



Member News

A heartfelt thank you to all the members who volunteered their time to make paper flowers to decorate our fairway at *Links for the Library*, and also to those who graciously volunteered their time to work the event. It was a huge success, raising a much needed \$10,000.

Since our last newsletter in February, we welcomed seven new members to the Friends Group! Keep sharing the good work we do, we are making a difference in the community!

We also encourage you to check out WACL's Spring Reading Challenge. Found on the Beanstack platform, it will remain in full swing until the end of April. Several of the activities and

challenges are related to the Friends Group!

April 28th will be here before you know it. We are asking members to please consider donating baked goods for the book sale which will run through the 20th. Donations can be dropped off April 27 from 3-8 in the Library's Garage. Items must be individually wrapped in zip lock bags with one or two items per bag.

Our focus now is getting the word out about our organization to our community. We are placing pamphlets throughout the area.

Please feel free to take some to share with friends and neighbors. Invite them to check out the benefits of joining.



Join us in our endeavor to enrich our community through the programs and services afforded by the Western Allegheny Community Library!

Upcoming Events



Spring Book Sale

Want Early Access to the Book Sale?

All levels of Membership come with Early Access to the book sale on either Wednesday 4/27 from 3-6 during the Teacher Preview Night or Thursday 4/28 from 9-10 (without having to pay the Early Entry Fee). As if that wasn't incentive enough, with the Family Membership you will also receive half off your first bag of books!!!!

What will you find at the Spring Book Sale?

In a word... Everything! There will be fiction books for every age and interest from children's Board Books to Classic Literature! Board Books! Picture Books! Middle Grades! Young Adult, and Adult Hardback and Paperbacks! Non-Fiction fans will find selections from juvenile to adult reading with topics such as: history, sports, gardening, arts and crafts, religion, world languages, health and fitness, biography and autobiography. On the hunt for puzzles, games, DVD's, and CD's? We've got you covered!!! There is something for everyone at the Spring Book Sale!!!

Join the Friends and get first dibs on all that the sale has to offer!

To become a Friend visit westernallegHENYlibrary.org and click on the Friends Tab. Or stop at the circulation desk the next time you are visiting the library and join!!! We would love to have you!

We look forward to seeing you at the sale!

Call for Volunteers

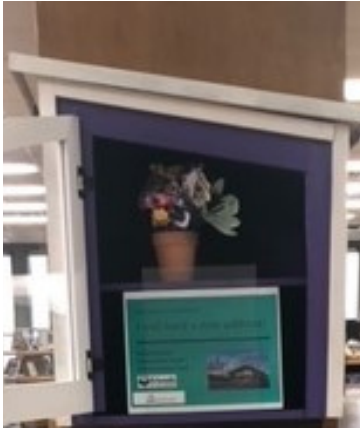
In an effort to continue building a literate community, we host Pop-Up Book Sales throughout the community. On May 7th we will be at the WACL Vendor Show.

We are currently looking for volunteers to help us run the sale. Shifts are 8-10 a.m. (includes help setting up and starting the sale), 10-12 a.m. (selling to the community and sharing info about the Friends), and 12-3 p.m. (end the sale and assist with clean up).

Interested in helping? Please email us at: wacflriends@gmail.com with the times you are available.

Outreach

New "Little Free Libraries" - Coming Soon to a Location Near YOU



580 Donaldson Road, North Fayette



1271 Route 30, Clinton

Little Free Libraries are a way to bring books *into* the community without having to visit the library. All of these LFLs are regularly stocked and rotated with new material. **Anyone** may contribute or take books. The more the merrier! If you take a book (or two) from a library, you do not need to return that book. However, residents are encouraged to add a book they may have finished to the LFL for someone else to enjoy.

THANK YOU!

Book Donation Drive

Thank you to everyone who donated or helped process the FORTY BOXES of book donations during our March Neighborhood Book Drive. Missed the March Book Drive?? - donations can always be dropped off at WACL. All types of gently used books are accepted - nothing is thrown away - so books are kept out of landfill and what we can't use is donated to St. Vincent DePaul in Coraopolis.

2021 In-House Book Sale

The 2021 In-House Book Sale raised \$3697.54 for the library. Last year we changed it up a bit, offering a special "Monthly Focus" section. April's Month Focus is *Gardening, Arts and Crafts*. Come check it out!

Connecting the Community

The Friends Outreach Initiatives have expanded over the last few months with new partnerships with the West Allegheny Food Bank, Lafayette Square and the Partners in Education class at West Allegheny High School.

Students in the WAHS Partners in Ed class lent a hand with an environmental lesson on reuse/repurpose/recycle and created beautiful book page flower arrangements to decorate the Friends Fairway for WACL's *Links for the Library* event. Thank you to teachers Tony Castelluci and Kristin Persing and the Partners in Ed students for all their hard work!



Become A Friend

Not yet a member? We'd love to have you. Please take a moment to complete the form below and return it to the library *or* you can complete the form online at westernalleghenylibrary.org/get-involved/friend.html.

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FORM

Date _____



Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Email _____

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Membership Level

- \$5 - Seniors 65+ and Veterans
(Early access to all book sales)
- \$10 - Individual
(Early access to book sales & 10% off a FFYL ticket)
- \$15 - Family
(Early access to book sales & ½ price off a bag of books)
- \$_____ Additional Donation Amount

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Additional ways to support our library: (Please check areas of interest)

- ____ Volunteer at book sales
- ____ Volunteer at community events
- ____ Donate baked goods or gift cards for book sales raffles
- ____ Serve on a Friends group committee

