



FRIENDS
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WEST LAFAYETTE
PUBLIC LIBRARY

NEWSLETTER

Spring 2017 **Spring Book Sale: April 7-11, 2017**

Spring and winter. In Indiana, we are used to turbulent changes in our climate, and this year has been no different. The Friends are anxious to see what Mother Nature will bring this April 7th-11th for our annual **Friends of the West Lafayette Public Library Spring Book Sale**. All proceeds help the Library with acquisitions and programming.

Please help spread the word to your friends, family, and neighbors through social media and beyond. We have shortened the length of the sale this time around so please note the updated schedule:

Preview for Friends-Only <i>join at the door: \$15 or \$5 for students</i>	Friday, April 7th	6:30pm-8pm
Full price	Saturday, April 8th	10am-5pm
Half-price:	Sunday, April 9th	1pm-5pm
\$5 Bag Sale	Monday, April 10th	10am-8pm
\$3 Bag Sale	Tuesday, April 11th	10am-8pm

15,000+ books, games, audiobooks, CDs, DVDs, tapes and records (45s and 78s) will be on sale. (The full **Vintage Vinyl Sale is on April 22**). We have added some new categories for this sale: Poetry, Theatre, Mathematics, and Writing Guides. The usual categories exist as well: Arts, Biography, Children's, History, Hobbies & Crafts, Literature, Reference, Sci-Fi, Travel, and YA to name a few. Dozens of categories in all. Something for everyone in the family.

The pricing varies depending on the book type and category:

Children's Hardbacks / Paperback	\$1 / \$0.50
Hardbacks	\$2
Trade paperbacks	\$1
Paperbacks	\$0.50
Antique books and others	As marked, starting at \$3

The Audubon Society will offer baked goods and plants for sale during the sale Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. Thank you to Payless for providing bags for the Bag Day Sales on Monday and Tuesday.

We look forward to seeing our Friends on the April 7th preview night starting at 6:30pm. If your neighbors and friends haven't joined FoWLPL, but wish to accompany you on Friday night, they can join at the door for \$15 (only \$5 for students).

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- > Annual Spring Fair: April 8-11
- > Record Store Day
- > SRCS Catalog
- > Volunteer Opportunities
- > Little Free Libraries
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Summer at the Library and Looking Ahead!

News from Nick Schenkel, Library Director

SRCS Catalog



I've been heralding our efforts at "cultivating a community of readers" across West Lafayette and I'm glad

to report we're making significant, quantifiable progress!

More and more of our readers are selecting from an ever growing cavalcade of books (and now DVDs) from our 100+ library partners in Evergreen Indiana. Just last Fall we added another large cache of book selections for you to request from even more public - and now university - libraries across Indiana with the advent of the SRCS catalog. Check out the holdings of libraries as diverse as Notre Dame, the Indiana State Library, Wabash College, Anderson and Muncie (to name but a few of the one hundred and sixty libraries whose catalogs are available through SRCS).

If you've not already checked out the (literally) 30 million+ titles waiting for you to select from both Evergreen and SRCS, I urge you to visit the Library's webpage (or visit the Library!) and see what tempts your interest. We'll be glad to help you get the books (and DVDs) you want sent to the Library for you to pick up - and be glad to help with any questions you may have.

Free Libraries

A word about those increasingly popular little free libraries that are popping up all over town: the Little Free Libraries you'll find in our local parks are courtesy of both the West Lafayette Library and the West Lafayette parks and Recreation Department.

Since we began offering these neighborhood access points for books - for all ages and many reading interests - the Library has stocked these little book repositories with over 850 books - local neighborhood book contributions are likely even greater - that's over sixteen hundred (1,600) books that have cycled (for free) into our neighbors' hands - with many, many more to come.

Winter's cold and snowy weather does slow down the number of books coming and going but as this winter's off and on warm weather beckons more of us outside, our little free libraries are ready to spark our yen for reading.



West Lafayette Memories

West Lafayette's State Street through the years, the City Council's ground breaking work during the late 20th century, and the unique histories of West Lafayette neighborhoods are all topics local residents and Purdue students have studied and written about over the past several months thanks to the collections now taking shape at The West Lafayette History and Research Center, housed in the West Lafayette Public Library.

Together we're uncovering daily life and momentous events in our town's history.

