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## NEWSLETTER - SEPTEMBER 2021

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*Let's meet in the park!*

Join us for the Friends of the Bartlett Library

### Quarterly Meeting

Special Guest Speaker

Vivi Britton

Public Services Supervisor, Bartlett Public Library

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 6:30 PM

Free  
Open to the public  
Bring a friend

Freeman Park Pavilion

**Masks are strongly encouraged**  
*Seating is limited - We recommend bringing your own chairs*

Meeting will follow  
current City of Bartlett  
event guidelines



Friends will host our Quarterly Program in the Freeman Park Pavilion at 2629 Bartlett Boulevard (the smaller of the two pavillions). The park proved to be the perfect venue for our first in-person meeting in June and we can't wait to see all of our friends once again. Please join us as we hear from special guest, Vivi Britton, Public Services Supervisor at the Bartlett Public Library. Some picnic-

table seating is provided, but we recommend bringing your own chairs for convenience and spacing. Those in attendance are strongly encouraged to wear a mask. This event is free and open to the public, so be sure to bring a friend with you!

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### **Annual Meeting - June 2021**

Beautiful weather and smiling faces!

Our Annual meeting was held in Freeman Park and was our first in-person meeting in over a year!

We are excited for the year ahead as we resume some of our regular events and activities.

## Friends of the Bartlett Public Library

# Meet Our Board of Directors



Amy Venckus  
President



Rosemary Gaynier  
Vice President



Barbara Spalding  
Secretary



Tammy Phillips  
Treasurer



Pat Sexton  
Director At Large



Wendy Linz  
Director At Large



Linda Wong  
Director At Large



Sarah Hubbard  
Director At Large



Sharon Shappard  
Chair, Program &  
Events Committee



Carol Huff  
Chair, Book Sale  
Committee



Nakia Armstrong  
Bartlett Library  
Manager

### Election of Board Members

We are happy to announce our Board of Directors for this year, voted into office at the June Annual Meeting.

The following members have been elected as Officers and Directors to serve two-year terms on the Board of Directors for Friends of the Bartlett Library beginning July 1, 2021.

#### Officers:

Amy Venckus, President, second term

Rosemary Gaynier, Vice President, second term

Tammy Phillips, Treasurer, first term

Barbara Spalding, Secretary, currently serving in interim capacity

#### Directors-at-Large:

Linda Wong, Wendy Linz, Pat Sexton, Sarah Hubbard

All our Board members are committed to serving Friends and the Library and are looking forward to another exciting year.

We welcome your input and comments at any time.

## LIBRARY HOURS AND HOLIDAY CLOSING SCHEDULE

### *Current Library Hours:*

Monday-Thursday: 10:00am-8:00pm

Friday-Saturday: 10:00am-6:00pm

Sunday: 1:00pm-5:00pm

*The Library will be closed on the following dates:*

Monday, September 6 - Labor Day

Thursday, November 11 - Veteran's Day

Thursday, November 25 - Thanksgiving Day

Friday, November 26 - Day After Thanksgiving

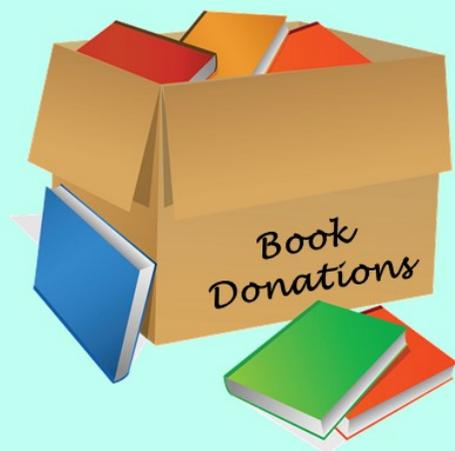
For a full list of current Library service alterations, click [here](#).

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## BOOK SALES

### Friends of the Bartlett Library



**UPDATE!**  
**Donations Now**  
**Accepted**  
**During All**  
**Library Hours**

**Please bring all donations inside the Library.**

**Contact Friends at 386-8968**  
**to arrange deliveries of more than 3 boxes.**

**At Long Last!!**

Friends are now accepting donations of gently used books and recorded media, but not magazines. We are so excited about having more fresh material to share with you. As always, your donations and purchases help Friends support

and promote our Library.

Donations may be made during all regular library hours. Please bring donations inside the library. If you have a donation of more than three boxes, call the Library at 901-386-8968 and leave a message for Friends. We will call back and arrange a delivery time so a Friend can be available to receive your donation which helps our Library staff. For more information concerning donations, visit our [website](#),



We are excited to reveal a new children's section on our daily book sale shelves. It includes audio books and DVDs in addition to books for ages through 5th grade.



Feature Sales are back, too. This month's features are Arts & Entertainment, including CDs, audio books, and DVDs; Architecture & Engineering; Health, Diet & Exercise; and Self-Help.

