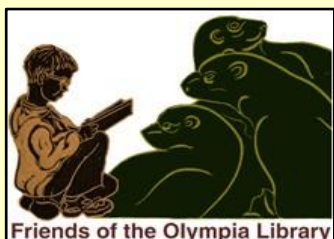


# Friends of the Olympia Library Newsletter

February 2025



Friends of the Olympia Library

## Friends of the Olympia Library 2024 Annual Report

A highlight of the Friends of the Olympia Library February 2025 Board meeting was the reading of the annual financial report by Treasurer Melanie Tyler. She happily announced that due to the generosity and hard work of the volunteers, membership, and donors, 2024 was very successful, netting a whopping \$52,425 over the 12-month period. Sadly, this means FOL for the first time will have to file a much more complicated tax form because the non-profit tax-exempt threshold of \$50,000 was exceeded.

The income breakdown was Amazon \$4,720; eBay \$4,060; Donations \$20,676 (\$20,000 in earmarked donations for Olympia Library book and eBook acquisitions); Interest \$1,689; Membership \$924; Ongoing Sale shelves \$20,354.

The library spent \$18,742 of the 2024 budget allocation of \$25,240 on children's and adult program, building/patron supplies, and staff appreciation between January and October. The final figures for the year are not yet available because expenditures for the months of November and December have yet to be reported.

The Friends accrued expenses of \$3,361 on storage rental, printing, Amazon/eBay postage and mailing supplies and supplies for the ongoing sale shelves.

Excess income is held in CDs for future expenses which are projected to include more programming and a 2027 refresh of the library building. Additional funds are kept in a savings account established years ago for support of a new library.

All this is due to the thousands of books and media items donated during the year by a very generous public and the many hours spent by our wonderful volunteers sorting, pricing, mending, and storing everything in preparation for stocking the sale shelves.

These figures are really amazing when you remember that most of what we sell is in the \$1-2 range for adult books, children's books at 50¢-\$1. CDs start at 50¢ and DVDs \$1 for single discs. Sets are more costly, as are large format books.

### Our mission

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

Find us on the [web](#)  
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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

## Large Donation of Library of America Books

This collection fills almost two carts and all of the books are in perfect condition in slipcases, looking unread in many instances. What is the Library of America? “From poetry, novels and memoirs to journalism, crime writing, and science fiction, the more than 300 volumes published by the Library of America are widely recognized as America’s literary canon.” This is a chance to get copies of the best of American writing in volumes that will not only be a joy to read, but will make a beautiful addition to your bookshelves priced at \$5 each volume.



***For Friends of the Olympia Library Members only:*** to make arrangements to view and purchase from the entire collection send an email for an appointment with an FOL volunteer to:

[friendsoftheolympialibrary73@gmail.com](mailto:friendsoftheolympialibrary73@gmail.com)

## Preparing Your Books to Donate to FOL

Donating books and media for resale by the Friends to benefit the Olympia and West Olympia libraries is a good thing, but to make your gift even better there are a few easy things you can do.

Make sure you weed out any books that can’t be resold: technology books, travel guides, study guides or medical books that are older than three years. We do not accept any encyclopedias, textbooks, VHS or cassette tapes.

All items should be in good condition: we can’t resell dirty, moldy, damaged items.

Please, look inside your books for treasures used as bookmarks, or hidden for security reasons: pictures, money, savings bonds etc. It is surprising what our sorters find in the donations. If there is any way of identifying the owner we do so and return the item.

Check all media containers to make sure the CD or DVD is inside and matches the cover.

What to do with damaged books? Paperbacks can go directly into recycling; hardbacks need the cover removed. Covers go into the garbage, as do any moldy books.

Thank you.

***\*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



*The mission of the Friends is "To support, promote and augment the operations of the Olympia Library".*

## 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)