

# Friends of the Olympia Library Newsletter

July 2025



## 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 Monday-Saturday  
11-6 on Sunday\*

## Summer Reading Program a Great Success

Over all of the Timberland Regional Libraries by the end of June, signups for summer reading had surpassed the total for 2024. At the Olympia Library 808 children and adults registered to participate. West Olympia had 213. It will be interesting to see the final count.

Prizes for participants included a coupon for a free book from the Friends of the Olympia Library bookstore. As of end of June, 70 coupons have been redeemed. Everyone seems to love a free book, especially the children. This is the first year adults have been included.

## We Need Your Gently Used Books!

Book donations are way down this summer for whatever reason: the weather is too hot, vacations, just too busy to gather up the stray books. Whatever. To help address this shortage and get people fired up, volunteer Pat McLain has created a new colorful flyer containing the guidelines for donating books to the FOL.

**PLEASE DO NOT DONATE BOOKS AND MEDIA WE CANNOT SELL**

**NO DAMAGED BOOKS OR MEDIA THAT ARE MILDEWEDED, WATER STAINED, MARKED UP or TORN.**

**NO DVDs & CDs THAT ARE SCRATCHED OR BROKEN.**

**OLD OR WORN PAPERBACKS**

DAMAGED BOOKS CAN BE RECYCLED OR THROWN IN THE TRASH, REMOVE HARD BACK COVERS BEFORE RECYCLING.

**NO TECHNOLOGY BOOKS, TRAVEL GUIDES, OR MEDICAL / SCIENCE BOOKS THAT ARE MORE THAN 3 YEARS OLD.**

THE GOODWILL AND VALUE VILLAGE ACCEPT BOOKS AND MEDIA WE CANNOT SELL.

**NO TEXTBOOKS, VHS & CASSETTE TAPES OR ENCYCLOPEDIAS**

**THANK YOU**

FOR DONATING GENTLY USED BOOKS, DVDs AND CDs TO SUPPORT THE OLYMPIA AND WEST OLYMPIA LIBRARIES.

**YOUR DONATIONS SUPPORT**

CHILDREN & YOUTH SERVICES,  
ADULT PROGRAMMING,  
LIBRARY BUILDING NEEDS,  
LIBRARY STAFF APPRECIATION  
FRIENDS OPERATIONS

**WE GLADLY ACCEPT**

**ADULT BOOKS OF ALL KINDS IN GOOD CONDITION**

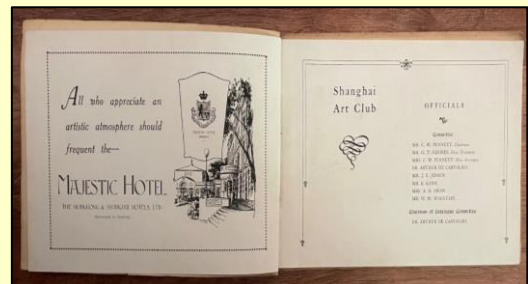
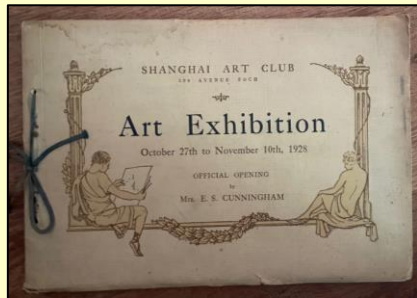
**CHILDRENS BOOKS OF ALL KINDS IN GOOD CONDITION**

**DVDs AND CDs IN GOOD CONDITION**

**TURN OVER to see what NOT to donate**

## Volunteering for the Friends of the Olympia Library from Rob Harper

One part of the book sorting I enjoy is the discovery of a document or book about an unexpected subject or topic. Such was the case on my July 1 volunteer day when I reached for a long thin brochure at the bottom of a box new donations. The document was an illustrated guide to a 1928 art exhibit in Shanghai. Printed in English, much of the brochure featured full page ads for investment banks, commercial real estate firms and luxury goods. Featured art work was towards the end of the brochure and were subjects seemly directed towards a Westernized audience, many of whom probably lived in Shanghai's autonomous expatriate enclave which arose from centuries of foreign domination in China. While the brochure will be considered for eBay listing, it made me curious to learn more about the mixture of cultures and social development in pre-World War II China.



View the rest of the FOL listings on eBay: [https://www.ebay.com/usr/friendsoftheo\\_0](https://www.ebay.com/usr/friendsoftheo_0)



## FOL Little Free Library Back in Business

Although the Little Free Library box at the edge of the Olympia Library parking lot on the corner of 9<sup>th</sup> and Adams is slated for an upgrade or replacement in the near future, the box returned to service July 15 after TRL staff removed a wasp nest earlier in the month.

***\*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 FOL Book Store 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



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 \_\_\_\_\_ 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 FOL Book Store in the Olympia Library, or join online: [www.olylibraryfriends.com/join](http://www.olylibraryfriends.com/join)