Future features will be:

October - Science Fiction, Fantasy, Horror and Regional Interest  
 November - Cookbooks and Home Crafts  
 December - Holiday Themes and Gift Books

All your purchases help support our Library! For current information about book sales and other Friends activities, follow us on [Facebook](#) or [Instagram](#).



There is nothing more empowering than signing up for your own library card.

Through access to technology, media resources and educational programs, a library card gives students the tools to succeed in the classroom and provides people of all ages opportunities to pursue their dreams and passions.

Friends of the Bartlett Public Library are proud to help fund programs and resources and support our staff as they continue to adapt and expand services to meet the evolving needs of our community.

To sign up for a library card or to learn more about the library's resources and programs, click [HERE](#), or stop by the Bartlett Library today.

## MEMBERSHIP

### Our Members are Top-Notch!

As a show of appreciation, renewal dates for members active as of March 1, 2020, have been extended to 2022 or beyond, based upon each member's previous renewal date. Letters and new membership cards have been mailed to everyone affected.

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.

We do have a special gift for anyone who joins for a 3-year membership or renews for 3 years before the end of 2021. To thank you for your commitment, you will receive a free Bartlett Library t-shirt (while sizes and supplies last). A

voucher will be included in your thank-you letter which can then be redeemed at the library.

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National Friends of Libraries Week celebrates the contributions of friends groups across the nation. It is our goal and privilege as Friends to positively impact our community by providing financial, promotional and volunteer support to the Bartlett Public Library.

During this week, we will increase awareness and promote membership in the Friends group. Also, all books in the Friends' sales will be half price during the week as a thank you to our friends and patrons.

Stop by the Library and help us celebrate!

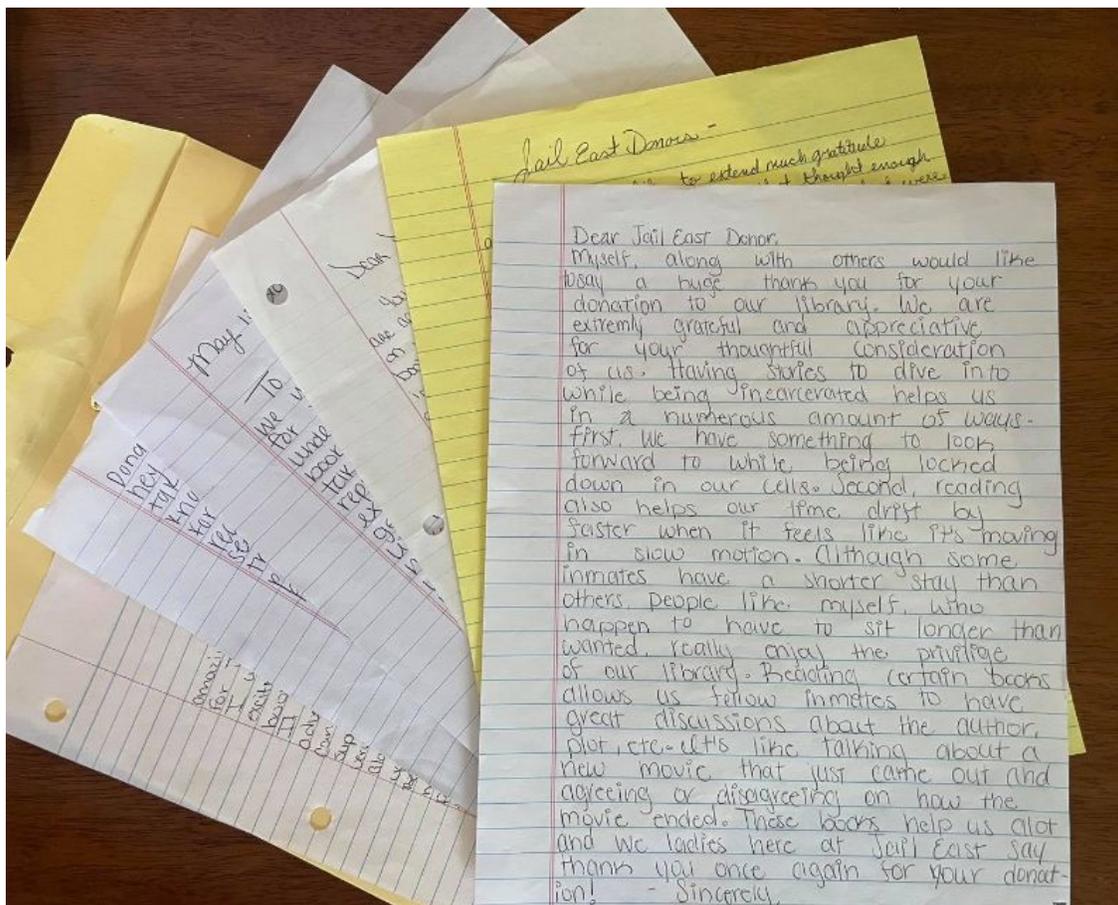
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### Congratulations are in order!

