

Friends Board of Directors

The Friends recently elected officers and new board members for 2024:

- Ruth Nelson, president
- John Conlee, vice-president
- Jane Myers, secretary
- Robin Sweeney, treasurer

Genevieve Akins, Chuck Knapp, Ashlee Spring, Karen Sutton and Nancy Tate were newly elected to a three-year term. Carol Ball was elected to a second three-year term.

Akins works as a tutor for Carpenter Tutoring. She has regularly visited the library since she was born. Akins said she would love to give back to the library that has given her and the community so much over the years. She currently volunteers as a shelver for the Chandler Booktique and serves on the Booktique and Education/Scholarship committees.

Knapp is the President and CEO for Jobs for America's Graduates-Kansas. He said he loves books but recognizes that libraries are much more than a place to get books. Knapp said he believes the Friends is navigating the changing times in how libraries serve the public and how Friends can best support the library. He currently serves on the Booktique and Membership committees.

Spring is the Director of Investor Relations for Greater Topeka Partnership. She is actively involved in the community and is an avid reader and supporter of the



Ruth Nelson

library. Spring is also a member of the monthly book club, The Book Club. She currently serves on the Membership and Annual Meeting committees.

Sutton is a Clinical Pharmacist for the Veterans Administration. She said she has loved the library since she was a child. Sutton attributes many of her life achievements to her love of learning that the library helped foster. She is an avid reader and tells anyone who will listen about all of the wonderful ways our library can serve them. Sutton currently serves on the By-Laws and Book Sale committees.

Tate was the Associate Vice-President of Academic Affairs at Washburn University and is now retired. She volunteers as an online lister for the Friends of the Library and serves on the Booktique and Education/Scholarship committees.

Thank you to all our board members!

New Date for Half-Price Books

The Chandler Booktique's half price book sale is now on the 15th of each month! If the 15th falls on a Sunday, the sale will be on the following Monday.

Check out our huge book selection and score some bargains!

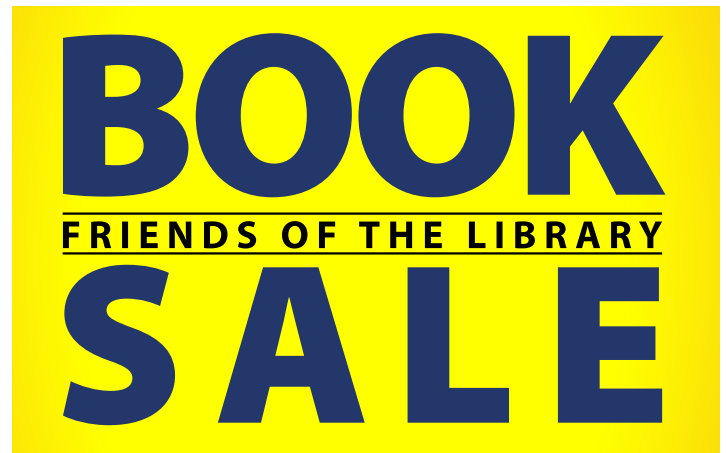


Upcoming Book and Media Sales

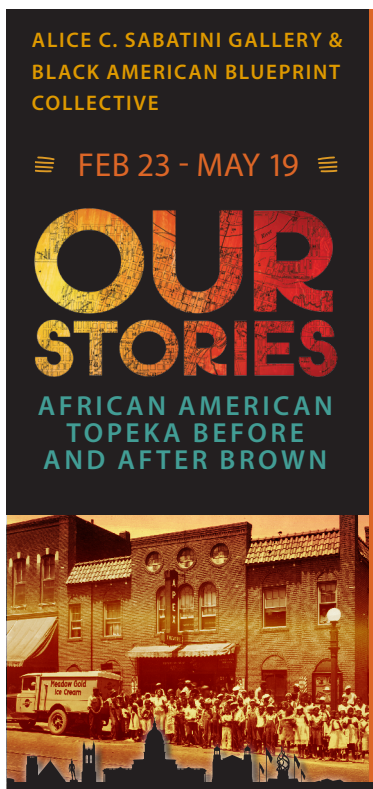
Attend the Friends Book and Media Sales to get great titles for your home library while supporting the public library. Our January sale netted \$9,100 despite the cold weather! This was a great start to the year.

Our next sale is April 12-14. Shop during your exclusive Friends Members Only Night on Fri, April 12, 5-8pm! You will get to shop before the sale is open to the public on Sat, April 13 (9am - 3pm) and Sun, April 14 (noon - 3pm). Sunday is our bag day when you can fill a provided bag with items for \$10.

Please mark your calendar for the other two sales of the year – July 19-21 and October 18-20. If you are on Facebook, be sure to follow the Friends of the Library to keep updated on our activity.



April 12-14  July 19-21  Oct 18-20



Sorting Out Race

examining racial identity & stereotypes in thrift store donations

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Our Stories: African American Topeka Before and After Brown is a collaboration between the Black American Blueprint Collective and the Alice C. Sabatini Gallery. The *Sorting Out Race* exhibit is supported by the United We Stand: Connecting Through Culture initiative of the National Endowment for the Humanities and Humanities Kansas. The exhibition was created by the Kauffman Museum at Bethel College.

New Booktique Merchandise

Check out new merchandise in Chandler Booktique! You'll find a new collection of jewelry, greeting cards, stationary, pencils, stickers, coffee mugs, magnets and socks! Remember, Friends members receive 10% off all purchases.

Business hours are 10am - 5pm Mon - Sat. Cash and credit/debit cards accepted.



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