

Friends of the Olympia Library Newsletter

January 2026



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*

Huge Collection of Cookbooks

FOL has received a huge collection of cookbooks in very good condition. More than we have room to store and sell in the FOL Book Store. These books can be found in the Book Store, but also on Saturday, January 24th, from 12-2 pm, there will be a cart of these books available for shoppers to browse and buy.

FOL Has a Little Free Library!

It's been installed at the corner of 9th and Adams where a previous version existed but was vandalized out of usability. The new one is larger and looks like an old fashioned little red school house. The Friends volunteers will be filling it with magazines, mass market paperbacks and other books that can't be sold in the Book Store.



Save the Date

On Saturday, February 28th the Friends of the Olympia Library will be selling a special collection of books donated by local author and Evergreen College Professor Emerita, Stephanie Coontz. The collection features over 60 "totally new, unread books, signed by the author, mostly on marriage, family life, women's history and related topics, but also some fiction by well-known authors".

In addition to Professor Coontz' donation, there will be a large collection from the Library of American Books, classics of American literature all hard copy in slipcases and new condition.

Finally, the sale will include a small collection of old bibles in used condition.

Have you ever wanted to serve on a Board of Directors?

The Friends of the Olympia Library have elections in May 2026 with openings for board members at large, 2-year terms, and for the role of President.

Serving on the board requires participation in monthly board meetings on the second Tuesday of each month, from 1-2:30 pm at the Olympia Library. Board members also fill roles on various teams to address operations and management of the organization.

Are you prepared to make a commitment to the Friends of Olympia Library, and think Board service might be a good fit? Please attend an upcoming board meeting (February 10, March 10 and/or April 14) to get a feel for the organization, and let Jann or Abby know you are interested:

Jann Hoppler FOL73President@gmail.com or
Abby Cooke FOL 73VP@gmail.com.

We request every member respond to the survey below, just copy paste the text into an email to Abby Cooke, FOL73VP@gmail.com.

1. Would you ever (not necessarily this year) be interested in serving as a member of the Board of Directors?
2. Would you be interested in volunteering to help organize and operate the Friends of the Library Book Store at the downtown branch?
3. Have you ever visited the West Olympia Library in Capital Mall?
4. What is the most important thing to you about being a member of the Friends of the Olympia Library?

Thank you for your participation!

Abby Cooke
VP, Friends of Olympia Library

All Timberland Libraries will be closed on:

Monday, February 16 for President's Day

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

**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 inside 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 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



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