

River Valley Film Society / Arvest Bank Donate Lights to Future School Film Club

The River Valley Film Society in association with Arvest Bank, presenting sponsor of the Fort Smith International Film Festival, has launched an initiative to assess the high school media programs in the River Valley. “We are evaluating the state of media education in our secondary systems to determine their needs,” says Dr. Brandon Chase Goldsmith, River Valley Film Society president. “We discovered the Future School of Fort Smith student film club lacked lights for their productions and are donating a lighting kit to them.”



(Boyd Logan, Allison Montiel, Brandon Goldsmith, Jennifer Caldwell, Roger Holroyd photo courtesy of Clay Pruitt)

This gift was made possible by Arvest Bank’s film festival presenting sponsorship. “The Future School fills a vital niche in the Fort Smith academic community and we appreciate the opportunity to partner with them by helping with the purchase of lights for their film club,” said Roger Holroyd, Arvest Bank president in the Fort Smith and River Valley region. “We look forward to seeing the films that their talented students will create using this equipment.”



(Boyd Logan, Allison Montiel, Brandon Goldsmith, Jennifer Caldwell, Roger Holroyd with Future School Film Club photo courtesy of Clay Pruitt)

One goal of the assessment project is to increase high school participation in the Fort Smith International Film Festival by providing more resources and opportunities for local students to create movies. “We’re very excited having received the lighting kit,” exclaims Gabe Hobbs, president of the Future School Film Club. “We’re finally equipped to tackle larger projects we’d never even dream of last semester.” The students will be using the lights to in their first full production as a film club.



(Brandon Goldsmith and Clay Pruitt with Future School Film Club photo courtesy of River Valley Film Society)

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