



**Friends of Tennessee Libraries** is a volunteer organization of individuals and groups dedicated to supporting Tennessee libraries and local Friends of Library groups through:



**Establishing and helping** Friends of Library groups succeed



**Communicating with** libraries and trustees about the value of Friends



**Serving members as a** communication network and clearing house for information



**Advocating for library** funding and legislative support on a local, state and national basis.

*Dues and contributions are our only source of income to provide funding for workshops, speakers and our newsletter.*

Please be a FRIEND and encourage your friends and associates to consider membership. Working together, FOTL members can build and maintain an active network of Friends and library supporters throughout Tennessee working to improve libraries and increase awareness of the value and importance of libraries to our communities.



**FOCUS** on revitalizing local groups and establishing new ones.



**ONGOING** communication through the FOTL Newsletter, website and workshops.



**TRAINING** for improved local and state advocacy.



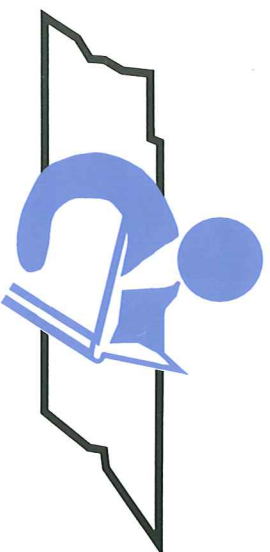
**LINKING** friends groups to improve public awareness of Tennessee libraries.

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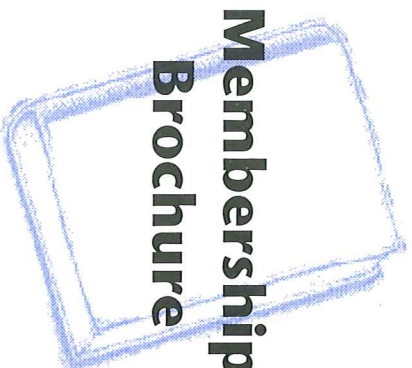


**FRIENDS OF  
TENNESSEE LIBRARIES**

Connie Albrecht, Membership Chair  
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**Membership  
Brochure**






*"When you really truly need to know ... ask a Friend!"*

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## WHY WE HAVE FRIENDS OF TENNESSEE LIBRARIES (FOTL)

Friends of Tennessee Libraries is dedicated to supporting and strengthening library services and programs throughout the state. Support can come through strengthening advocacy efforts, promoting literacy programs, increasing library awareness, providing support and encouragement for local groups, and organizing awards programs.

Specific reasons for forming our statewide organization include:

-  To **ADVOCATE** Friends of Library groups in all types of libraries within local communities.
-  To **ENCOURAGE** the exchange of ideas and information among Friends groups within the state.
-  To **EMPHASIZE** the role of Friends of Library groups for legislative action and financial support.
-  To **GENERATE** and support initiatives for improved library service.
-  To **IDENTIFY** and develop new non-professional leadership within the state.
-  To **PROMOTE** wider knowledge of libraries' functions, needs, resources and services.
-  To **PUBLISH** and distribute resource material for use by local Friends.
-  To **PUBLICIZE** and reward outstanding Friends groups, projects and programs.
-  To **INCREASE** the general public's awareness of the important role of Friends and the services they perform for the library.
-  To **FACILITATE** participation in achieving national objectives in the support of library services.
-  To **STRENGTHEN** the total state library program through the participation of Friends along with trustees in the state library professional meetings.
-  To **ADVANCE** activities specifically available for Friends groups that will provide support for library development and enhance citizen advocacy wherever appropriate.

You are invited to join Friends of Tennessee Libraries, to participate in Friends activities and to unite in support of our state's activities.

### MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Become a Friend of Tennessee Libraries  
(Membership Year is January to December)



Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Organization: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email: \_\_\_\_\_

#### Personal:

- Individual ..... \$15/year
- Silver ..... \$50/year
- Gold ..... \$100/year
- Platinum ..... \$500/year
- Family ..... \$25/year
- Silver ..... \$50/year
- Gold ..... \$100/year
- Platinum ..... \$500/year

#### Organizations:

- 1-49 Members ..... \$25/year
- 50-99 Members ..... \$50/year
- 100-499 Members . \$75/year
- 500+ Members .... \$100/year

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