



NEWSLETTER - DECEMBER 2020

2020 - WHAT A YEAR!

December 2020 - a time to reflect on the most unusual and unexpected year that organizations and individuals have ever experienced. Friends of the Bartlett Library is no exception. Sadly, we have not been able to accept book donations, have book sales or even meet in person for our quarterly programs since mid-March. *But*, the Board of Directors has continued to meet virtually to pursue Friends' mission to support the Bartlett Library and advance literacy and learning in our community.

Here's what you, as Friends, have accomplished in 2020:

- Purchased video equipment and services to enable the Library to provide virtual programs for children and adults
- Provided speakers' fees and purchased materials for supply kits for library programs
- Sponsored Tunes & Tales presented live by the Memphis Symphony Orchestra
- Donated \$1,500 to the Bartlett Library to purchase books and other materials for the collection
- Sponsored the virtual Read for Your School contest during the summer and donated \$5,300 to Bartlett City Schools for their libraries
- Donated \$2,000 to Books from Birth to enable Bartlett children to receive free books
- Provided the *BookPage* magazine, book bags and bookmarks free to library customers

- Conducted two programs: The Trail of Tears in March and a virtual author talk by Claire Fullerton in June.
- Recognized Library Workers Day in April by giving each library employee a gift bag with a Friends' T-shirt, a gift card, and other tokens
- Celebrated National Friends of Libraries week in October by displaying a proclamation from Mayor McDonald
- Arranged lunch and breakroom treats during November to show our appreciation for the Library staff
- Expanded online books sales earning \$3,160
- Raised more than \$4,000 through limited book sales in the library
- Published the quarterly Newsletter
- Maintained a social media presence through [Facebook](#) & [Instagram](#) and our [Website](#)
- Extended all Friends memberships active during 2020 until normal operations resume

None of these accomplishments would have been possible without the past and ongoing support of all our Friends members. The leadership of Friends and the Library staff are ever grateful. We are looking forward to meeting together in person and resuming all the normal activities of our vibrant Friend's group as soon as safely possible. Until then

Happy New Year in 2021!

Library COVID-19 information:



Hours of operation: Monday-Friday, 10:00-6:00
(closed Saturday and Sunday)
A maximum of 40 people are allowed inside the building at one time.
For a detailed list of current guidelines and services click [HERE](#).



MEMBERSHIP

Because of Covid-19 restrictions, many of our regular membership activities and procedures remain on hold indefinitely. This includes renewing memberships and updating our membership roster. For the duration that Friends' activities with the library are restricted, all current memberships are being extended indefinitely, and no renewal notices are being sent out.

However, if you would like to join the Friends as a new member or renew your current membership, the membership forms are available at the Bartlett Public

Library as well as on the [Friends website](#). Completed forms may be turned in at the library or mailed in for your convenience and safety. All acknowledgment letters for new and renewed memberships will be sent when normal Friends activities resume.

We would like to acknowledge the following members who have joined the Friends or renewed since March. We appreciate all our members and thank you for joining us to support the Bartlett Public Library!

New Memberships

Emily Vergho

Renewed Memberships

Joseph Turk, Sandy Hackett, Eileen Prout, Debbie Griste-Evans, John Smrt, Sylvia Montague, Paul Trower, Sherry Moore, Susan Irvin, Mike & Melinda Engle, and Rosemary Gaynier.

We do have a special gift for anyone who joins for a 3-year membership or renews for 3 years. To thank you for your commitment, you will receive a free Bartlett Library t-shirt (while supplies last) when normal Friends activity resumes. We hope that will be soon!



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Bartlett Library Staff Shows Their Spirit!

While many aspects of the library look different under the COVID guidelines, our staff at Bartlett are still working tirelessly to ensure

patrons' needs are met and to provide a safe and meaningful experience in the library. Pictures from the recent "Spirit Week" show that our staff knows how to have fun and keep spirits high.

Be sure to THANK our awesome staff for all they do when you visit the library!

BARTLETT LIBRARY SPIRIT WEEK!

