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**Greeneville/Greene County Public Library
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Dear Friends,

This past year has been a difficult one for all of us in many different ways. Our deepest sympathy goes out to those of you who suffered the loss of a loved one, whether it was pandemic related or not.

The Friends of the Library lost two long-time board members this past year, John Cox and Jon Jensvold. Both of these men were Friends supporters from the beginning and served many years as advocates of the library. Both John and Jon are truly missed and our thoughts and prayers continue to be with their families.

Gradually, many things are returning to their pre-pandemic normal as masks and social distancing have become commonplace and more people receive vaccinations. We are now able to gather with family and friends, participate in community events, enjoy a worship service or exercise class, and interact more freely with others.

The Greeneville/Greene County Public Library worked hard during this past year to continue providing library services (albeit limited) to the community. The library provided “front porch pick-up” circulation of materials; created eCards for new patrons to access digital library materials; answered reference questions by phone and email; provide free wifi outside the building; and continued planning for the future.

Even while the building was closed to the public this past year, the library proved itself to be an essential resource in our community. Thankfully, the library has now reopened and is able to provide its full range of services to the public.

If you are currently a member of the Friends of the Library, thank you for your contribution and we look forward to your continued membership in 2021. If you have not yet become a member, we encourage you to do so! Friends of the Library membership dollars are used to directly support the daily as well as long-term needs of the library. Each year the Friends provides the library a \$3,000 quarterly stipend, which is used for subscriptions, standing order books, cleaning and paper products, office supplies and other necessities.

In 2020, the Friends of the Library was also able to allocate funds to the library for the renovation of the Big Spring Room. This renovation will include the upgrade of exterior and interior doors as well as the restrooms to meet ADA standards. The goal of the Big Spring Room renovation is to have an accessible venue for library programming as well as local community events and celebrations.

Thank you for your continued support of the Greeneville/Greene County Public Library. Your donation makes a valuable contribution to the vibrancy of our local community. Enjoy the summer!

*Kathy Giles, Donna Reid, Diane Strimer
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Your support is important for maintaining and improving the vibrant and thriving public library that is an essential part of our beloved community.



The Main Library is now open and ready to serve the communities of Greenville and Greene County. Stop by and see them!

BOOK CLUB

The Friends of the Library is in the process of reinventing their monthly “Brown Bag Book Club” and would like input from people interested in participating. We hope to have a lively and active Book Club!

Please take the short survey by going to www.ggcpl.org and clicking on the link to the survey.

You may also contact the library to express interest in participating by calling 638-5034.

Book Club hosts are Judy Breckenridge and Erin Evans

LIBRARY'S ANNUAL BOOK SALE

Despite being postponed since the spring of 2020, the library's annual Book Sale will be held this coming fall. The Book Sale is scheduled for the last weekend of September and the first two weekends of October.

Mark your calendars and plan to attend! There will be more books offered than ever before! If you have books to donate or would like to volunteer, please contact the library at 638-5034.

Thank you!

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