

Summer Reading Report

The Friends of the Library are proud to have been the signature sponsor for the 2018 Summer Reading Program through the Metropolitan Library System. Over the summer months **28,059 Metro readers** signed up and logged **20,211,071 minutes** of reading. That's a 24% increase in participants from 2017! As we have learned, keeping up with at least 20 minutes of reading each day maintains reading skills throughout the year and helps with brain and learning development.

Your membership and booksale dollars contributed to our sponsorship and provided books for readers who met reading goals. Readers then had the opportunity to **Read It Forward!** and donate their earned books to one of the community partners the Metropolitan Library System identified. In August, 4,400 books were delivered to [Citizens Caring for Children](#), the [Mary Mahoney Health Center](#), [Faithworks](#), and [Sisu Youth Services](#) to help meet mutual organizational goals for literacy and education.

This community impact wouldn't be possible without **YOU!** Thank you, for being a Friends member.

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Participants

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Minutes Read

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Books donated

Spotlight on the Sort Site

Did you know if you have books you wish to upcycle to the community you can take 2 to 3 small boxes to your local Metropolitan Library System location or, you can bring your books to our book sorting facility? The Sort Site is located at 300 NE 50th Street in OKC and our dedicated volunteers will accept your donations on Tuesdays, Wednesdays or Thursdays between 9am and Noon. Any books that cannot be sold will be donated or recycled – we love our books and our environment!



Volunteer and Board Member Anna Favor sorting books.

Be sure to collect your tax receipt when you drop off your books. **As of October 1st, 2018** we will move to the more efficient process of providing a receipt at the time of donation. This give us more time to ready books for the sale and makes it easier for our treasured book donors.

Are you interested in volunteering at the Sort Site? You can help in the warehouse as books arrive, sort books into categories for the booksale or process books for sale on our Amazon site. Visit our website at www.mlsfriends.org to learn more.

Buy the Box Booksale Results

We enjoyed seeing so many of our Friends on Saturday, September 15th at the Buy the Box sale. Sealed boxes of books were sold throughout the morning generating **\$4,309** in profits to help us support the Metropolitan Library System. We know you look forward to this annual fall event. Connect with us on Facebook [@okcbooksale](#) or on Twitter [@LibraryFriendOK](#) to keep up with our events and to share pictures of your book treasures!



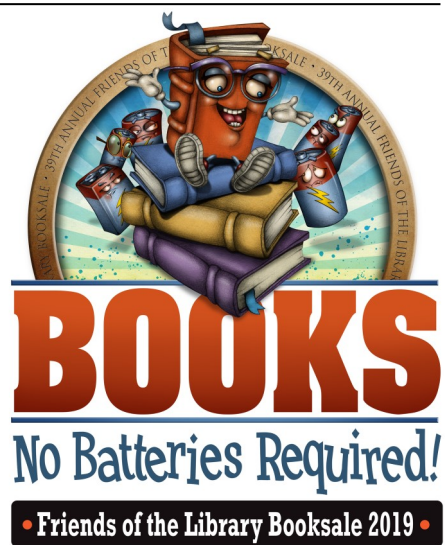
Happy customers buying boxes of books!

Save the Date for Booksale 2019

Booksale 2019 will be held at the Oklahoma State Fairgrounds on February 22nd, 23rd and 24th. **We have listened to your member feedback and will be expanding our members only shopping hours on Friday, February 22nd from 1pm to 9pm.**

Volunteer opportunities will be [available online](#) on October 1st. As of last year, we are no longer able to accept walk-up volunteers so be sure to make your commitment in advance and secure your volunteer benefits (a shopping preview night on February 21st!).

We expect another banner year of books, music, magazines, educational materials, audiobooks and even some games. Plan to join us and don't forget to bring your tote bag!



In Our Community

Our Friends at the Oklahoma Center for the Book are leading the way for the inaugural Oklahoma Book Festival on Saturday, October 20th from 10 am to 5pm.

The event is FREE to attend in the OKC boathouse district with FREE parking. Leashed, friendly dogs are welcome. Meet 50 authors. And Volunteer opportunities are still available.

Visit okbookfest.org to learn more!

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