



WESTERN ALLEGHENY
COMMUNITY LIBRARY

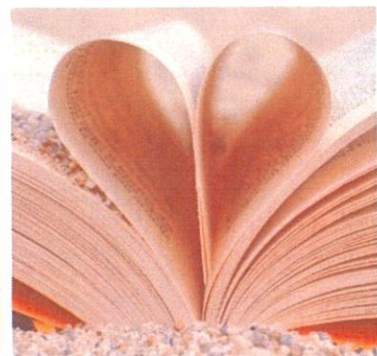
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Who are we?

The Friends of the Library is an organization created to help support Western Allegheny Community Library through various fundraising and volunteer efforts. Among other duties, we raise money to help maintain the library's budget, provide funding for the summer reading program, and volunteer at events throughout the year, including the library's annual

fundraiser, *Fall for Your Library*. The Friends also help establish and grow community partnerships, operate regular book sales, and manage donated materials. But above all, we are a group of volunteers who love books, understand the vital role WACL plays in the community, and want to promote the library's programs and services.



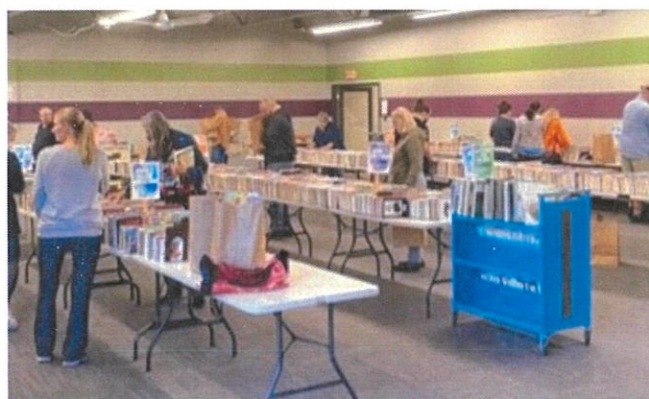
Committee Updates

Membership (Chaired by Cindi Leszunov)

A heartfelt thanks you to all members that volunteered their time, energy, and baked goods for the Fall Book Sale. It was a great success!

In the past six months the FOTL membership has more than doubled; current members will be receiving their membership cards at our February General Membership meeting. Our first membership drive of the year will coincide with the Library's Spring Reading Challenge. Using the Beanstalk platform, participants will have the opportunity to earn badges, for reading books and completing challenges. Participants will see several challenges related to the Friends Group.

Invite your friends and neighbors to check out the benefits of joining! Find us on the WACL website or pick up a paper application on your next visit to the library. Join our good work to benefit the residents of our communities!



Spring Used Book Sale (Chaired by Chris Rakolta)

The Spring Book Sale is scheduled for April 28 - 30, during regular library hours. We also offer a *Teacher Preview Night* on April 27th from 3-6 p.m. In addition to \$10 bags of books, you'll find specially priced CDs, DVDs, audio books, puzzles and games. A bake sale and raffle are also part of the fun!

If you'd like first dibs on the sale, we offer Early Bird entrance on April 28 from 9-10 a.m. Admission is just \$10 per person but is waived as part of membership with the Friends Group. For those that chose the Family Membership, you're also entitled to half off your first bag of books.

To build our inventory, we always welcome gently used book donations. For more details, please visit the *Get Involved* tab at westernallegHENYlibrary.org. Additionally, at this time we are looking for volunteers to help run the sale. If you're interested, please send an email to wacLfriENds@gmail.com.



In-House and Pop-Up Sales (Chaired by Elizabeth Shannon)

Just inside the library doors you'll find our In-House Book Sale where we offer books of all genres, for all ages. In addition, every month, the Friends of the Library reserves a section of the sale for books related to a monthly theme. Stop by in February for our "Love is a Mystery" selection, consisting of both romances and mysteries.

Keep an eye out over the course of the year for one of our Used Book Pop-Up Sales. The Friends will be traveling to an event near you with a selection of books, puzzles, CDs, DVDs and games.

All proceed benefit YOUR Western Allegheny Community Library!!!

Social Media/Public Relations (Chaired by Anne Miller)

Are you an influencer? If so, we need you! We're looking for volunteers to help spread the news about the many ways the library supports our community. We are also looking to increase our digital presence and exposure to the community and beyond. We could use your help. If you're interested, please send us an email at wacLfriENds@gmail.com.



Community Outreach

The Friends of The Library is committed to supporting literacy throughout the community. This year, we are extending our community outreach through the addition of two *Little Free Libraries* and our partnership with the West Allegheny Food Pantry (free books are now available during the food pantry's regular distribution hours).

A new Little Free Library will soon appear at the North Fayette Community Center located at 580 Donaldson Road. However, you can visit our existing Little Free Libraries located at: Findlay Township Community Center, Main Street, Imperial; Oakdale Parklet, across from the Gazebo; and Walden Woods, to the left on Evergreen Run by the main entrance.



Free Books for All Age Groups at the West Allegheny Food Pantry

Volunteer Opportunities!

All volunteers must be members of Friends of the Library

Book Sale Volunteers Needed!

Please consider volunteering your time to help make our Spring Book Sale a success. We are in need of bakers for our bake sale, book sale workers to cover a shift or two, set up & tear down, and even item donations for our raffle. Any and all help is much appreciated!!

Please contact us at wacfriends@gmail.com

Other Volunteer Opportunities:

1. Outreach - Chair
2. In House Sales/Pop-Ups
3. Public Relations
4. Membership
5. Fundraising - Chair

From the Library Director

Dear Friends,

As I reflect over the last year, I am so grateful for YOU, the Friends of the Library. 2021 was a year of rebuilding, establishing new procedures, new committees, and developing new relationships within the community. Your support, dedication, and volunteerism has played a vital role in the success of our library. Even during this time of immense change, we have been able to continue providing a broad set of services that are a vital part of our community.

Last year, with your support, we were able to provide every child in the school district with a free public library card, ensuring our students have around the clock access to our collections. This was a huge undertaking, funded in great part, by you, our Friends.

Looking to 2022, we have an exciting year ahead of us! The Friends have plans to create more partnerships, support new programs, and find homes for more Little Free Libraries. Through your fundraising efforts, we will be able to purchase new furniture, hire exciting presenters, and make improvements throughout the building to ensure the safety and comfort of all of our patrons.

Thank you for investing your time and energy with the Friends of the Library. Together, we will leave a lasting impact on the community!

- Amy

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.

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

Please return form to Western Allegheny Community Library

