



A Word from Friends

White County Public Library Friends Foundation Newsletter

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\$2 Million Donated for Searcy New Library Project



A huge thank you to Larry Crain for his generous donation to the Searcy Public Library for the renovation of its new facility. The **Janett Crain Memorial Library** will be a bright spot for learning and innovation in the community of Searcy and all of White County for many generations to come.

Shown at the press conference announcement of the donation on Tuesday, February 8, 2022 are: Paul Gardner, Barry Hoffmann, Senator Jonathan Dismang, Larry Crain, Jean Ann Bell, Darla Ino, Jan Smith, and Willie Abrams.

Mobile Hotspots and Telescopes Now Available for Checkout at Your Library



Did you know that the library has **mobile hotspots** available for checkout? The White County Regional Library System offers mobile hotspots for a one-week checkout to patrons who do not have internet access at home. (Stipulations apply for eligibility for checkout.) This hotspot program is sponsored (100%) by the Emergency Connectivity Fund, a Federal Communications Commission program funded by the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021.

Ever wished you could learn more about our night sky? You can check out a **telescope** from your library. Library patrons 18 years or older can borrow one telescope per household for two weeks at a time. Comes with an instruction manual. Patrons may request the telescope for pickup at any branch in our system. Patrons must sign a Borrower Contract and be responsible for loss of or damages to the telescope.

Want to join or need to renew your membership?

You can join or renew online by going to whitecountylibraries.org/friends. If you prefer to pay by cash or check, ask for a membership form at your next visit to your library, or call 501-279-2870 ext. 124 to request a form be mailed to you.

Treasurer's Report

\$281,410.57 Balance Carryover from 2021
+ \$329,591.44 Total Funds Received as of January 31, 2022
- \$ 390.53 Funds Spent in 2022 as of January 31, 2022
\$610,611.48 Balance as of January 31, 2022

Per Library Community Balance as of January 31, 2022

Bald Knob	\$215.00
Beebe	\$712.50
Bradford	\$72.50
El Paso	\$37.50
Judsonia	\$590.00
Pangburn	\$130.00
Rose Bud	\$92.50
Searcy	\$602,744.65 (\$597,337.84 designated for new Searcy Library facility)
General Fund	\$6,016.83
Total	\$610,611.48

Board of Directors for 2022
President: JoyLynn Edwards
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WCPL Friends Foundation Searcy New Library Fund Including Pledges
\$2,137,522.74

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