YOUR contributions to the Center - be it your memories, scrapbooks, photos, local restaurant menus or many other items are welcome. Talk with the Nick Schenkel or Alexandra Hoff (both at the Library) if you'd like to donate towards building our ongoing collection of West Lafayette's history. And check out the "West Lafayette Memories" webpage for ongoing updates.



Volunteer Opportunities

Without volunteers like you, the Friends wouldn't be who we are. When you volunteer with the Friends, you are working alongside 30+ other individuals who love to give back to the West Lafayette Public Library and the community at-large.

Two major areas we need volunteers are donation processing and in the Back Door Book Store. After a one-time, 30-minute training session, both opportunities offer tremendous flexibility and can fit almost any schedule.

We are always looking for volunteers to help make our Library run smoothly, offer engaging programming, and to help celebrate the diverse community in West Lafayette. We also offer many opportunities to get involved with the day-to-day or one-off projects of the Library:

- Amazon Book Researcher
- Artist
- Back Door Book Store Clerk
- Basement Book Master
- Book Fair Associate
- Book Repair and Conservationist
- Children's Youth Aide
- Outreach Associate
- Workshop Leader



Contact the Library [\(765\) 743-2261](tel:765-743-2261) or fill out our volunteer form at <http://fowlpl.org/volunteer/>

Thank you again for volunteering!

Note from the president: Zachary Baiel

2017. It's only March and yet so much has happened with the Friends of the West Lafayette Public Library. Some of these changes have happened in less visible areas; improvements to the basement sorting process, standardized boxes for book storage, new categories for the Book Sales (April 7th-11th) and the Back Door Book Store (check them out now!), new Friends website (visit at fowlpl.org), new volunteers (thank you for joining us!), new volunteer organizations (thank you for helping us!), new Friends branding initiative in coordination with the Library, and a multitude

of other items.

All of this would not be possible without the wonderful volunteer Executive Council, the volunteers that help process donations, work in our Book Store, post items and send orders from Amazon, the volunteers who help make our annual Book Sales and Vintage Vinyl Sale possible (we are still looking for more!), and all of the one off activities we do throughout the year. I would also like to recognize Library Director, Nick Schenkel, for his commitment to making the Friends the best Library organization it can be.

As you know, the Friends of the West Lafayette Public Library's mission is to support our Library system through education, volunteerism, and donations. Please consider volunteering some of your time with the Friends. We have a multitude of opportunities that range from one hour to recurring items throughout the year.

With everyone's effort and engagement we can continue to make the West Lafayette Public Library the wonderful community asset that it is.

Thank you for being a Friend.

Looking for a Great Book to Read or Give as a Gift?

Visit our Book Stores!

The Friends offer the year-round book sale in our Back Door Book Store and our online Amazon shop. We stock 1000s of items in the Book Store, including new and used books, CDs, DVDs, puzzles, and games. Most items are priced at \$2 and under. We also have 1000s of rare and unusual titles listed on Amazon. You can visit our extensive collection at amazon.com/shops/fowl.

The Friends are able to give \$2500 a month to the Library for acquisitions and programming, with a substantial portion of the money coming from purchases through the Book Store and Amazon. Buying items through both of these avenues is another great way to support the Library.

Book Store Report

The Friends' Back Door Book Store is a tucked away treasure in the West Lafayette Public Library. Located near the amphitheatre entrance on the Library's West side (near Einstein's), the Book Store provides a year-round book sale opportunity for everyone to enjoy.

After years of directing the Back Door Book Store, we want to thank Martha Altschaeffl for all that she has done to organize volunteers, curate the stock, and champion the shop. Martha will continue volunteering with the Friends and with our Amazon shop. The next time you see Martha, please thank her for everything she has done and continues to do.

Volunteers like you are adding to the Book Store stock on a weekly basis, so stop by frequently to check out all of the recent additions. The Friends have also added new categories (Poetry, Politics, Philosophy, and Local Authors) and are in the process of adding more. If you would like to see others added, please leave a note in the shop.

Please help spread the word to your friends, neighbors, and colleagues.

To help keep these programs strong, please consider getting involved as a volunteer to help sort, lookup, post new books to the Amazon shop and/or become

The Book Store is stocked, organized, and run entirely by volunteers. We are actively seeking new and current volunteers to help curate the categories in the shop. If you are fascinated by history, amazed by poetry, engaged in politics, or any other category, you are encouraged to volunteer and help the Book Store maintain the best stock available through the generous donations we receive from members of the public. You can sign-up to volunteer at our web site: fowlpl.org/volunteer/



a collaborator in the Book Store.

