



## Tennessee Library Association Trustees and Friends Luncheon - 7 April 2017

### Vision Statement

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

### Mission Statement

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.

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## FOTL Recognition Certificates

**Recognition Certificates** are \$100 awards to recognize volunteer service to the Library or Library Friends in the past two years or extraordinary contributions that have been made to the Library or Library Friends within the past two years. at the FOTL Annual Meeting, the nominees can be anyone, but can only be nominated by a FOTL Member in good standing.

### 2017 Recognition Recipients

**Becky Jolly** - Norris Community Library

**Larry Moore** - Blount County Public Library

## FOTL Grants

Friends of Tennessee Libraries offers \$300 Grants to help local Friends groups underwrite projects designed to increase membership, raise funds, or support advocacy. Available to group members of FOTL in good standing, these grants are awarded annually to support projects of advocacy, fundraising, or membership drives for the coming year. They are designed to support new projects, not to pay for completed projects.

### 2017 Grant Recipients

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

# Friend of the Year Award

**The Friend of the Year Award** is designed to honor an outstanding member or Friends group for exceptional leadership and/or achievements. The overall accomplishments or distinguished service of the nominee or group to Tennessee libraries will be considered. The Award is given jointly with the Tennessee Library Association and presented at the TLA Annual Conference Trustees/Friends luncheon. The nominee must be an FOTL Member in good standing who can be nominated by anyone.



**Friends of Smyrna Library (FOSL)**, which was founded in 1987, supports and cooperates with the Smyrna Public Library to promote literacy and develop educational and cultural programs, as well as provide materials beyond the regular day-to-day operations of the library. This vibrant volunteer group of 92 members helps fund the Summer and Winter Reading Programs and provides supplemental workers for shelf reading, craft preparation, library events, and special projects. In 2015 Smyrna Friends established the Spruce-Up

Smyrna Library Campaign, during which they raised \$101,120.02 for new carpet, paint, and renovations. Publicity for the fundraiser brought Keller Williams (KW) into the mix as they adopted the library for their 2016 RED Day Event. KW employees, library staff and FOSL members worked together to renovate the Youth Services Department and the Conference Room. The accomplishments of this small but enthusiastic group prove that with hard work and dedication anything is possible!

<http://www.linebaugh.org/friends-of-smyrna-library-cms-77>



The **Friends of the White County Public Library** formed in 2000. The group, led by President George Weber, does all the standard Friends' things - Book Sales, Summer Reading Programs, Imagination Library, volunteering for Library projects and programs, etc. - but what sets this group apart is their willingness to meet the public where they are. They established Reading In Schools, an outreach program that reaches all 1,950 elementary school students in White County. They staff and support a monthly outreach to the White County Middle School that interacts with students in the

school library environment, and they promote and help maintain fourteen Little Free Libraries across the county to allow all citizens access to reading materials. Through these projects and countless other endeavors, the Friends of the White County Public Library have extended the Library's services, helping the Library realize outreach goals that were beyond the limited Library Staff's abilities. The efforts of the Friends have expanded the Library's public image and focused on key demographics to ensure the future literacy of White County.

## Guest Speaker

**David S. Baker** is the Principal of Giving Design Group, Inc., in Los Angeles, California. He is a licensed attorney and graduate of the University of Akron, School of Law and Bob Jones University in South Carolina. His legal practice includes advising individuals and families on options for their charitable giving. His legal and fundraising consulting practice for nonprofits includes advising on start-ups, affiliate structures, conducting charitable interest assessments, coaching development directors and their staff, and providing direction for capital, endowment and planned giving campaigns. The strength of his practice is his experience advising high net worth individuals and families on how best to accomplish their charitable objectives. Previously, David served as a Planned Giving Officer at the Columbus Foundation, the seventh largest community foundation in the country, and the launch director for National Christian Foundation Ohio. <http://www.givingdesign.com>.

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Membership Form: <http://www.friendstnlibraries.org/support-us/membership/>

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# 2017 Honor Roll of Tennessee Friends of Library Groups

