

Friends of the Olympia Library Newsletter

January 2025



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

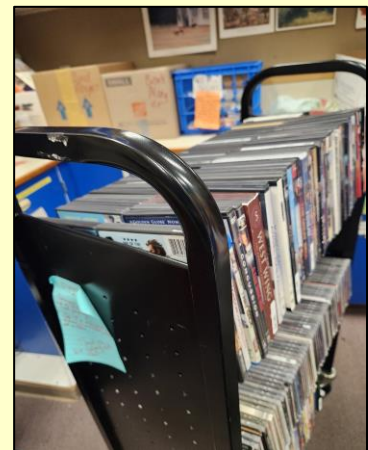
What Do FOL Volunteers Do?

Every item that is donated to the Friends must be sorted and priced. All of the best, most interesting, valuable items are separated out to be sold in the ongoing sales at the Olympia and West Olympia Libraries or on Amazon and eBay. Books, media and puzzles need to be checked for condition. Sometimes cleaned and mended. Every DVD and CD we received is opened to make sure the case actually contains what the cover advertises, that they are playable and complete. This can be slow when there are several DVDs in a season of a television show or if the audio book or opera is a long one.

Our media specialists, Pat McLain and Charles Wheaton, sort and check everyone of the media items we put in the ongoing sale. Often as many as a hundred every week.



Pat McLain checking a CD last Friday.



A cart filled with DVDs and CDs ready for the sale shelves.

Benchmark Reached by Amazon Crew

The Friends of the Olympia Library have been selling the most valuable of the books and media donated to them on Amazon for many years. This ceased during the pandemic shutdown and only started up again in 2022. Helen Simmons and Amanda Mackison check every book the sorters set aside for pricing on Amazon. Those items valued at \$30 or more are then listed in the FOL shop: www.Amazon.com/shops/whatmorebooks? There are now more than 700 items and when one sells, Denis Ganey pulls the book or other item, wraps it securely and posts it next day. This week marked the **320th** sale since our post pandemic reopening.

We Have Puzzles!

Have you noticed? The Friends of the Olympia Library have added jigsaw puzzles to the media kiosk in the ongoing sale. The number of pieces and sizes vary. They are priced as marked, usually \$2-4.

We also accept donations of puzzles that are complete and in good condition, please.



Thinking about Volunteering?

If you love your library and would like to support the many services it provides to the local community join the Friends of the Olympia Library and volunteer. On page 3 of this newsletter is a form providing more information about all the ways you can contribute your valuable time. Fill out the form, drop it in the provided box and the volunteer coordinator will contact you and get the process started.

****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 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

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 8th 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