

# Friends of the Olympia Library Newsletter

March 2023



## What's new?

Special display will highlight 50 years of Friends!



## Our mission

*To support, promote and augment the operations of the Olympia Library.*

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We are so looking forward to a special display at the downtown Olympia Timberland Library from April 15-30, celebrating the 50 years of dedication and service by Friends of the Olympia Library!

This hard-working bunch dates to 1972, when a core group began membership drives. The Friends incorporated in 1973 and started working to get a new library built. Beginning at the old library (shown above) the FOL has put in thousands of hours in support of library programs. A display in the current library's main atrium will include memorabilia, photos, historical documents, and information on Friends' favorite books and authors.

Please plan to stop and see this acknowledgement of our work!



Alo Johnston, [@thetranstherapist](#) and author of the new book *Am I Trans Enough? How to Overcome Your Doubts and Find Your Authentic Self*, will read from and discuss the book, followed by a brief Q&A. Copies of the book will be available for purchase and signing.

Born out of hours of research and conversations with hundreds of trans people, the book digs deep into internalized transphobia and the historical narratives that fuel it. It unveils what happens after you come out, or begin questioning living as a trans person.

The event is scheduled to begin at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, March 23, and is made possible with funding from Friends of the Olympia Library.

## Friends of the Library news

### Your donations benefit our community!

More than 300 people attended library events in February, many of them made possible by donations from buyers of our used books, DVDs, CDs and other media. These include film and book clubs and the very popular [Neurodivergent Book Club](#) which meets at the Sensory Toolhouse in Lacey. This group's mission is to provide a space for ND kids and tweens to find community with their peers and find joy in reading! Friends makes it possible for each participant to have each month's book.

### West Olympia branch plans re-opening

On or about April 1, the westside branch should return to its normal hours (11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Thursday, and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday through Sunday) after a much-needed remodel to add space to the very popular location.

Our sales shelves will return with the re-opening, which will be officially celebrated May 6 (details to come).

### Donation information

Donations of gently used books, DVDs and CDs are accepted at the downtown branch of the Olympia Timberland Library Monday through Saturday.

Friends volunteers are on hand from noon to 2 p.m. on Wednesday and Saturday only to assist donors who wish to bring in more than just a handful of books. We ask that you limit your donations to two bags or boxes at a time.

If you wish to bring in a donation on other days when the library is open, please use the black bin near the sales shelves in the library. Please do not put donations in the library's return bins, and please do not ask library staff for assistance in unloading books and transporting them into the library.

Please note we don't accept old textbooks, outdated computer manuals (pre-2021), unabridged dictionaries, and books that are damaged. Please take those to the blue bins in various places around the city.

**Remember to renew your membership.** It's so easy. Just fill out the last page of this newsletter. New to Friends? Find information on volunteer opportunities on Page 3.

# Membership Form



Friends of the Olympia Library

## Join the Friends of the Olympia Library

Members receive our newsletter, *and*  
the good feeling of supporting your  
local library.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip+4 \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

\*None of your personal information will be sold, given, or traded  
to any third parties for any reason.

New Membership \_\_\_\_\_ Renewal \_\_\_\_\_

Memberships are for one (1) year, except "Friend for Life".

If your dues are for more than 1 year, indicate # of years here \_\_\_\_\_

### ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP (Tax Deductible)

Individual	\$ 10.00
Family	\$ 15.00
Senior (65+)/Student	\$ 5.00
Business	\$ 50.00
Best Friend	\$ 100.00
Friend for Life	\$ 150.00

Please mail this application and your check to:

Friends of the Olympia Library

313 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue SE

Olympia, WA 98501

*or* place it in the membership box on the Friends slat board  
near the atrium in the Olympia Library.

*or*

Join online: [www.olylibraryfriends.com/join](http://www.olylibraryfriends.com/join)

# Volunteer Form



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## Volunteer

Would you like to help the Friends of the Olympia Library?

Jobs include: Accepting book donations on donation days.  
Book sorting and/or pricing.  
Emptying the donation bin.  
Stocking the ongoing book sale shelves.  
Help with Board committees.

There are varying degrees of participation for every interest level!  
Please contact: [fol73volunteers@gmail.com](mailto:fol73volunteers@gmail.com) for more information.

or

Fill out this form and leave it in the box on the FOL slat board  
in the Olympia Library. The FOL volunteer coordinator will  
contact you.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Best way to contact me: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Jobs that interest me:

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\_\_\_ Stocking ongoing book sale shelves.

\_\_\_ Help with Board committees

Date \_\_\_\_\_

*Your information will not be shared.*

For more about the FOL: [www.olylibraryfriends.com](http://www.olylibraryfriends.com)