



FRIENDS
OF THE
WEST LAFAYETTE
PUBLIC LIBRARY

Fall 2018 Newsletter

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Help us raise \$10K+ at our **Fall Book Sale October 26th - 31st**

Friends volunteers have been working hard to prepare for our signature **Annual Fall Book Sale**. Our goal is to raise \$10,000+ at the sale, allowing the Friends to sponsor programming, material purchases, and microgrants at our favorite community Library throughout the year.

You can help as a Friends by spreading the word about the dates and times for this event to your friends, family, & neighbors. As many of you know, 1000s of items are purchased at our **October 26th Preview Event**, so plan on being there at 6:30pm to checkout all of the great items for sale.



Friday, October 26th	6:30pm - 8:30pm	Friends Preview Event
Saturday, October 27th	10am - 5pm	Full Price
Sunday, October 28th	1pm - 5pm	½ Price Day
Monday, October 29th	10am - 8pm	\$5 Bag Sale
Tuesday, October 30th	10am - 8pm	\$3 Bag Sale
Wed, October 31st	10am - 8pm	\$1 Bag Sale Trick or Treat Day

We have over 10,000+ books, games, CDs, DVDs, and vinyl (78s and 45s) from a variety of subjects: the 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 of all ages!

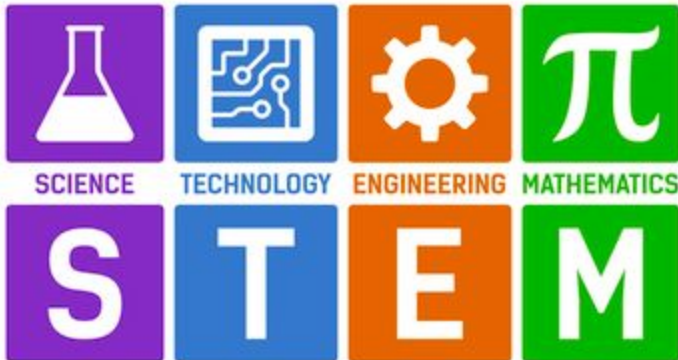
Children's Hardbacks / Paperback	\$1 / \$0.50
Hardbacks	\$2
Paperbacks	\$1
Other books	\$3 and up



The Audubon Society will offer baked goods and plants Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. Thanks to the Village Bottle Shop for providing boxes. We'll see you for the **October 26th preview night** starting at 6:30pm. If your neighbors and friends haven't joined FoWLPL, but wish to get in on the Friday fun, they can join at the door with a \$15 (only \$5 for students) donation.

STEM for Young People

Contributed by WLPL Director, Nick Schenkel



Public libraries are centers for exploration and pursuing the wonders of our imaginations – and the West Lafayette Public Library has long been a proponent of this component of library service with our book and media collections, our free and robust internet service and now through programming as well.

I'm delighted to let you know our Library is offering multiple opportunities for young people from all around our community to come together regularly to learn and enjoy hands-on experience with STEM programs at the Library. Learn more about how the West Lafayette Library is offering STEM for young people and partnering with many community organizations to do so by checking out the Library's web page for more information.

A banner for volunteer recruitment. The background is a photograph of a library's backroom filled with stacks of books and boxes. Overlaid on the image is the text: 'Love libraries? Want to give back?' in a bold, black, sans-serif font. Below that is 'We Need You!' in a much larger, bold, black, sans-serif font. To the right of 'We Need You!' is a cartoon illustration of a white hand with a black outline, pointing towards the text. Below the main text is 'The Friends are always looking for volunteers.' and at the bottom is the URL 'http://fowlpl.org/volunteer/' in a bold, black, sans-serif font.

Volunteer Opportunities

Without volunteers like you, the Friends wouldn't be who we are. When you volunteer with the Friends, you are working alongside 40+ other individuals of all ages who love to give back to the West Lafayette Public Library and the Greater Lafayette community. Want to volunteer as a family or organization? We are happy to accommodate you and your group.

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

Call the Library at (765) 743-2261 or fill out our volunteer form at <http://fowlpl.org/volunteer/>

We are looking forward to volunteering with you!

Letter from the FoWLPL President: Zachary Baiel



I sit on the west end of our Public Library, looking out upon the greens, oranges, yellows, and reds of the trees that provide shade to our plaza area. Fall is upon us and I couldn't be happier.

I would like to thank all of our volunteers who help make the Friends what it is today.

Without you, we couldn't exist.

Each month passes and hundreds of volunteer hours are clocked in restocking shelves, processing donations, managing our Amazon store, staffing our Book Shop, creating posters, taking pictures, and all of the other countless tasks we do because of our love for the treasure that is the West Lafayette Public Library.