1. Friends of the **Art Circle** Public Library, **Crossville** (Cumberland County)
2. Friends of **Audrey Pack** Memorial Library, **Spring City** (Rhea County)
3. **Blount** County Friends of the Library
4. **Bluff City** Friends of Thomas Memorial Library (Sullivan County)
5. Friends of the **Brentwood** Library (Williamson)
6. Friends of the **Chattanooga** Public Library (Hamilton)
7. Friends of the **Cheatham** County Public Library
8. Friends of **Clarksville-Montgomery** County Library
9. Friends of the **Clay** County Public Library, Celina
10. Friends of the Library **Cleveland** Pub Lib (Bradley)
11. Friends of the **Clinton** Public Library (Anderson)
12. Friends of **Collegedale** Library (Hamilton County)
13. Friends of **Collierville Burch** Library (Shelby)
14. Friends of **Colonial Heights** Library, **Kingsport** (Sullivan County)
15. Friends of **Elizabethton Carter County** Library
16. **Everett Horn** Public Library Friends, **Lexington** (Henderson County)
17. **Franklin** County Friends of the Library
18. Friends of the **Gorham-MacBane** Library, **Springfield** (Robertson County)
19. Friends of **Greenback** Public Library (Loudon)
20. Friends of the **Greeneville-Greene** County Library
21. Friends of the **Hamilton Parks Trimble** Library (Dyer County)
22. Friends of the **Hardin** County Library
23. **Hendersonville** Library Friends (Sumner County)
24. **Houston** County Friends of the Library
25. Friends of the **Humboldt** Public Library (Gibson)
26. Friends of the **Jefferson City** Library (Jefferson)
27. Friends of the Library of **Johnson** County
28. Friends of the **King Family** Library, **Sevierville** (Sevier County)
29. Friends of the **Knox County** Public Library
30. Friends of **Kodak** Library (Sevier County)
31. Friends of the **Lafollette** Public Library (Campbell)
32. Friends of the **Lauderdale** County Library
33. Friends of the **Lawrence** County Public Library
34. Friends of **Linebaugh** Public Library (Rutherford)
35. Friends of the Library **McMinn** County
36. Friends of **Memphis** Public Library (Shelby County)
37. Friends of **Mildred G Fields** Memorial Library, **Milan** (Gibson County)
38. Friends of the **Monterey** Branch Library (Putnam)
39. Friends of **Nashville** Public Library (Davidson)
40. Friends of the **Oak Ridge** Public Library
41. Friends of the **Obion** County Public Library
42. Friends of the Library of **Perry** County
43. Friends of the **Pigeon Forge** Pubic Library (Sevier)
44. **Polk** County Friends of the Library
45. **Putnam** County Library Friends
46. Friends of **Sequatchie** County Public Library
47. Friends of **Seymour** Library (Sevier County)
48. Friends of **Signal Mountain** Public Library (Hamilton County)
49. Friends of **Smyrna** Library (Rutherford)
50. **Somerville-Fayette** County Friends of the Library
51. Friends of the **Spring Hill** Public Library (Maury)
52. **Stewart** County Friends of the Library
53. Friends of the **Tellico Village** Public Lib (Loudon)
54. Friends of the **Tipton** County Public Library
55. Friends of the **Vonore** Public Library (Monroe)
56. Friends of the **W G Rhea** Public Library, Paris (Henry County)
57. Friends of the **Washington Co/Jonesborough** Library
58. Friends of the **White** County Library
59. **White House** Library Friends (Robertson County)
60. Friends of the **Williamson** County Public Library

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Please come join us:  
You are warmly invited to join Friends of Tennessee Libraries, to participate in Friends activities, and to unite in support of our state's libraries.

<http://www.friendstnlibraries.org/support-us/membership-2/>



## Why join the Friends of Tennessee Libraries?

We support local libraries and their Friends.

We promote local libraries and their Friends.

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

## And because membership in FOTL provides:

### DIVISION REPRESENTATIVES TO CONSULT WITH LOCAL GROUPS

#### West Tennessee

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Larry Price

- A **network** of statewide library supporters for sharing ideas and news with a membership Listserv providing connection with other member Friends, trustees, and advocates.
- **Assistance** in creating, revitalizing, and developing a local Friends of the Library group.
- A **unified voice** to advocate for local libraries and all Tennessee libraries.
- Learning and **training experiences** about library trends and services through FOTL publications and attendance at workshops and conferences co-sponsored with the Tennessee Library Association and the Tennessee State Library & Archives.
- A **Spring conference** bringing Friends, librarians, trustees, and advocates together from around the state for special training and inspiration.
- A **Web Site** (<http://www.friendstnlibraries.org>) with information about Friends' activities and programs in Tennessee and around the country with a special members' section of resources.
- A **Facebook Page**, quarterly **Newsletter**, e-Notes, and training resources.
- **Grants** (<http://www.friendstnlibraries.org/awards-grants/>) to support Friends' projects related to fundraising, membership, and advocacy.
- **Awards** (<http://www.friendstnlibraries.org/awards-grants/>) for outstanding contributions by individuals or groups in Tennessee libraries.
- An **opportunity to participate** in FOTL projects and committees:  
"The more we participate, the more we gain from our membership in organizations" (Don Reynolds, 2014-17 FOTL President).

FOTL does no fundraising so as not to compete with local Friends groups.

Our budget comes solely from membership dues and special contributions.

To add your voice to the combined voices of the Friends of Tennessee Libraries, please join us by completing the **membership application form** on the web site

<http://www.friendstnlibraries.org/support-us/membership-2/> and send with a check to:

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