



*supporting wishes; encouraging dreams...*

## Friends of Decatur Public Library

Hello Library Friends,

We are beginning our annual membership drive for the Decatur Friends of the Library. This is your opportunity to renew your membership or join the Friends to show your support for the Decatur Public Library. The Friends is a non-profit organization which offers funds for many services not included in the library's budget.

Each year we provide thousands of dollars for children and teen programming, including the popular summer reading program. Last year, as a gift for registering for summer reading, each child received a copy of the beautiful Smithsonian book *Ocean!* to complement the reading theme, "Oceans of Possibilities."

We offered matching funds for grants the library received, and we provided \$12,000 for digital media lending services and downloadable books.

We were so happy to resume author programs at the library in 2022. The Friends joined the marketing and outreach department to host the popular Huntsville author Robert Bailey once again. We are excited to be one of the hosts for noted author Beverly Jenkins at an event this June.

In addition to our membership funds, the Friends Used Book Sale Room is our main source of revenue. All sale materials are donated, and all labor is volunteer. We invite you to shop with us for great deals on books, current magazines (only ten cents!), DVDs, CDs, and jigsaw puzzles. We consistently hear from our patrons how delighted they are to find special treasures. Please consider donating to us as you clear off your bookshelves. Or perhaps you'd like to volunteer to work with us—you'll have the first chance to see the new items!

Thank you for being a Friend to the library.  
Happy Reading,

*Susan Thompson*

President  
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