



**The Friends of Peabody Memorial Library
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Dear Friends,

Again we would like to thank you for your continued support! The 2021-2022 fiscal year was not as challenging a year for the Friends of the Library as the previous fiscal year, but it still was not back to Pre-Covid normality. But we are hopeful that the 2022-2023 fiscal year will be closer to normal!

First, I would like to thank our returning board members for their continued support and service. Thank you to Paula Merchant - Vice President, Erin Gove - Secretary, Jackie Beal - Treasurer, Annette Peabody - Membership Chair, Skyla Libby - Community Representative, Michele Libby - Community Representative, Kylie Hinkley - Publicity Committee & Board of Trustees Representative, and Heidi Hinkley, - Publicity Committee & Librarian.

The library still needs the support of the Friends of the Library, probably more than ever as we try to get back to normal.

Over the years the organization has held fundraisers to raise money to provide funds for programs, services, books, and much needed equipment. Our community –specially our youngsters - benefit from these programs, none of which are funded by your tax dollars. These include:

All Children's programs – Cuddly Camp, Visit with Santa, Visit with the Easter Bunny, Halloween Break Station, Summer and Winter Reading Programs, Story Time, Bess the Book Bus, End of Summer Celebration, and more.

Equipment – Such as new computers and software, laptops, iPads, Kindles, printers, print books, ebooks, audiobooks, magazines, digital databases, and newspaper subscriptions. The Friends of the Library will be holding our Annual Meeting on Wednesday, July 20, 2022 at 6:30pm at Peabody Memorial Library and we hope that you will be able to attend! We will be voting on the Librarian's budget request, Election of Officers, and discussing fundraisers for the upcoming fiscal year. Refreshments and door prizes will be provided.

The Friends of the Library are also asking for volunteers to help with our Annual Used Book Sale set up and pick up. Set up will be on Monday, June 27th and pick up will be on Wednesday, July 6th. The book sale will run from Tuesday, June 28th through Wednesday, July 6th during library hours. We also plan on having an online and in-person bake sale on Friday, July 1st from 10am – 1pm. If you would like to sign up to bake an item or two, please contact Heidi at 497-3003. Items can be dropped off at the library on Thursday, June 30th between 10am – 2pm.

Our Librarian has two events planned for this summer and has reached out to The Friends of the Library to recruit volunteers to help plan and implement those events. The first event is The Downeastah Flavah Cook – Off featuring Chef Doug Alley and will be held on Saturday, August 6th from 4pm - 7pm at the Community of Christ Church. Set up will be on Friday, August 5th. The library will also be looking for contestants to participate in the Cook – Off and if you would like to attend the Cook – Off, tickets will go on sale to the public on July 1st. The second event will be the library's End of Summer Celebration featuring Bess the Book Bus, music, kid's games, and a cook out. If you would like to help with either of these two events, please reach out to Heidi at 497-3003.

We hope that you will renew your membership to the Friends of the Library so that we can continue to support our beloved library.

Thank you for your continued support as we look forward to slowly getting back to normal and being able to gather together and enjoy all of the events that we are used to at our library!

Stay safe and healthy!

Ashley Faulkingham
President