



## 2016-2017 Annual Report



### Our Vision

To help and support local Friends groups integrate their library thoroughly into the life and work of their community.

### Our Mission

**The Friends of Tennessee Libraries (FOTL) is a volunteer organization of individuals and organizations dedicated to supporting Tennessee Libraries and local Friends of Library groups through:**

- Establishing and helping Friends of Library groups succeed;
- Communicating with libraries and trustees about the value of Friends;
- Serving members as communication network and clearinghouse for information;
- Advocating for library funding and legislative support on a local, state, and national basis.

We promote libraries and their Friends.

We support libraries and their Friends.

We advocate funding for libraries on a local, state, and national basis.

Board meetings were held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of **June, Sept, and Mar** and the 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of **Dec**  
June 19, September 18, December 4, and March 24, 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM (CST)

<http://www.friendstnlibraries.org>

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Friends-of-Tennessee-Libraries/78895803726?fref=ts>

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## ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR



1.  Continue to work cooperatively with our partners:















**THE TENNESSEE LIBRARY ASSOCIATION**  
**TENNESSEE STATE LIBRARY AND ARCHIVES**  
**UNITED FOR LIBRARIES: ASSOCIATION OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES, ADVOCATES,**  
**FRIENDS AND FOUNDATIONS. A DIVISION OF THE AMERICAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION**  
**ALA CENTER FOR THE FUTURE OF LIBRARIES**  
**PICTURE BOOK MONTH**  
**THE GOVERNOR'S BOOKS FROM BIRTH FOUNDATION / IMAGINATION LIBRARY**  
**TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**  
**TENNESSEE FARM BUREAU**

2.  TSLA prepared a spreadsheet of names and full contact information of Friends Groups in local libraries.

**PRIORITY ①**

- ① 3.  **Hold meeting for Division Representatives in each Grand Division.**
- Review FOTL programs and resources.
  - Discuss possible in-service about having a Friends group for local library directors.
  - Discuss possible meeting with Friends group representatives and representatives from libraries without Friends group within each Region.
  - Discuss value of regional vs. divisional responsibilities.
  - What other resources would be helpful?
  - Determine how Representatives can participate.
  - Update **Welcome to the... Friends of Tennessee Libraries** and **Why Join FOTL?** handouts for distribution at Regional In-services and TSLA Trustee Workshops. Post on web site.
- ① 4.  **Plan and host a meeting with Friends group representatives and representatives from libraries without Friends group in each Region.**
- ① 5.  **Applied to and received from Governor Haslam a Proclamation for Tennessee Friends of Libraries Week, October 16-22.**  
<http://www.friendstnlibraries.org/wp-content/uploads/20160918161312a.pdf>
6.  **Requested and received from Governor Haslam and Secretary of State Hargett a special Governor's Proclamation joining FOTL to express gratitude and deep regards for FOTL Founder Julie D. Webb for her service to Tennessee as an exemplary volunteer, supporter of our libraries, and advocate for education. Julie was also interviewed in *Library Journal***  
<http://tinyurl.com/JuieWebbInterview>.

- ① 7.  **Solicited applications to award the Friend of the Year Award at TLA Annual Meeting.**  
Friends of the White County Library, Sparta  
Friends of Smyrna Library (FOSL)
- ① 8.  **Solicited applications to award 3 grants (for Advocacy, Fundraising, and Membership) of \$300 each at FOTL Annual Meeting.**  
Advocacy Grant - Putnam County Library Friends, Cookeville  
Fundraising Grant - Friends of the Tipton County Library Friends  
Membership Grant - Friends of the King Family Library, Sevierville
- ① 9.  **Solicited applications to award 2 Recognition Certificates with \$100 each at the FOTL Annual Meeting.**  
Becky Jolly - Norris Community Library  
Larry Moore - Blount County Public Library
- ① 10.  **Published *newsletter* in: Summer; Fall; Winter; Spring.**  
<http://www.friendstnlibraries.org/home/newsletters/>
- ① 11.  **Added posts to our **Facebook Page** daily.**  
<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Friends-of-Tennessee-Libraries/78895803726?fref=ts>
- ① 12.  **Distributed email of newsletters to state legislators and national Congressional delegation.**
- ① 13.  **The President wrote membership invitation letter to non-member groups or a thank you membership renewal letter to members for the annual membership drive.**
- ① 14.  **Sent a Recognition Certificate to each FOTL Group Member.**  
“Our Friends Are FOTL Friends”
- ① 15.  **Supported the Tennessee State Library Standard from *Tennessee Standards for Non-Metropolitan Public Libraries* (2014) under “Community Relations” that, 6. Each Library has a Friends of the Library group. (p.30)**  
<http://sostngovbuckets.s3.amazonaws.com/tsla/libraries/Library%20Standards%20for%20Non-Metropolitan%20Libraries.pdf>
- ① 16.  **Planned and held an Annual Meeting, March 24-25th at King Family Library, Sevierville with author Sharyn McCrumb and retired Tennessee Supreme Court Justice Gary R. Wade.**
- ① 17.  **Planned a program for the annual TLA Trustees/Friends April 7th luncheon in Knoxville with guest speaker David S. Baker, Giving Design Group, Los Angeles, California.**
- ① 18.  **Held workshop for Buffalo River Region library directors, trustees, and Friends (May 12) about “Developing & Revitalizing a Friends of the Library Group.”**

