



100 Wildcats with \$100



Through generous donations and fund-raising efforts, the Friends of the Blakesburg Public Library recently spent \$40,000.00 to purchase a building to be renovated into a new library. Now we need to begin raising funds for the renovation. We're kicking off our capital campaign by reaching out to Blakesburg residents and alumni. We are looking for 100 Wildcats to each donate \$100 toward the cause which will give us a total of \$10,000.

Renovations of the approximately 2,400-square-foot facility will include a new front façade, new roof, a new HVAC system, ceiling, walls, flooring, children's room, meeting room, and two restrooms. The projected cost for renovations is around \$155,000. We hope to complete the project within two years. The Friends of the Library will raise the renovation funds through donations, fund-raising efforts and grants. Your support is crucial in helping us reach our goal of 100 Wildcats with \$100 for the \$10,000 goal as the first step in applying for grants. The applicant's ability to demonstrate community support is a key component in a decision to fund a grant proposal.

The library provides hours of programs and resources for all ages, with 8 public access computers and Wi-Fi for residents who don't have a computer or internet at home. The library is there for those who need to send a FAX, have documents notarized, complete job certification training, conduct research, prepare for college entrance exams, provide meeting space for community groups, as well as providing books, videos, and periodicals, after-school activities and entertainment. The library is a vital part of the community and the new building will enable it to provide even better community service in a permanent home.

No donation amount is too small (or too large) as every dollar will help meet our goal. All donors will be recognized in the new library. Please consider making a donation to this very worthy cause. Checks may be made to Friends of the Blakesburg Public Library (a 501c3 organization) and mailed to PO Box 43, Blakesburg, IA 52536. We appreciate your support in helping your hometown with your generous donation to the library fund.