Librarian Chic



Kristin



Cathy



Tamara

Team Tuesday



Shirley



Lisa



Mary Grace



Stephanie



Olivia



Kia

Work It Wednesday (Stripes and Polka Dots)



Tamara



Kia



Lisa and Susan



Mary Grace and Olivia



Alaina



Cathy



Vivi

THROWBACK THURSDAY



Tamara

SUPER HERO FRIDAY



Kia, Mary Grace, and Vivi



Tamara and Stephanie



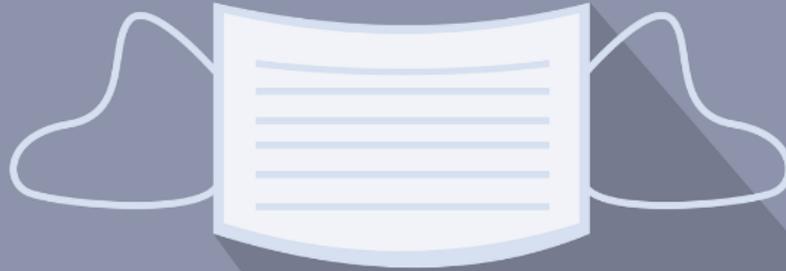
Alaina

SPIRIT DAY



Lily, Olivia, and Kristin

Thank You
for wearing your mask



while enjoying the
Library!



Pick Up a Bag and Check Out a Book!

The Bartlett Library helps to promote good oral health to Shelby County residents.

The Library recently gave away 50 of these blue bags to families in our community. Donated by Shelby County Health Department's School Based Dental Program, the bags included an adult toothbrush, a child's toothbrush, cup tumbler, sanitizer, lip

balm, and information on dental care. Library materials were also a part of the display and available for check out.



Judy's Holiday Picks

by Judy Teague

With holiday travel plans on hold or modified, most of us are ready to scratch the itch to explore at least through books. Let's conquer the near and far with words and imagination. So, dig out your fanny pack, assemble those snacks, and set your recliner on cruise control. All you need is your library card.

Travel and Paris are two words to inspire wanderlust. What better way to explore France's City of Lights than with Ken Follett's: ***Notre -Dame: A short History of the Meaning of Cathedrals.*** With the great fire that threatened to destroy one of the iconic sights in Paris, France in 2020, Follett explores the history, construction, and influence of the cathedral on architecture around the world. This short nonfiction book is an easy read and great gift for the armchair traveler. Proceeds from the sale go to restoration of the cathedral.

Barcelona, the capital of Catalonia, is a feast for the eyes. Delve into the world of Antonio Gaudi's architecture for a dazzling trip into a riot of color and imagination. The artist's work defines the cityscape wherever you look from parks to apartment buildings to the Basilica Sagrada Familia. Curl up with a visual exploration of the city in these coffee table books. Rainer Zerbst's

Antonio Gaudi and Juan Bassegoda Nonell's **Antonio Gaudi Master Architect** are both brilliant illustrations of Gaudi's visionary work.

Let Recipes and Art satisfy both body and soul in Italy. **The Vatican Cookbook: 500 years of classic Recipes** by David Geisser, E. Neiderberger, and T. Kelly presents a unique tour of the Vatican through the history of the Swiss Guards. Visiting the Mediterranean now may be out of the question, but preparing a meal and admiring Michelangelo's artwork could be the escape we need. Imagine a Christmas feast within the walls of the Sistine Chapel. Add some background music from Pavarotti to Puccini for your holiday pleasure.

Closer to home Memphis sights offer unique experiences. **Elvis Presley Memphis**/ Presented by Elvis Presley Enterprises and The Commercial Appeal takes a visual journey from the 1950's Memphis to the present through the music that changed the world. Today Elvis and Memphis share a soul and passion. Join fans around the world from presidents to prime ministers making the trek to Graceland. Dramatic black and white photography leads us home.

