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Annual Report

JOHN P. HOLT BRENTWOOD LIBRARY



NEW LEADERSHIP
Meet our New Director

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Resources and Circulation

BOARD AND FRIENDS
See Who Supports Us

New Leadership

It has been a pleasure getting to know the staff, the Board, the Friends, and the City Commission since August of 2024. I was immediately impressed by the community support and engagement in the library and I look forward to building on the good work of everyone who has worked to make this library so special. In 2025, we look forward to making progress with the Holt Funds renovations, a robust year of programming for all ages, and continuing to build on the important work of early literacy.

I grew up in Crieve Hall and played in the Little Harpeth River as a child while my brother was at soccer practice. A couple of my favorite childhood memories involve participating in Brentwood's Fourth of July Parade and going to the Brentwood Pizza Hut to redeem my Summer Reading library prize.

I truly believe that a person's entire life trajectory can begin with a love for reading, and I credit my professional accomplishments to the local library. It is there that I developed an insatiable love for reading, which helped me love learning and school and ultimately led to academic scholarships to receive my bachelor's degree in environmental studies from the University of Tennessee and a master's degree in library and information studies at the University of Alabama, where I have been on their faculty and board for several years.

It's hard to believe that I've been working in libraries for 18 years—14 years at the executive director, assistant director, or director level. I am so honored and proud to be your library director.

Looking forward to 2025!

Lee Boulie,
Library Director

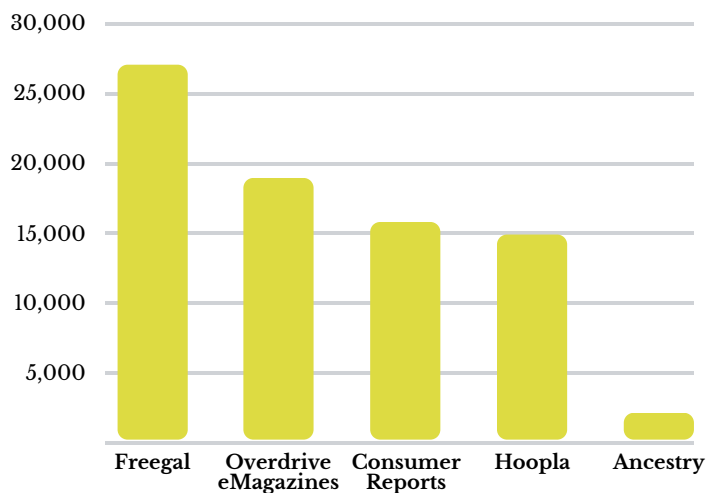


By the Numbers

CIRCULATION AND TECH STATISTICS

Resources

Used by Patrons



Volunteers

8,839

Volunteer Service Hours



215

Volunteers

Volunteers are an essential element in the magic that makes the Library function. They get the books back on the shelves, shelf-read to organize them, process donations, work special events, and so much more.

Thank you to all who volunteer their time to the Library. You are greatly appreciated!



9,568

Patrons used the public computers.

39,918

Total patrons participated in programming.



Age Group Breakdown

11,151

Adult Programs

6,006

Teen Programs

22,761

Children's Programs

664,337 Total Number of Items Checked Out

TOP FICTION | 220 Checkouts
The Women by Kristin Hannah

TOP KIDS' FICTION | 247 Checkouts
Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone by JK Rowling

499,176 Total Number of Items in Collection

TOP EAUDIO BOOK | 198 Checkouts
Pretty Girls by Karin Slaughter

TOP NONFICTION | 44 Checkouts
The Demon of Unrest by Erik Larson

Library Board and Friends

SUPPORTING THE LIBRARY



The Board

Standing: Susannah Macmillan, Director Lee Boulie, Gerald Witcher, Chair Wanda Bruce Graham, Bridget von Weisenstein, Cheryl Waltko

Sitting: Dustin Goforth, Norman Albertson, Barbara Scarsella, Sarah Johnson

The members of the John P. Holt Brentwood Library Board support and advocate for the Library and its patrons. The Board meets monthly to craft policy, review financials, address concerns, and discuss ways to help support the Library's vision and mission statements. This year they welcomed new members Gerald Witcher and Barbara Scarsella.



The Friends

Standing: Adrienne Hinds, Peter Chan, Cindy Franklin, Suzanne Starr, Michelle Gonzales, Maxine Cleeton, Kathy Dooley-Smith, Melissa Orum, Deb Scally

Seated: Gina Gunn, Devin Webb, Friends President Tricia Allison, Bridget von Weisenstein, Janice Ware, Library Director Lee Boulie

The Friends of the Brentwood Library raise funds by holding their annual book sales each quarter, as well as selling books throughout the year from the online bookshops. Their volunteer hours peaked at almost 5,000 hours, and they helped enhance library programming by purchasing a \$15,000 Charlie Cooking Cart, among many other exciting endeavors.

"Our Board Trustees share a common goal toward intellectual freedom in support of the Library that we love as a vibrant and engaging community center for lifelong learning."

Wanda Bruce Graham,
Library Board Chair

