It was a cookie celebration Monday, Feb. 4 when the Friends of the Library gathered for their annual salad luncheon at Phillips County Museum. Cookie cookbooks and colorful treats emphasized the “Be a Smart Cookie ... READ!” theme of the event.

Friends of the Library celebrated a good year, which included events like the Book Bonanza in the fall and Library Extravaganza at Christmas, where they sold cookbooks featuring recipes from the salad luncheon.

Friends of the Library honors Volunteer of the Year Mary Carlsen and librarian Laura Roth at their annual luncheon. Pictured from left are treasurer Janice Hibbard, outgoing secretary Peggy Davis, Carlsen, Roth and president Linda Jelden.

Outgoing vice president Mary Carlsen was honored as Volunteer of the Year for her dedication to the library. The group also recognized librarian Laura Roth for her efforts to make the library a warm, inviting place for people of all ages.

Officers for 2013 will be Linda Jelden, president; Peggy Bennett, vice president; Janice Hibbard, treasurer; and Karen Crocker, secretary.

Monday's celebration ended with a performance by Joe Hall.

Friends of the Library members enjoy a variety of salads at their annual event.

Joe Hall performs at the luncheon.

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