



FRIENDS OF TENNESSEE LIBRARIES



IMPORTANT DATES

- **April 2:** Friends and Trustees Luncheon at the TLA Annual Conference
- **April 19–25:** National Library Week
- **April 21:** National Library Workers Day
- **April 25:** FOTL Annual Meeting
- **May 4–5:** National Library Legislative Day
- **September:** Library Card Sign-up Month
- **October 18–24:** National Friends of Libraries Week



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WHAT WE DO

Founded in 1992, Friends of Tennessee Libraries (FOTL), a 501(c)(3) organization, is a **network of volunteers**.

- We **promote** libraries and their Friends.
- We **support** libraries and their Friends.
- We **advocate** for funding for libraries on a local, state, and national basis.
- We **work together** to build a strong, supportive network of citizens promoting **the value of libraries as institutions essential to democracy**.

HOW WE DO IT

- We **communicate** with our network of local groups through our newsletters, website, Facebook page, and member Listserv.
- We **support** existing groups as they represent their libraries to their local communities and raise public awareness of Tennessee libraries and their services.
- We **assist** with the revitalization of existing groups and establishment of new groups to support their local libraries.
- We **educate** by offering workshops and other resources to strengthen local groups.

WHY IT'S IMPORTANT

“The gifts of time and commitment by Friends of Libraries in Tennessee set a positive example of civic engagement that benefits both volunteers and their communities.”

State of Tennessee Proclamation of Friends of Libraries Week signed by Governor Bill Lee and Secretary of State Tre Hargett, August 2019