

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

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Shop smart. Share the spirit. Support the library.

Shop local, support your library and spread holiday cheer. The Chandler Booktique offers distinctive gifts and delightful finds, and every dollar you spend strengthens the library. We're open Monday through Saturday, 10am to 5pm.

Whether you're shopping for a devoted reader, a creative friend or someone who simply loves unique finds, you'll discover something special for everyone on your list. Our shelves are brimming with treasures:

- Gently used books in every genre from cozy mysteries to inspiring cookbooks
- Beautiful gifts like jewelry, handbags, art prints and charming book-themed mugs
- New items arrive often so stop by more than once!

Every purchase at the Booktique supports the Friends of the Library helping fund programs, events and resources that enrich our community all year long.

Shop small, give big and make your holiday shopping meaningful this season at the Chandler Booktique!



Wingate connects with Friends in Topeka

On the evening of Oct 14 Friends members were treated to a meet and greet reception with bestselling author Lisa Wingate. She took pictures with Friends and signed copies of her novels. Round Table Bookstore sold copies of her work. After the reception members found their VIP seating in Marvin Auditorium for her book talk with moderator Betty Lou Pardue.



She is the author of more than 30 novels including *Before We Were Yours*, which remained on the New York Times bestseller list for more than two years and has sold more than 3 million copies. This work of historical fiction tells the heartbreaking real-life story of a scandal at the Tennessee Children's Home Society.

The Bestselling Author series and Friends receptions are benefits of your Friends of the Library membership.

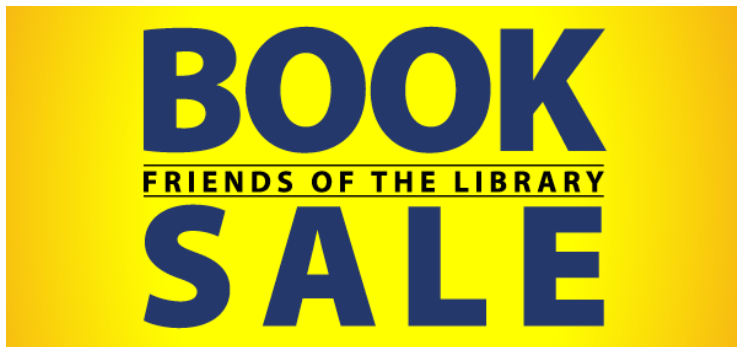
Friends host Kansas Notable Author at annual event

Kansas author and Topeka educator A.D. Childers was the guest speaker at the Friends of the Library Annual Event Nov 2. After a brief business meeting, Childers participated in a conversation with librarian Autumn Friedli. Childers also took questions from the audience and signed books.



Childers is best known for her debut novel, *The Switch Point* (2023), which was selected by the Kansas State Library as a Kansas Notable Book. Her psychological thriller *A History of Madness* was just released a few months ago. Writing under both A.D. Childers and her short fiction name, Alisha Davis, she combines mystery and the paranormal in narratives that explore memory, trauma and perception.

Mark Nov 1, 2026, on your calendar for the next Friends Annual Event!



Jan 16-18  April 17-19  July 17-19  Oct 16-18

A season of thanks

We are taking a moment to express our heartfelt gratitude to all our Friends of the Library members for your unwavering support throughout the year. Your generosity volunteering your time, donations and membership renewals, or spreading the word about library programs has made a lasting impact.

Because of you our library remains so much more than a building filled with books. It's a welcoming space where stories are shared, ideas are sparked and connections flourish. The library is a true community gathering place for learning, creativity and discovery. From children attending storytime to adults exploring new interests and neighbors coming together for events, your support helps make it all possible.

We're inspired by everything we've accomplished together and excited for what's still to come.

Give the gift of membership

There are always a few people on our holiday lists who seem impossible to shop for. This year give them something meaningful – a membership to the Friends of the Library! Individual memberships cost \$20 and family memberships cost only \$30. Memberships are good for one year from date of purchase.

Not only will your gift support the library and all the wonderful programs it offers, but the recipient will also enjoy great member benefits, including:

- Friday-night early access to quarterly book sales
- 10% off purchases in the Booktique
- Exclusive invitations to members-only events like author receptions and other special gatherings
- Regular Friends of the Library newsletters

It's a thoughtful, community-minded gift that keeps on giving all year long—perfect for book lovers and library supporters alike!

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