Olivia Logan and Mary Grace Berry were nominated and received June's "*Employee of the Month*" for their outstanding commitment to designing and creating Teen programming during the Pandemic. They listened to the needs of the teens and responded. Covid caused most volunteer opportunities to be halted, but Olivia and Mary Grace found a way for the teens to be creative. The teens created service bags at home and then brought them to the Library to be distributed to the different community organizations. As a result, the service bags reached over 2300 people. Please help us celebrate Olivia and Mary Grace once again for a job well done!





Shelby County Commissioner, Mick Wright, made an appearance at the Friends Board Meeting in July to present board members with a packet of thank you letters from some of the women residents at Jail East.

Friends & the Bartlett Library recently donated books to the Women's Jail, as well as Youth Villages and the Shelby County Sheriff's Department.

The letters were so moving to read. One wrote, "Having stories to dive into helps us in so many ways." Another wrote, "I wish you could see the excitement on our face when the book cart comes into the Pod."

Friends are thrilled to have the opportunity to positively impact the lives of these ladies and others in our community.



The Bartlett Festival that was scheduled for September 24-25 has been cancelled. This event is always a highlight of our annual Friends activities and we are sad to miss it once again. We hope to see you all next year!

# Staff Spotlight

## Elizabeth Wilson



Elizabeth Wilson began working as the new Children's Librarian in early July. She loves working with kids of all ages and helping them develop courage, curiosity, and a healthy love of reading. Elizabeth taught high school English and humanities for three years in Oklahoma. She sponsored elementary, middle, and high school academic teams for those years, while also teaching elementary piano lessons. At Bartlett, she hopes to develop more STEAM

programming that inspires children to think and dream big. She is in her last year of the Master of Library and Information Studies program at the University of Oklahoma, in which she is specializing in Youth & Children's Services. When not researching the newest trends in children's books or putting together programming for kids, Elizabeth can usually be found reading, drinking way too much coffee, or baking bread while watching the Great British Baking Show.

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# PROGRAMS

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

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

**Here are a few upcoming events to look for (events are virtual unless noted otherwise):**

**Children:**

Preschool Storytime  
Thursdays -10:30am

Grandparents Day Storytime in the Park  
September 18 - 10:30-11:15am at Ellendale Park

Take & Make Kits (Pick up supplies at the library in the Children's area):  
October 19 - Leaf Art Kit (ages 0-8)  
November 8 - Storigami Kits (ages 6-8)

**Teens:**

Teen Grab & Go Kits (Pick up supplies at the library in the YA area):  
September 9 - DIY Graphic Novel Kit  
September 23 - Mason Jar Aquarium Kit  
October 7 - Halloween Mason Jar Luminaries Kit  
October 14 - Stress Management Kit

Virtual Teen Advisory Council Meeting  
September 16 - 4:30-6:00pm

## Outdoor Program

October 30 - Bullet Journaling - 4:30-6:00pm - Library parking lot

Join the mailing list for the Teen newsletter, *BARTLETT BUZZ*, for updated program listings and more! Call the information desk to be added to the list at 901-386-8968.

### **Adults:**

ESL classes

Sundays - 3:00-4:30pm beginning September 12 - October 24

Book Chat Club: (virtual book discussion):

September 21 - 11:00am-1:00pm

## **Summer Recap**

Summer has always been one of the Bartlett Library's busiest times. This year, with in-person programming still limited, Library staff, with financial support from Friends, worked hard to provide a variety of fun events for all ages including virtual (and some outdoor) programs, Take & Make craft kits, and the Read For Your School Contest.

The Read For Your School Contest, sponsored by the Friends, is a summer program specific to the Bartlett Library and benefits Bartlett City Schools. Children registered and tracked their reading minutes online as the librarians tracked each school's progress throughout the summer. As a result of their students' reading achievements, Bartlett schools will receive a donation from Friends to enhance their libraries. This program continues to be a huge success, inviting friendly competition among the schools, providing support to school libraries and encouraging children to read.

Below are the final results for each school. Congratulations to all!

# Read for Your School @the Bartlett Public Library Final Count



## Elementary Schools

Bon Lin Elementary	63,072 minutes
Altruria Elementary	56,341
Ellendale Elementary	48,318
Bartlett Elementary	35,232
Oak Elementary	20,879
Rivercrest Elementary	2,935

## Middle and High Schools

Appling Middle	25,833 minutes
Elmore Park Middle	14,231
Ninth Grade Academy	5,500
Bon Lin Middle	4,600
Bartlett High	3,587



Special thanks to the Bartlett Friends of the Library who make this all possible!

*To keep in touch with Friends' activities, follow us on Facebook or Instagram or visit our website, [www.FriendsBartlettLibrary.org](http://www.FriendsBartlettLibrary.org)!*



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