

Friends of the Olympia Library Newsletter

October 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*

New Volunteer Handbook Approved

The Friends of the Olympia Library Organizing Committee, of *Robin Ivey-Black, Sue Goldstein, Rose Jetter, Mary lee Tatro and Rob Harper*, has been very busy since the move last spring to our new, more compact space. The move changed drastically the way donated books and media had to be sorted, stored and displayed. The new space, combined with many changes and new volunteers, in turn required a more efficient way to communicate as well as a process and flow manual.

Sue and Rose started the ball rolling creating a rough draft, using much of the text from Rose's training handouts. Other language came from members of the Committee. In a couple of cases, people who do a specific procedure were contacted to confirm or clarify the procedure.

The rough draft then was sent to the other members of the committee and to the FOL Board for their input. After several revisions and editing by Sue Goldstein, the Volunteer Handbook was finished and approved in late September, and copies of this very useful document now reside in the FOL sorting space.



Robin Ivey-Black with a copy of the FOL Volunteer Handbook.

Rose Jetter Leaves the FOL Board

After more than 10 years as a volunteer and Board member for the Friends of the Olympia Library, Rose Jetter is stepping down from her position as member-at-large on the FOL Board to make way for other adventures. 'I'm clearing my calendar for the near future for some travel and other pursuits'. She will be sorely missed. Her energy, knowledge and creativity have been important to the success of the Friends mission to support the Olympia Library.

Olympia and West Olympia Welcome a New Regional Library Manager

Victoria Harmon will lead the Olympia staff with a solid background at all levels of library work both on the front lines and behind the scenes starting as a page, children and teens librarian, outreach, public services coordinator and most recently, Library Manager in Aberdeen, WA. She has a degree in anthropology from the University of Florida and a Masters degree in Library and Information Science from Florida State University.



"I believe deeply in the public mission of libraries—to provide equitable access, foster informed communities, and support people at every stage of life. I'm committed to advancing equitable access to information and services—and to creating workplaces where staff feel supported, valued, and inspired to grow." *from her Linkin profile*

More Places to Buy Books from the Friends of the Olympia Library

Visit the FOL book sale inside the West Olympia Library in the Capital Mall. It's hard to find in the back corner of the library, but worth the effort.

The FOL also sells books on eBay. Visit our online store at:

https://www.ebay.com/usr/friendsoftheo_0

All Timberland Libraries will be closed on:

Tuesday, November 11 for Veterans Day

Thursday, November 27 for Thanksgiving

Friday, November 28 for American Indian Heritage Day

Missing the Friends of the Olympia Library Giant Sale of Used Books?

Try Books, Brownies & Beans. More information:

<https://www.ouuc.org/give/fundraising-events/book-sale/>

All proceeds go to charities.

****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 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



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 8th 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