I want to thank every Friend who has donated time, energy, and finances to our organization.

Together, as Friends, we support the Library in all that they do. We have expanded again by creating a microgrant program for Friends, staff, and patrons of our Library. These grants were created with one mission in mind: **Provide a low friction opportunity to improve the WLPL experience.** If you would like to apply, please learn more here: fowlpl.org/fundraising/microgrants/

Can you give an additional \$15, \$50, or \$100 this year? Every dollar helps.

We continue to explore new opportunities for fundraising. I would like to mention our **Sustaining Friends Donor initiative** to raise an additional \$5,000 in 2018 through direct donations to our non-profit organization. As a Friend, will you consider signing up as a Sustaining Friends Donor via our web site (fowlpl.org/sustain/) or send a check (for any amount) payable to FoWLPL to our 208 W. Columbia St. West Lafayette, IN 47906 address.

If donating financially is not feasible, please consider helping us succeed in our mission to support WLPL Library through volunteerism. We have a various opportunities that range from one-off tasks to recurring events throughout the year. You can learn more on our web site: fowlpl.org/volunteer/

As always, **I am excited to hear from you, our Friends**, about ways we can improve the Library and what it means in our community. Stop by a meeting (3rd Tuesday at 5:30pm), give us a call, or write us at fowlpl.org.

Vintage Vinyl and Equipment Donations

To help make our annual Spring Vintage Vinyl Sale a success, please consider donating old LPs, 45s, and audio equipment (amplifiers, turntables, speakers, etc.).



All donations can be accepted at the front circulation desk during regular Library hours.

Notes from Nick Schenkel, WLPL Director



This has been a busy and productive Spring and Summer for community residents at the West Lafayette Public Library. Members of our community strongly supported our Summer Reading Program with over 900 children and over 100 adult and teens joining us to read over the Summer months.

Our popular **Family Fun Day in late August** brought hundreds of all ages to the Library and Morton Center to learn more about the many exciting opportunities both community centers offer.

And **Global Fest** was once again a great way for all of us to celebrate the many cultures and nationalities that make up our community.

The number of community groups using our library facilities each week continues to keep our meeting rooms booked and the Library's outreach program to our local retirement communities, day care centers and the Farmer's Market provide library services to hundreds of folks weekly. Our Little Free Libraries found throughout our West Lafayette Parks have recycled over 3,000 books to folks in our neighborhoods.

So it's with excitement that I announce that the Library Board will soon be conducting a **Feasibility Study to plan for the next 15-20 years** of the West Lafayette Public Library – asking you, our library friends, to tell us about how we can improve and grow our book and media collections, our public services, our meeting spaces and programs, our building and our outreach programs – to better serve all of us as we look into the future.

I'll be joining other members of the library staff to learn about your concerns, your ideas, your dreams as we move forward with the Feasibility Study this Fall and then review the findings early next year.

Library Director Nick Schenkel's weekly book reviews with WBAA radio continue. Check out a new review on WBAA AM and FM every other Friday and listen to a new review every week on WBAA's and our Library's website.





Friends of the West Lafayette Public Library - Membership Form

Dues and donations are all tax-deductible

<input type="checkbox"/> \$5	Student	\$_____	Additional donation for Special Projects
<input type="checkbox"/> \$15	1-year individual/family		
<input type="checkbox"/> \$40	3-year individual/family		
<input type="checkbox"/> \$150	Lifetime for individual/family	_____	Total Amount

I would like to volunteer for the:

- Backdoor Book Store
- Donation Processing
- Spring Book Fair
- Fall Book Fair
- Special Projects

Your generosity helps support a variety of programs at our library. If you would like to donate beyond the suggested membership amount, we will apply the contribution to one of our many programs.

Please print clearly. Illegible forms cannot be processed. Your contact information will NOT be shared with a third party.

Name: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ WL Laf. State: _____

Phone: _____ Zip-code: _____

E-mail: _____

Bring or mail form to:
West Lafayette Public Library
208 West Columbia St.
West Lafayette, IN 47906

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Make checks payable to **Friends of the West Lafayette Public Library or FoWLPL**



Invitation to the Friends Preview of the Fall 2018 Book Sale

Join other Friends of the West Lafayette Public Library at the preview of our Fall 2018 Book Sale. 1000s of items are purchased during this preview event, so you don't want to miss it!

When: Friday, October 26th, 2018
6:30 to 8:30 p.m

Where: West Lafayette Public Library
208 W. Columbia St.
West Lafayette, IN 47906

If you need to renew your membership, please fill out the above membership form and bring this page of the newsletter with you to the Preview event on October 26th. Cash and checks accepted.

You can also renew your membership online: fowlpl.org/join-the-friends/



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Our Mission

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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