold books were donated to ReStore (Habitat for Humanity). A special thank you is extended to the 25 Friends and Library staff who volunteered to make this sale happen.

Books of all types for adults and children are offered year round on the *Daily Sale* shelves near adult fiction. *Feature Sales,* offering a different category of book each month are held inside the Library. The Feature Sales and Daily Sales accounted for 55% of Friends' income last year, a total of $17,748.

Friends continued to list books of higher value on *eBay*. Online sales accounted for $2,488 or 8% of total revenues.

Donations

As a non-profit public charity, Friends accepts monetary donations from individuals and organizations. Donations amounted to $973 this year. These donations are used to support the work of Friends and for current Library needs. Donations to Friends may be tax deductible.

Kroger Rewards

Friends is enrolled in the Kroger Community Rewards program. To have your purchases help Friends, scan the QR code or visit **kroger.com/i/community/community-rewards**.

FUTURE ACTIVITIES

Bartlett Festival	**Oct. 2-3 2026**
Business Expo	**TBD**

Annual Book Sale:

Members Preview	**April 21, 2027**
Public Sale	**April 22-24, 2027**

Feature Sales:

Beach Reads	**June-July**
Biggest & Best Books	**August**
Health, Diet, Self-Help	**September**
Regional Interest	**September**
Sci-Fi, Fantasy, Horror	**October**
Fine Arts, Entertainment & Architecture	**October**
Pop Up Nonfiction	**October 30-31**
Cookbooks	**November**
Holiday & Gift Books	**December**
Biography	**January**
Religion	**January**
Romance	**February**
African-American Interest	**February**
Biggest & Best Books	**March**
Military	**May**

Categories are subject to change based on availability of books. Additional sales may be offered.

Program Meetings

September 14, 2026	**March 8 2027**
December 14, 2026	**June 14 2027 (Annual Meeting)**

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2025 - 2026 ANNUAL REPORT

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Friends is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Friends were thrilled to be back at the Bartlett Festival this year! We greeted Bartlett residents alongside staff from the Bartlett Library. Friends had fun passing out goodies and sharing information about our organization. This two-day event is a community favorite.

Friends also participated in the Bartlett Chamber of Commerce Business Expo. We love having the opportunity to connect with our Bartlett friends and share information about the Library and our Friends group.

LITERACY ACTIVITIES

One of our most important goals as Friends is to encourage early learning and literacy in our community. We especially focus on supporting story times for preschoolers as well as readers of all ages!

LIBRARY CARD BENEFITS

Friends support the Bartlett City Library by promoting registrations for Bartlett Library cards. Your card provides access to the digital collection, Libby eBooks, and Kanopy digital streaming, in addition to registration for Bartlett Library programs and events.

LIBRARY PROGRAMS

Friends provides financial support for a wide range of Library programs for all ages, infant through adult, throughout the year. Programs include STEAM activities, book clubs, craft projects, cooking & wellness classes and much more. Craft supplies are purchased for children's story times each week. Funds for supplies and program presentations during the summer and the summer kick-off event are also provided by Friends.

QUARTERLY PROGRAMS

Friends and guests are invited to attend quarterly programs that are both informative and entertaining. Programs are held on the 2nd Monday evenings of March, June, September and December.

Programs this year included: Deborah Marcum, local author; John Kovach, Dust from the Diamond, baseball history; Bartlett Senior Singers, holiday cheer; and Courtney Sims, "ArtsyKindaGirl."

Topics and speakers are announced in the e-newsletter, on social media, and on the screens in the Library. Members receive a personal e-postcard invitation via email.

MEMBERSHIP

Currently, Friends of the Bartlett Public Library has 129 members. Membership includes 22 charter members and 95 3-year members. Dues for an individual membership remain $10 for one year or $25 for three years.

Each individual membership entitles the member and their minor children to attend the Preview Sale during the annual book sale in April and ensures personal notification of Friends' programs and events.

All new and renewing members receive $1.50 in Book Buck$ valid for a discount at any Friends book sale.

Membership forms are available at the Library, or you can join/renew at **FriendsBartlettLibrary.org**

MEMBER COMMUNICATION

Friends members receive a quarterly e-newsletter and an e-postcard invitation to meetings. Friends also posts news and information on our Facebook and Instagram accounts as well as our website.

FriendsBartlettLibrary.org
Facebook.com/FriendsBartlettLibrary
Instagram.com/friends_bartlett_library

OFFICERS & DIRECTORS 2025 – 2026

Officers:

President:	Wendy Linz
Vice-President:	Tammy Phillips
Treasurer:	Laura Meadows
Secretary:	Janie Bailey
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Directors:

Nicole Travis	Wanda Martin
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Emily Ford	Katie Wilson

Ex Officio, non-voting:

Felicia Knox, Library Director
Sharon Shappard, Chair, Programs & Events
Carol Huff, Chair, Book Sales

FINANCIAL REPORT

May 25, 2025—May 24, 2026

Beginning Balance	**$135,377**
Income	**$32,010**
Dues	1,367
Donations	973
Annual Book Sale	6,313
Daily & Feature Sales	17,748
On-line Book Sales	2,488
Interest	3,120
Expenses	**($14,373**
Administration	1,483
Fundraising:	
- Book Sales	675
- On-Line Sales	485
Library Staff Support & Development	233
Library Workers' Day	282
Equipment, Furnishings & Supplies	1,296
Library Programs:	
- Children & Teen	5,455
- Adults	2,275
- Community Outreach	256
Donations:	
- Books From Birth	1,500
Promotional Activities	434
Ending Balance	**$153,014**