Contact the Library ([765-743-2261](tel:765-743-2261)) or fill out our volunteer form at fowlpl.org/volunteer/ and someone will get back with you about the current schedule of opportunities.

We look forward to seeing and working alongside you in our Back Door Book Store!



MARK YOUR CALENDAR for our Library's joint fund raising event with New Chauncey Housing Inc. scheduled for April 22. The net proceeds of the event will benefit both the West Lafayette Public Library and NCHI.



“Chemistry on Wheels”

Saturday, March 25th: 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Children's Activity Room, 1st floor

Science demonstration by students from the Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology & Purdue's chemistry department

For children ages 5 and older and their families.

Free; no registration

ANNUAL MEETING

Join other Friends and Volunteers of the West Lafayette Public Library at our Annual Meeting on April 24, 5:30pm at the library. As members of the Friends you will be voting on the slate of officers for the Friends Executive Council.

Please check out our website for further details: fowlpl.org

Free film showing every second Monday evening with the “WALLA and FRIENDS” movies series – free admission. Check the Library's website for the next film to be shown.

COMING

SOON!

More good reasons to check out the Library....

Vintage Vinyl Sale & More April 22, 2017

On Saturday, the 22nd of April we will be celebrating **Record Store Day** with a record sale, live bands and refreshments.

The Friends of the Library will be hosting a Vintage Vinyl LP sale from 10am to 8pm inside the library. The sale will feature a great selection of lp records. Categories will include Rock, Folk, Classical, Jazz, World Music, Polka and Englebert Humperdinck to name just a few. Records generally run \$0.50 to \$3.00 but we also have a nice selection of higher priced collectible and rare albums. On Saturday, the 22nd of April we will be celebrating Record Store Day with a record sale (10am-8pm), live bands (4pm-8pm) and refreshments (for purchase).

From 4-8pm the Library will be hosting a selection of bands in it's amphitheater including Service, Paper Claw, City Mist, and TJ Rosa.

There will also be food and beverages by People's Brewery and Hot Box Pizza. We hope to see you at our celebration and please keep us in mind if you have records to divest.

We are always looking for quality record donations for future sales.



Friends Comic Sale at LaffyCon Spring 2017

Mark your calendars for Laffy-Con... Saturday, April 1 and Sunday, April 2. Among the many other vendors, artists and guests, the Friends will be hawking thousands comic books. You can expect to find some long runs of several superhero titles in our quarter bins. And many graphic novels start at \$2 each.

Independent, creator-owned books and comics periodicals will also be available.

LaffyCon is a Comic and Pop Culture Convention held at the NEW Carnahan Hall in the Market Square Shopping Center (Suite A6, 2200 Elmwood Ave, Lafayette, IN 47904). April 1st :

11:00AM-6:00PM, April 2nd :
12:00PM-5:00PM. 2 Day Pass:
\$10/Adult, \$8/Student (w/ID). 1
Day Pass: \$6/Adult, \$5/Student,
\$1/Kid, Free/5-and- under.



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Dues (all tax-deductible)

- _____ \$5 Student
- _____ \$15 One year individual/family
- _____ \$40 Three year individual/family
- _____ \$150 Life for individual/couple
- _____ \$_____ Additional contribution

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- _____ Friends' Shop
- _____ Book Fairs
- _____ Special projects

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BOOK FAIR FRIENDS-ONLY PREVIEW INVITATION



Please fill out the membership form above and bring it with you to the BOOK FAIR.

Prepared attendees will be admitted more quickly if forms are filled out beforehand and cash/checks are in hand.

Better still, stop by the library now to turn in your membership information!

Memberships can also be paid through PayPal!

6:30 to 8:00 p.m., Friday, April 7 at the West Lafayette Public Library



Have you checked out the many music titles free for you to download? Click on the FREEGAL tab found on the Library's "Digital Resources" web page and start building your own music collection – you can stream music through FREEGAL too

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Mission of The Friends

The purpose of the Friends is charitable and educational;
to foster interest in and support for the West Lafayette Public Library;
to contribute funds and volunteer services, fulfilling needs that cannot be met by the library budget;
and to increase public understanding of library services and materials.

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