



A Word from Friends

New Janett Crain Memorial Library Progress Report



As of November 4, 2022, considering all donations, pledges, the \$500,000 given by the White County Quorum Court and the \$160,000 committed by the City for the floodproofing of the building, we have raised a total of \$4,011,241.92 . We have verbal commitments for another \$125,000 which brings the total to \$4,136,241.92 or 78.04% of the goal. We are now in the public phase of the campaign and working on reaching a broader audience with print and digital library promotional materials. Our theme for the campaign is **"Be a Part of a Brand New Chapter @ Your Library"**

The Executive Fundraising Steering Committee continues to meet weekly to plan next outreach steps. The Searcy Library Building Project Committee met on September 21, 2022 for a project update. On Tuesday, October 11, 2022, Searcy City Council approved the selection of Hart Construction to serve as Construction Manager for the library project, pending that a contract is successfully arranged to engage their services. Recognizing the impact of inflation in today's economy, the goal is to maximize the funds already raised to start Phase 1 of the project early next year, 2023, while continuing to secure funds to complete the project, hopefully sometime in 2024.

Visit the library website, whitecountylibraries.org/newlibrary to see the floorplans and description of new and expanded services to be offered at the new facility. You can also learn about ways to donate to the project.

Want to help us spread the word about the fundraising campaign? Know of someone who might like to donate to the new library? Please stop by the WCRLS Admin Building (113 E. Pleasure, Searcy--next door to the Searcy Public Library's current location) and ask for some promotional materials to distribute.

Baldwin Memorial Library (Judsonia) Renovation Project Underway

The Baldwin Memorial Library (owned and managed by the Baldwin Trust) is updating and expanding their facility! They are adding a new meeting room and adding a glass partition in the main area to create a new library program space. The library renovation plans include several other updates including new carpet, new shelving arrangements/displays, and new public computer stations.



Update to the Entry



New Meeting Room Under Construction

New Services You Might Not Know About



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.

Treasurer's Report

\$281,410.57 Balance Carryover from 2021
+ \$559,158.51 Total Funds Received as of September 30, 2022
- \$ 5,149.54 Funds Spent in 2022 as of September 30, 2022
\$835,419.51 Balance as of September 30, 2022

Per Library Community Balance as of September 30, 2022

Bald Knob	\$252.50
Beebe	\$800.00
Bradford	\$87.50
El Paso	\$137.50
Judsonia	\$590.00
Pangburn	\$130.00
Rose Bud	\$92.50
Searcy	\$830,771.85 (\$824,274.70 designated for new Searcy Library facility)
General Fund	\$2,557.66
Total	\$835,419.51

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.

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