# FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY | JUNE JUNE 2023

#### **2023 Fall Author Series**

The Friends of the Library is excited to announce we have invited Craig Johnson to the second annual Fall Author Series. Johnson is an American author who writes mystery novels and is best known for his Sheriff Walt Longmire series. Johnson has authored 19 books featuring this character. Mark your calendars for Oct 9.

As you may remember, last year we had mystery thriller authors C.J. Box, J.A. Jance and Faye Kellerman. Friends members were able to attend a meet and greet with Box and get pictures and signed copies of his latest book.



This event is sponsored by the Friends and made possible with the funds raised from our memberships, quarterly book sales, Chandler Booktique and online sales. You can purchase books from Johnson in the Booktique.

### **Mark Your Calendar for July & October Book Sales**

The next Book and Media Sale is July 21-23! Thanks to you, our first two sales of the year have about put us back to our attendance and sales numbers from 2019. Our book and media sales are one of the ways we fund raise to support the library.

Fri, July 21, 5-8pm will be members only night with memberships sold at the door or in the Chandler Booktique: \$20 for individuals and \$30 for family



memberships. Sat, July 22, 9am-3pm and Sunday, July 23, noon - 3pm are open to the public. Sunday is bag day when you can fill a grocery bag (provided) for only \$10. We accept cash and credit cards. Checks are not accepted.

Our final sale of the year will be Oct 20-22. We hope to see you at our two remaining sales of 2023!

Are you interested in being a sponsor for the book sales? Your sponsorship funds our advertising expenses. Please send your donation to our office: Friends of the Library, 1515 SW 10th Ave, Topeka, KS 66604

#### Half Price Books 2nd Mondays in the Booktique

2nd Monday of each month all books in Chandler Booktique are 50% off.

#### **Chandler Booktique now open Saturdays**

The Chandler Booktique is now open Monday – Saturday 10am - 5pm thanks to our existing booktique volunteers and our new volunteers who stepped up to make this happen!

The Booktique offers gently-used books, magazines, videos and CDs donated by library patrons and the general public. You can also find a wide selection of new gift items like jewelry, home decor, cards and accessories. New merchandise comes in regularly so stop in often.





Explore unexpected animal friendships with fun activities, some cool art and lots of surprising facts during Unexpected Friends May 27 – Aug 13 in the Alice C. Sabatini Gallery! The annual art exhibit for children is made possible in part by The Library Foundation through contributions from the Sabatini Family Foundation.

In this exhibit you'll roam through different animal habitats including a larger-than-life tarantula den, the Nile River, a capybara farm and sub-Saharan Africa. Play and create as you discover the unexpected friendships.

## Friends supports library staff higher education

Katie Simmons and Angie Reed were recently awarded Friends scholarships to pursue their Master's in Library Science. The Friends have been awarding scholarships since 1993.

These scholarships ensure library staff have the opportunity to further their education and bring new skills and knowledge to the community and the Topeka and Shawnee County Public Library.

Since 2020 Katie Simmons has worked as an Outreach Preschool Storyteller. She is pursuing her master's degree from the University of Alabama. Angie Reed has been employed as a Teen Librarian since 2020. She is finishing up her master's degree from the Texas Woman's University.

### Encourage your friends to **become a Friends member!**

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