

# A Word from Friends

White County Public Library Friends Foundation Newsletter

## Brick Fundraiser Campaign is Underway!



Many of you have been asking about our **Brick Fundraiser Campaign** and we are pleased to say that we are launching the campaign here with this newsletter! Funds raised will go toward furnishings for the new **Janett and Larry Crain Memorial Library** expected to open in September of 2024. You can purchase your personalized brick, or as many bricks as you choose. (One brick per form with printed OR online form.) Whether you choose to inscribe your family's name, honor a loved one, commemorate a special date, or inscribe a favorite literary quote, each brick purchased contributes essential funds for our new library.

Bricks can be purchased online or with the included order form. To order online (preferred method) go to [whitecountylibraries.org/newlibrary](http://whitecountylibraries.org/newlibrary), where you will find the link to the Brick Campaign Online Order Form.

OR

Complete the enclosed order form and return with your payment to the Searcy Public Library or mail the form and payment to WCPL Friends Foundation, 113 E. Pleasure Ave., Searcy, AR 72143. *Checks should be made out to **WCPL Friends Foundation**.*



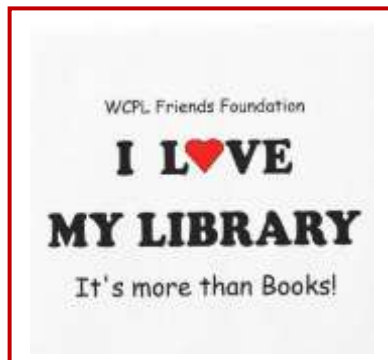
## Pangburn Library Friends Used Bookstore Opens

The Pangburn Library Friends members have opened a **Pangburn Library Friends Used Book Store** in Pangburn's old fire station across from Southern Girls BBQ.

The store is open the **first and third Wednesdays and the Saturdays following those Wednesdays** each month. They charge 25 cents for paperback books and \$1 for hardbacks.

## We Need More Friends!

Want to join or need to renew your WCPL Friends Foundation membership? You can join or renew online by going to [whitecountylibraries.org/friends](http://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.



## White County Public Library Friends Foundation, Inc.

### Board of Directors

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*Bradford position is vacant*

# New Searcy Library Progress Report

from Jan Smith

Groundbreaking for the Janett and Larry Crain Memorial Library was held on August 15, 2023. Since that day, the building that once held the Searcy Athletic Club began the year-long transformation to become a brand new Library for the citizens of Searcy and White County. Demolition inside is now complete and the process of creating the spaces for the new library is underway.

It is not too early to begin to think about ways the Friends of the Library can help the Library staff when it opens in the fall of 2024. Volunteers will be needed to help patrons navigate the different areas of the library. Won't it be a wonderful experience to help people find the expanded children's area and program room, the Teen Center, study rooms, the Exhibition Gallery, meeting rooms and many other spaces that will be available for all to use! As a Friend of the Library we are called to support and provide assistance in any way we can. The Friends Room in the new library will serve as a headquarters for volunteers as we organize and conduct book sales and plan other ways we can serve the Library.

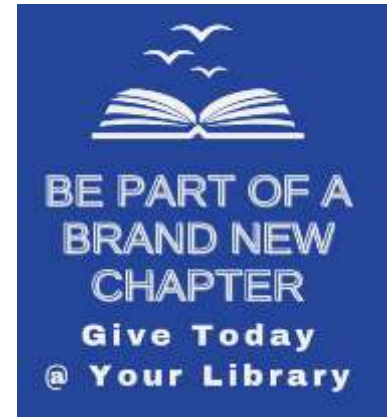
It is my dream to have an expanded active group of Friends of the Library to regularly volunteer and to plan creative fund-raising ideas that will provide additional materials, technology, and programs to aid the library staff to serve the needs of our community.

One way you can help is to continue to pay your yearly dues and encourage others to join with us to support the Library. Some of us may be able to become Sustaining Members at \$120 or more per year or \$10/month via online scheduled donation; however all membership donations are important and appreciated.

If you are interested in becoming an active volunteer at the new library by donating a few hours weekly or monthly, please email me at [evajan1046@gmail.com](mailto:evajan1046@gmail.com) or tell a library staff member. Thank you for supporting libraries. We are all looking forward to the grand opening of the Janett and Larry Crain Memorial Library!



**Jan Smith**, Fundraising Chair for the Janett and Larry Crain Memorial Library Project



## Treasurer's Report of the WCPL Friends Foundation, Inc.

As of October 24, 2023, there are a total of **114 current members** of the WCPL Friends Foundation.

### Summary of Accounts as of September 30, 2023

|  |                       |
|--|-----------------------|
| <b>First Security Bank-Operating Account (see table below)</b>           | \$ 13,769.74          |
| <b>Special New Searcy Library Accounts</b>                               |                       |
| First Security Bank- New Searcy Library Account                          | \$ 154,441.52         |
| First Security Bank- New Searcy Library CD w/anticipated interest        | \$ 629,806.36         |
| First Community Bank – New Library Account                               | \$1,673,643.27        |
| First Community Bank – New Searcy Library CD w/anticipated interest      | \$1,020,833.00        |
| Funds for New Library in Operating Account (online donations- see below) | \$ 2,892.20           |
| Outstanding Pledges for New Library                                      | \$ 611,510.00         |
| <b>Total WCPL Friends Foundation New Searcy Library Funds Raised</b>     | <b>\$4,093,126.20</b> |

\$2,892.20 for New Searcy Library

### Per Library Community Balance as of September 30, 2023

|           |          |          |          |          |          |          |            |              |             |
|-----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|------------|--------------|-------------|
| Bald Knob | Beebe    | Bradford | El Paso  | Judsonia | Pangburn | Rose Bud | Searcy     | General Fund | Total       |
| \$392.50  | \$845.00 | \$145.00 | \$175.00 | \$645.00 | \$522.42 | \$92.50  | \$6,196.42 | \$4,755.90   | \$13,769.74 |