For younger family members, keeping in touch at story time can be a virtual trip to Memphis, Tennessee. **Night -Night Tennessee**, Katherine Sully and Karen Poole, is a board book for little hands. **Goodnight Memphis**, written by Grace Hammond Skertich, illustrations by David Lynch leads a child around favorite activities near grandma's house from the zoo to the Peabody ducks. Try sharing a zoom story with someone special on Christmas Eve.

Lace up your hiking boots and join Crystal Strayed in **Wild: From Lost to Found on the Pacific Crest Trail**. Not just a memoir about hiking, the 1,000-mile journey for Crystal is an inner struggle complete with terror and pleasure. Put yourself on the trail while safe at home. Through California, Oregon and Washington you will avoid civilization for a pristine and brutal commune with nature.

A Walk in the Woods: Rediscovering America on the Appalachian Trail by Bill Bryson is a more humorous approach to the outdoors, and a reminder that everyone can have an adventure. Follow this buddy team from Georgia to Maine with spectacular landscapes and wild animals to keep them alert. Both of these books have been made into movies worth the watch.

Check every Major League Ballpark off your bucket list in one afternoon with: **Big League Ballparks: The Complete Illustrated History**: Gilleltee, Shea, Silverman and Enders. In this comprehensive tour of baseball stadiums across the country, fans have a front row seat through 1,000 ball park pictures from the past and present. Make your own popcorn and enjoy the 7th inning stretch with the best seat in the house. You will develop those biceps just lifting this study from the table to your lap.

If you are still looking for the illusive perfect vacation off the beaten path, try some of the quirky titles listed below. You will not be disappointed.

100 Things to do in Memphis Before you Die: Samantha Crespo

Dark Star Safari Paul Theroux- Join the irreverent travel guide by train to chicken bus through Africa from Cairo to Cape town.

The Geography of Bliss: One grump's search for the happiest places in the world: Eric Weiner

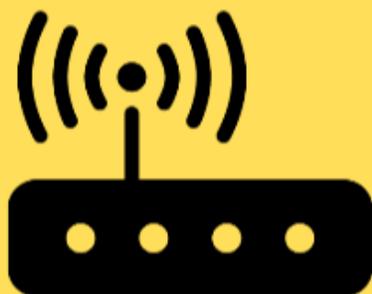
Death in Yellowstone: Accidents and Foolhardiness in the First National Park: Lee Whittlesey

Bartlett library can provide every title listed. Go inside and browse (wear your mask) or pick up [curbside](#). Still looking? Access the library app [Libby](#) by *Overdrive* for the subject of travel and discover 397 books and 111 audio books to take you away.

Every border is open to a reader. No passport required.

READ ON!

**The Library now has
Wifi **HOTSPOTS** to check out
for **FREE!****



**Call or visit the
Circulation Desk
to find out how.**



Check out the [on-line event calendar](#) to view upcoming programs and register.

There are virtual programs for all ages, including storytime, STEAM programs, winter gardening, book clubs, grab & go and community service kits.

Here are a few upcoming virtual events to look for:

Children:

Preschool Storytime - Thursdays -10:30am
Christmas Slime - December 11th -11:00-12:00pm (pick up kits at the library)

Teen Grab & Go kits (Pick up supplies at the library):

December: Week 1 - Mug Recipe Kits
Week 2 - Cozy Kits
Week 3 - Tie Pillow Kit
January: Week 1 - Self Care and Mindfulness
Week 2 - "New Year, New Me"
Week 3 - Mini Snowflake Canvas
February: Week 1 -String Art
Week 3 -Polymer Clay

Teen Community Service Kits (pick up kits at the library):

December - Cards for Seniors
January - T-shirt Dog toys for Bartlett Animal Shelter
February - Bookmarks for the Community

Adults:

DIY Handwarmers (pick up supplies at the library)
December 10 - 3:00-4:30pm
Bartlett Connects Book Club: Holiday Edition (a virtual book dicussion)
December 17 - 6:00-7:00pm
Gardening 101 series with Master Gardeners
January 9, 16, 23 & 30
February 6 & 13 (check events calendar for times)

To keep in touch with Friends' activities,

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