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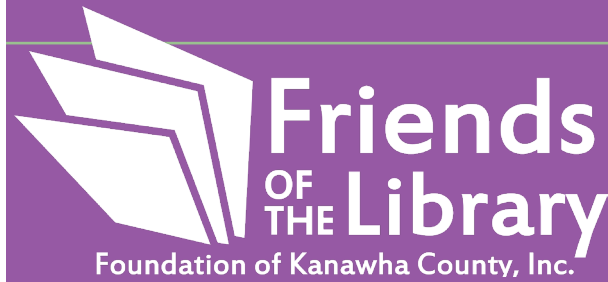


### Summer Library Club 2024

Thanks in large part to financial support from the Friends, as well as Friends volunteers, KCPL's Summer Library Club enjoyed another successful year in 2024. KCPL offered dozens of programs and events in June and July, which included partnerships with FestivALL, Charleston's Sternwheel Regatta, and the Charleston Dirty Birds.

More than 3,000 children, teens and adults participated in this year's SLC, signing up for reading programs, games and much more!

Plans for SLC 2025 are already underway!



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### The 2024 West Virginia Book Festival

is set for **Saturday, October 19** at the Charleston Coliseum and Convention Center. This year's Festival features bestselling authors **Gregg Hurwitz, Sadeqa Johnson, Gene Luen Yang, Mia P. Manansala, and Joy Callaway.**

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In addition to its featured speakers, the Festival will also present a series of programs and writing workshops.

The Festival gets underway at 8:00 am in the Marketplace, which features authors, publishers, and literary-related vendors. The annual Used Book Sale will be held from 8 am to 5 pm, and the Children's Word Play area will be open from 9 am to 5 pm.

The Book Festival is in its 21st year, and big crowds are expected again in 2024. Last year, more than 3,100 people attended the annual event. The Friends will again have a table at the Festival, partnering this year with Kinship Goods, and raising money for KCPL by selling Friends branded items.

For a full schedule, please visit [wvbookfestival.org](http://wvbookfestival.org).





Destiny Chambers, Kimi Dyer, and Bianca Prince

## The Kiwanis Corporate Regatta

returned to the Main Library in June as part of the city's FestivALL celebration. The Regatta features miniature yachts, powered by super-soakers, and is designed as a fundraiser for the Library and other charitable groups in the county each year.

This year, the Friends of the Library boat was designed by the IDEA Lab staff (pictured above) and won the top prize as the Regatta's most creative design! Although the Friend's boat didn't win the race, it did bring home \$3,500 for future Summer Library Club programs.



## Friends Growth

The Friends of the Library have enjoyed a great year so far in 2024. With 90 members, the group has experienced one of its largest membership growth years ever.

The membership increase has been spearheaded by Friends Chairperson Cookie Glasser and Vice-Chair Megan Simpson. The Friends annual membership period begins in January of each year and runs through December. Members may renew their memberships for the coming year at the Book Festival on October 19.

KCPL and the Friends are always looking for volunteers for our programs and events. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Lois Payne at [lois.payne@kcpls.org](mailto:lois.payne@kcpls.org).



Eastern Region staff Gabby Cochran and Nina Bess

## Glasgow Branch

reopened its doors in September for the first time since 2023. The Branch closed last year due to ongoing maintenance issues at Glasgow's Town Hall. The maintenance issues have been repaired and the library is open for business once again.

**St. Albans Branch** spent much of September closed for abatement work. The Branch shut its doors on September 5th for some much needed improvement to staff areas, bathrooms, and stairwells. The first floor reopened on September 23rd, and work on the second floor should be completed in October.