

## This Month's Highlight: The Fall Book Sale

Each spring and fall the Friends of the Library host a large book sale for the community. Throughout the year, residents from throughout the community donate gently used books, resulting in thousands of books that our friends, family and neighbors can purchase. At just \$10 a bag, the price can't be beat! This Fall, the sale raised over \$4200 for the library. These funds are invested right back into the community and help fund programs as well as special projects.



Both the library staff and the Friends' leadership team would like to extend a special thank you to the countless volunteers that helped with the sale. Mr. Dan Marshall and members of the West Allegheny High School Boys Basketball Team were the muscles behind the sale. They helped move shelving, set up tables, and moved the mountain of boxes into the sale room. Mrs. Nancy Thorn continued the longstanding tradition of rewarding the team with homemade brownies and milk... not a crumb was left behind! We also want to thank the Friends members and members of the West Allegheny High School National Honor Society that volunteered their time to work the sale and assist with set up and tear down!

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# Friends of the Western Allegheny Community Library

## Ongoing In House Book Sale

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**DID YOU KNOW . . . That you don't have to wait until the April or October book sales to find great deals on used books at the Western Allegheny Community Library?**

Every month the Friends offer a wide selection of gently used books, puzzles and games - all under \$5.00! All ages, reading levels, genres, and interests are available for purchase. Not sure where to find our ongoing In-House sale? Once you enter through the second set of lobby doors the In-House sale shelves are located against the wall to your right. Just beyond the green book baskets! Be sure to stop in and check it out!



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## January/February/March In House Themes

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It's perfect weather for a good book, game or puzzle!

Stop by our ongoing "In-House" Book Sale, located on the right, just inside the door of the library. Each month we change the inventory to include general interest (fiction and non-fiction) for all ages and all genres! We also highlight a new theme each month.

Here's what's coming up:

- January - Resolution Reading/Financial Wellness
- February - Romance and Mystery/Black History Month
- March: Travel related titles/Women's History Month

We also have a puzzle and games section that you'll want to check out on your next visit!

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## Gently Used Book Drive & Donation Policy

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### Fill the Bus!!!!

Help the Friends kick-off our March/April 2024 Gently Used Book drive by filling the book bus with your donations!

The book bus and Friends will be visiting area neighborhoods on March 2nd. Donations can be set on a porch or at the end of a driveway. Stay tuned for details as to neighborhoods and times for our March 2nd Kick Off.

We strive to provide the community with a clean and relevant book selection. Therefore, we do not accept encyclopedias, textbooks, study guides, dictionaries, thesauri, DVDs, CDs or audiobooks. Also, please do not donate dirty, damaged or out of date material. We truly appreciate your donation and cooperation.



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## Save the Date 2024 Book Sales

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The dates have been set so mark your calendar for our 2024 Spring and Fall Book Sales!

### Spring 2024 Book Sale

April 20, 22, 23 - Set Up

April 22 at 6:00 pm - Volunteer Training

April 23 at 10:00 am - Volunteer Training

April 24 from 3:00 - 6:00 pm - School personnel and Friends members preview night

April 24 - 27 - Open to the public

### Fall 2024 Book Sale

October 26, 28, 29 - Set Up

October 28 at 6:00 pm - Volunteer Training

October 29 at 10:00 am - Volunteer Training

October 30 from 3:00 - 6:00 pm - School personnel and Friends member preview night

October 31 - November 2 - Open to the public

**\*Please note, iPad/check out training is required for all volunteers**

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## 2024 Friends Sponsored Programs

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This spring, The Friends will be sponsoring and hosting several new programs at the library. We hope to see you at a few (please note the library requires registration, so visit their website or call today).

**Gardening Series: Fourth Wednesday at 6pm January - June.** An Allegheny County Penn State Extension Master Gardener will lead the participants through a series of gardening workshops designed to introduce, reintroduce and create conversations and shared learning experiences around the love of the outdoors and playing in the dirt! All levels of interest and skill are encouraged to join us!

**Podcasts and Popcorn: Third Thursday at 6pm, January - May.** Join us for a monthly exploration and conversation around podcasts on a variety of topics. Attendees are encouraged to bring a craft, coloring sheet, crossword or that project you just can't seem to finish to work on while listening to the podcast and enjoying snacks.

**Book Tasting: Monday March 4.** Because you can't 'taste' a book by its cover, join us to 'taste' different genres and books at our literary buffet. Attendees will have an opportunity to experience unfamiliar and/or new genres and books in a fun and quick way.

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# Everyone Needs More Friends . . .

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Not yet a member? Know someone with some free time on their hands? We'd love to have more friends! The Friends of the Library support Western Allegheny Community Library and literacy throughout our community. Supporting and active members of all ages are welcome!!! For more information on membership benefits and/or to sign up, please visit: [westernallegHENYlibrary.org/get-involved/friend.html](http://westernallegHENYlibrary.org/get-involved/friend.html).



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## ***Friends of the Library Annual Membership Form***

\_\_\_\_\_ New      \_\_\_\_\_ Renewal

Date \_\_\_\_\_

First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

Street \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

### Membership Level

- \$5 - Seniors 65+ and Veterans  
(Includes early access to book sales)
- \$10 - Individual  
(Includes early access to book sales and 10% discount on FFYL ticket)
- \$15 - Family  
(Includes early access to book sales and ½ price on first bag of books)
- \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Additional Donation Amount

Ways to support our library: *(Please check areas of interest)*

\_\_\_\_\_ Volunteer at book sales

\_\_\_\_\_ Volunteer at community events

\_\_\_\_\_ Serve on a Friends group committee

*The support of great friends makes great libraries - join us!*