**PRIORITY ②**

- ②19. \_\_\_ **Publish a *Tool Kit for Library Friends Group Programs*. [In process]**
- ②20.  **Promoted Statement about Tennesseans Deserve library services.**

**PRIORITY ③**

- ③21.  **Supported the Governor’s Books from Birth Foundation / Imagination Library.**  
<http://www.governorsfoundation.org>  
**Supported and promoted **Imagination Week**, September 18-24, 2016.**  
We continue to oppose post office shredding of undeliverable Imagination Library books in local communities.  
Promoted **Parent Tips for Reading Aloud** posted on web site <http://tinyurl.com/ParentsReadingAloud>
- ③22.  **As the first library-related partner of Picture Book Month, continued to support and promote Picture Book Month in November <http://picturebookmonth.com>**



- ③23. \_\_\_ **Develop Resources for Parents taking Imagination Library kids to the library.** [In process]
- ③24. \_\_\_ **Update Book List of Positive Portrayals of Aging Characters for Children w/ SEA Change Center for Aging.** [In process]
- ③25. \_\_\_ **Collaborate with Creative Discovery Museum & Chattanooga Public Library & Eric Carle Museum for In-service about Picture Book Art.**
- ③26.  **Sent 5 Board Members to the 7 March 2017 Tennessee Library Legislative Day in Nashville.**
- ③27.  **Sent President-elect Sundquist to May 2017 Library Legislative Day in Washington, D.C.**

**PRIORITY ④**

- ④28.  **Held Board Meetings on Jul 29, Sept 16, Dec 2, and Mar 24.**  
Posted [Board Meeting agendas and minutes](#) on web site as they happened.
- ④29.  **Held December 2 Quarterly Board Meeting via conference call.**  
Using the TSLA conference call bridge.
- ④30.  **Supported the Tennessee 3-Star Community Program that,**  

“A public library is a vital part of a well-rounded program of community life, providing information necessary to the welfare and future advancement of a community. It offers every citizen the means of self-education and strengthens and extends appreciation of the cultural and values of life. Each community should work to have a local library that has a well-organized nonprofit group of support that can establish private funds, provide volunteer hours and act as a community liaison in order to supplement the community’s library needs.”

<http://tn.gov/ece/threestar/> <http://www.tn.gov/ECD/threestar/pdf/ThreeStarProgramOverview.pdf>



- ④31.  **Supported and promoted National Library Week (April 9-15), Children’s Book Week (May 1-7).**

**PRIORITY ⑤**

- ⑤32. \_\_\_ **Transfer Membership, Benefactor, and Grant Applications and Evaluations to PDF ACROBAT.**
- ⑤33. \_\_\_ **Publish “100 Ways to Use Your Library” list to encourage local libraries to post regularly on their Facebook Pages.**
- ⑤34.  **Supported and promoted Tennessee Ag Literacy Week, November 13-19.**  
**Did not complete** program materials to help local public libraries. [In process]

**PRIORITY ⑥**

- ⑥35.  **President-elect William Sundquist represented FOTL at TLA Board meetings.**
- ⑥36.  **Published info about activities through FRIENDS eNOTES as needed.**
- ⑥37.  **Supported and promoted the Southern Festival of Books, October 14-16.**  
<http://www.humanitiestennessee.org/programs/southern-festival-books-celebration-written-word>
- ⑥38.  **Supported and promoted National Ag Week in Tennessee, March 12-18 including National Ag Day, March 15,** <http://www.agday.org/>  
**Did not complete** program materials to help local public libraries.

**PRIORITY ⑦**

- ⑦39. \_\_\_ **Develop a Library Write Up Program to encourage library marketing.**
- ⑦40. \_\_\_ **Attend the United for Libraries January 20 ALA Midwinter Meeting, Atlanta.**