

Friends of the Olympia Library Newsletter

July 2026



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
Closed Sunday

**All Timberland Libraries
will be closed on:
Monday, September 7, 2026
for Labor Day.**

Increased Funding for the Library is on the November Ballot *from Jann Hoppler, FOL President*

On July 22, the Trustees of the Timberland Regional Library voted to put a request for additional funding on the ballot in November. You may see this referenced as a Levy Lid Lift.

The request will ask to raise the funding for the libraries from the currently realized \$0.22 per \$1000 of property value to \$0.35 per \$1000 of property value. A majority of the people who vote in November, across all five counties, need to vote YES for the measure to pass.

The additional funding will allow the library system to increase hours libraries are open, increase the materials collection so that wait times for requested materials are shorter and make other improvements to the current situation. Without additional funding, further reductions will be necessary soon.

You can find out more about the proposal and process at:

[Timberland Regional Library Board Approves Levy Lid Lift Measure for November Ballot | Timberland Regional Library](#)

<https://trl.org/levy/>

If you want to know much more, there is a video of the retreat where the Trustees talked about a Levy Lid Lift here:

[AV Capture All](#)

It was a four-hour meeting. Highlights:

At 18 minutes from the beginning/4:08 from the end: Financial Presentations, including projections to 2030.

At 1:37 from the beginning/2:50 from the end: Jennifer Giltrop, Director of the Fort Vancouver Library System made a presentation on their recent successful levy campaign.

We understand that a Political Action Committee (PAC) may be formed to bring everyone interested together for efficient development of materials supporting a Vote YES campaign. This will likely include Friends, Library Retirees, State Library folks, the Patron's Coalition for Local Libraries, and others committed to a healthy vibrant library system. Getting the vote out in Thurston County is vital to the success of the Library Levy Lid Lift.

Are you interested in getting involved in this vital effort? Be thinking about what you would like to do. We will get the information about how to volunteer out to all members when we get it.

Volunteer Update from Abby Cooke, FOL Volunteer Coordinator

Many thanks to our entire Book Store crew!

With several new volunteers this year, we have expanded the number of Sorting shifts and relieved some pressure on the existing Sorting shifts. We also have more folks regularly filling Donation shifts so we have many fewer "please sign up" emails going out.

Last year we had five sorting shifts, 10-noon Mon - Fri. We now also have shifts 12-2 on Mon and 2-4 on Tue and Wed. Great friendships are being built and more books are being processed with less stress and strain. We even have time to discuss, plan, and implement store improvements!

Thank you, everyone!



Changes in the FOL Book Store

A rotating kiosk for DVDs, CDs and Audio Books and more shelving for sales were installed in the Book Store in July. There is now more space for display and easier access to media for our patrons.



Youth Services Desk Returns!

To better serve patrons, the Olympia Library has placed a service desk near the youth services area. Reader's advisory, reference and information for children, teens and families will be provided



New Art in the Olympia Library

In the far back of the Olympia Library atrium, you will find a lovely painting by Hazel Stephens of Mako the Whale. This dorsal fin depicts killer whale Mako J-39 age 23 years a member of the twenty years endangered southern resident killer whales in the Salish Sea.

Scan the QR Code to learn more about the Orcas in J pod.



****The Board of Directors of the Friends of the Olympia Library meets every month on the second Tuesday in the Olympia Library Meeting Room from 1-3 pm. You are invited to attend and find out what we 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 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. Volunteers must be over 18 years old.*

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



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