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Friends of Decatur Public Library

Greetings Library Friends,

Once again it is time for the Friends of the Library annual membership drive. If you watch or read the news you know that libraries all across our country are facing tremendous challenges. Decatur Public Library and its staff depend on the support of the Friends and are grateful for all we do.

Our non-profit organization provides tens of thousands of dollars to the library. Every year we sponsor the popular children's summer reading program. 2025 marks the fourth year we have offered, free-of-charge, a beautiful new book to the first 500 children who registered for the program. Our patrons' growing demand for downloadable books offered by Overdrive and hoopla has soared. Our contribution of \$14,000 annually helps to fund these services.

In 2024 we hosted our summer author luncheon with Huntsville author Robert Bailey, always a favorite, as our speaker. November marked the second Holiday Book Fair with numerous new bestsellers, Christmas items and lovely gift-worthy books for sale.

The Friends Used Book Sale Room continues to be a well-used and favorite shopping place for many. It is staffed by Friends volunteers, and all the materials sold are donations of books, current magazines, jigsaw puzzles, DVDs and CDs. There are treasures to be had, and the volunteers are gratified when they hear patrons exclaim their delight when they discover a real gem. Please keep the book sale room in mind as you clear off your bookshelves (to make space for more books, of course).

We appreciate your membership and acknowledgement of how vital to our community the library is.

Sincerely,

Susan Thompson

President
Friends of Decatur Public Library