

# Friends of the Olympia Library Newsletter

October 2024



Friends of the Olympia Library

## Our mission

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

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Olympia Timberland Library  
313 Eighth Ave. S.E.  
(360) 352-0595

Hours: 10-6 Monday-Saturday  
Closed Sunday

West Olympia Library  
625 Black Lake Blvd SW  
In the Capital Mall  
(360) 764-4440

Hours: 10-6 Everyday

## A Time to Meet and Greet

For many years Friends of the Olympia Library volunteers got to know one another by working together on the Giant Sale of Used Books two or three times every year. Moving along from Covid the Giant sale wasn't a good business model for FOL The focus is now on sale shelves inside the Olympia and West Olympia Libraries as well as listings on Amazon and eBay.

To provide an opportunity for volunteers and library staff to meet, our chief enabler, Robin Ivey-Black suggested an Autumn Luncheon, which took place on Tuesday, October 1 in the Olympia Library meeting room. Thank you, Robin, for suggesting and organizing the luncheon which did indeed bring people together for a very enjoyable time.

## Volunteer for the Friends??

No time? It's true volunteering can be very time consuming but it doesn't have to be. It is also true that some of our volunteers spend several hours every week sorting, pricing books and media, the shelves, keeping the shelves tidy, planning with the board. But there is one job that takes as little as 2 hours once a month and that is coming to the downtown library on Wednesday or Saturday from noon to 2 pm to receive donations of books and media from the public. Which day you work is up to you. Sign up is online and easy to do from home. To get started, fill out the volunteer form at the end of this newsletter and deposit in the box on the slat board across from the FOL sale shelves at the downtown library. Our volunteer coordinator will contact you by phone, email or text. Whichever is best for you and arrange a time for you to work alongside our veteran trainer to learn the ropes. A requirement of the Olympia Library to work as a volunteer in the library building is a simple background check form turned in to the Library Manager when you come in for training.

Volunteers help the Friends turn donations of used books into cash. Cash that buys programing for adults and children, supplies, Book Page, prizes for summer reading, Library of Things, new projector and screen, staff appreciation and more.

Interested, but have questions? Contact the Friends at:

[folvolunteers73@gmail.com](mailto:folvolunteers73@gmail.com)

# Olympia Library News

from Anthony Rodgers, Assistant Library Manager

The Fall 2024 programming schedule has begun and is super full! We are now offering story times almost every day of the week between Olympia and West Olympia.

The first of our Death Cafe series was a huge success, filling the meeting room for a what was ultimately an intimate discussion group—with cupcakes! The next sessions will be on 10/23 and 11/16.

We hosted multiple workshops on a variety of topics, including heat pumps with Energize Olympia, automotive basics with Busy Bee Automotive, and tenant's rights with legal experts from Northwest Justice Project.

Betsy started hosting Talk Time: English Conversation Circle a couple times each month to help patrons improve their spoken English by talking with fluent speakers in a friendly, welcoming setting. After having many patrons request a program like this, word is starting to get out about the opportunity to practice language skills!

We've begun offering additional programs for school-age children and families, including an every-other-week Family Game Days and a LEGO-fueled Construction Club!

Lantern Lights the Library hosted three bands this month with over 60 in attendance! This monthly event has also moved to Friday nights starting in September.

The Neurodivergent Kids Book Club and the Neurodivergent Teen Book Club remain super popular, and participants get a copy of the books discussed, thanks to funding from our Friends! Freddy has also started to offer a Sensory-Inclusive Storytime to provide for youth with sensory sensitivities that might keep them from joining other story time events.

Following the link below to see events scheduled until the end of 2024.

<https://timberland.bibliocommons.com/v2/events?locations=OL%2CWO&endDate=2024-12-31>



## Brought to You by Friends of the Olympia Library

Maybe you've seen this little publication displayed around the Olympia and West Olympia Libraries. BookPage is a monthly review of new books that could help you find your next great read. And it is free to take home to read at your leisure courtesy of the Friends of the Olympia Library.

Learn more about BookPage here:

<https://www.bookpage.com/>

***\*The Friends of the Olympia meet every month on the second Tuesday in the Olympia Library Meeting Room from 1-2 pm. Consider attending to meet the Board members and find out what the Friends are planning for the future.***

# FOL VOLUNTEER FORM



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## Volunteer

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

There are varying degrees of participation for every interest level!

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

If you have questions, please contact: [fol73volunteers@gmail.com](mailto:fol73volunteers@gmail.com) for more information. *The Olympia Library requires all volunteers to have a background check.*

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

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

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

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

Jobs that interest me:

\_\_\_\_ Accepting book donations on Wednesdays or Saturdays.

\_\_\_\_ Emptying the donation bin.

\_\_\_\_ Book sorting and/or pricing.

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

\_\_\_\_ Help with Amazon online book sale

\_\_\_\_ Help with publicity, membership and volunteers.

\_\_\_\_ Help with FOL Board activities.

Date \_\_\_\_\_ *Your information will not be shared.*

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

# FOL MEMBERSHIP FORM



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## 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 \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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 wall opposite the sale shelves in the Olympia Library, or join online: [www.olylibraryfriends.com/join](http://www.olylibraryfriends.com/join)