

## QUICK FACTS ABOUT YOUR LIBRARY

**Residents of White County  
really do use their public library!**

As of July 2014, there are **34,890** active cardholders (44% of White County's population)

In 2013:

**442,977**—Items checked out

**221,277**—Total number of library visits

**44,426**—Sign-ins for computer use

**14,929**—Library Program attendance

The Library is not only an important educational institution for our children but also a place where people can conduct a job search, use the internet for free, and find information on ways to improve their lives in a variety of ways.



“Libraries are the thin red line between civilization and barbarism.” —Neil Gaiman

“The health of our civilization, the depth of our awareness about the underpinnings of our culture and our concern for the future can all be tested by how well we support our libraries.” — Carl Sagan

“The only thing that you absolutely have to know, is the location of the library.” —Albert Einstein

“Libraries store the energy that fuels the imagination. They open up windows to the world and inspire us to explore and achieve, and contribute to improving the quality of our life. Libraries change lives for the better.” —Sidney Sheldon

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## WHITE COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY FRIENDS FOUNDATION, INC.

SERVING THE PUBLIC LIBRARIES  
OF WHITE COUNTY, ARKANSAS



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## WHAT IS THE WHITE COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY FRIENDS FOUNDATION?

THE WCPL FRIENDS FOUNDATION WAS ESTABLISHED IN FEBRUARY 2014 AS A VOLUNTEER ORGANIZATION DEDICATED TO SUPPORTING AND ENRICHING THE CAPABILITIES, RESOURCES, AND SERVICES OF THE WHITE COUNTY REGIONAL LIBRARY SYSTEM. THIS MISSION IS ACCOMPLISHED THROUGH FUNDRAISING, ADVOCACY, AND PROMOTING GREATER AWARENESS OF THE LIBRARY'S VALUABLE RESOURCES.

THE FOUNDATION AND THE LIBRARY SYSTEM WORK IN PARTNERSHIP TO DETERMINE WHERE PRIVATE FUNDS MAY BE USED FOR GREATEST IMPACT. THE WCPL FRIENDS FOUNDATION DOES NOT SUPPLANT THE CITY'S AND COUNTY'S RESPONSIBILITY FOR FUNDING STRONG LIBRARIES.

THE WCPL FOUNDATION IS A 501(C)(3) ORGANIZATION AND YOUR DONATION IS DEDUCTIBLE TO THE FULL EXTENT ALLOWABLE BY LAW. OUR EIN IS 46-5116537.

THE WCPL FOUNDATION BOARD'S 9-MEMBER BOARD OF DIRECTORS INCLUDES REPRESENTATIVES FROM EACH WHITE COUNTY REGIONAL LIBRARY BRANCH. THESE MEMBERS SHARE A VISION OF THE LIBRARY AS AN INTEGRAL PART OF EDUCATION, A CENTER OF COMMUNITY LIFE, AND A CATALYST FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.

## WHAT TYPES OF PROJECTS WILL THE WCPL FRIENDS FOUNDATION FUND?

THE NEEDS OF EACH INDIVIDUAL LIBRARY IN OUR LIBRARY SYSTEM VARY AND CHANGE OVER TIME. PROJECTS CAN BE BOTH SMALL SUCH AS A BOOKSALE OR EVENT TO RAISE FUNDS FOR A LANDSCAPING PROJECT TO LARGER PROJECTS INVOLVING FUNDRAISING FOR A NEW LIBRARY FACILITY.

BASED ON THE NEEDS IDENTIFIED BY THE LIBRARY DIRECTOR AND THE WHITE COUNTY REGIONAL LIBRARY SYSTEM, THE WCPL FRIENDS FOUNDATION BOARD MAKES GENERAL DECISIONS REGARDING THE PROJECTS AND PROGRAMS FOR WHICH THEY WILL SEEK FUNDING. DONORS TO THE FOUNDATION MAY DIRECT THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS TO SPECIFIC IDENTIFIED AREAS.



## WHY SHOULD I BECOME A MEMBER?

YOUR INVOLVEMENT WILL MAKE A DIFFERENCE NOT ONLY TO YOUR LIBRARY BUT ALSO TO THE LIVES OF THE MANY AND DIVERSE PEOPLE IT SERVES. SUPPORT FOR THE WCPL FRIENDS FOUNDATION HELPS YOUR LIBRARY GROW STRONGER AND ACHIEVE PROJECT GOALS THAT WOULD NOT BE MET OTHERWISE.

## HOW DO I BECOME A MEMBER?

PLEASE STOP BY ONE OF OUR 7 LIBRARY BRANCHES AND PICK UP A MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION. YOU MAY ALSO CALL (501) 279-2870 EXT. 24 AND REQUEST AN APPLICATION BE MAILED TO YOU .

## WANT TO BE MORE INVOLVED?

YOU MAY INDICATE YOUR WILLINGNESS TO HELP VOLUNTEERING WITH LOCAL EVENTS ON THE MEMBERSHIP FORM..

## WANT TO MAKE A SPECIAL SIGNIFICANT DONATION?

MOST PEOPLE WOULD LIKE TO LEAVE THEIR MARK ON THE WORLD BY DOING SOMETHING THAT MAKES OUR WORLD A BETTER PLACE. YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE FUTURE OF THE WCPL FRIENDS FOUNDATION CAN MAKE A STATEMENT ABOUT YOU AND YOUR FAMILY.