

# Friends of the Olympia Library Newsletter

August 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 Monday-Saturday  
11-6 on Sunday\*

**All Timberland Libraries will be closed on:**

**Monday, September 1<sup>st</sup> for Labor Day**

**Friday, September 12<sup>th</sup> for All Staff Training Day**

## FOL Book Store Update

Friends of the Olympia Library volunteers this month completed another step in the readjustment to the new space allotted to them in the Olympia Library. Adjusting to the new space dubbed the Book Store has been hard.

The sale space is about the same, although the media kiosk and Last Chance cart have been eliminated, but the space available now to accept, sort, store and price the donations is much more compact and public.

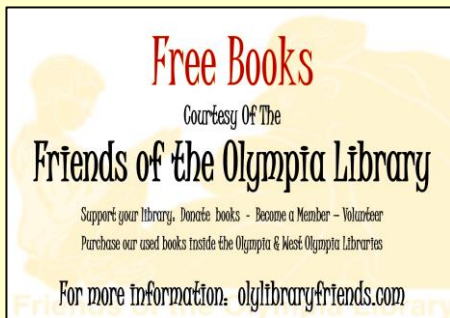
Initially it was thought book carts could be used to replace the large black bin used to accept donations. This worked, sort of, but not very well, so it was finally decided to get another, smaller bin. This new one is silver and has a floating floor that rises for easy access by all of our volunteers. It is just inside to the right of the Book Store's door and takes up a bit less space than the carts and holds more books and media. Thank you, Mary Condon and Linda Neary, for assembling and staging the bin.



Volunteer book sorter, Rob Harper, retrieving donations from the new bin on Tuesday, August 26, 2025.

## FOL at the Olympia-Lacey Centennial Train Station

How did it happen that you can find free books at the train station? It all began about 17 years ago when Centennial Station volunteer Bobbe decided the best use of her late son Corke's huge book collection was to put them in the waiting room for travelers to read on their journeys. She placed them on the wide window sills for easy browsing and they were an instant hit. After several years and Covid, the Friends of the Olympia Library started stocking the shelves with books left over from its book sales. From the window sills, the collection moved to the old pay phone shelf and now finally to a larger, proper book shelf and a repurposed magazine rack for children's materials. Both are very popular and are restocked often by FOL volunteers Danielle Green and Rose Jetter.



Look for this sign!



FOL volunteer Danielle Green delivers books to the train station.



Children's books are also provided by FOL.

## Olympia and West Olympia Libraries Summer Reading Program

The Friends of the Olympia Library have always supported the summer reading for children. In recent years, the program expanded to include adults and a very special perk for all participants - a coupon for the book of their choice from the FOL Book Store. So far this year, 68 coupons were redeemed in June and 70 in July.

## In Memory of Stephen Bray

The Friends of the Olympia Library have received generous donations in memory of Stephen Bray from his wife, Diane Dakin, and several of his friends. He was a lifetime library supporter and "a kind, intelligent and brave soul" who died April 22, 2025.

***\*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



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