



FRIENDS
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WEST LAFAYETTE
PUBLIC LIBRARY

Spring 2019 Newsletter

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Help us raise over \$10K at our Spring Book Sale March 29th - April 3rd

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

You can help as a Friend by spreading the word about the dates and times for this fundraising opportunity to your friends, family, & neighbors. As many of you know, 1000s of items are purchased at our March 29th Preview Event, so plan on being there at 6:30pm to checkout all of the great items for sale.



Friday, March 29th	6:30pm - 8:30pm	Friends Preview Event
Saturday, March 30th	10am - 5pm	Full Price
Sunday, March 31st	1pm - 5pm	½ Price Day
Monday, April 1st	10am - 8pm	\$5 Bag Sale
Tuesday, April 2nd	10am - 8pm	\$3 Bag Sale
Wed, April 3rd	10am - 8pm	\$1 Bag Sale

We have over 10,000+ books, games, CDs, and DVDs 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 at every age!

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 **March 29th 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.

WLPL Location Updates

Contributed by Nick Schenkel, WLPL Director

As part of our Library's efforts to respond to your use of our collections, we're making some changes to where some materials are shelved.



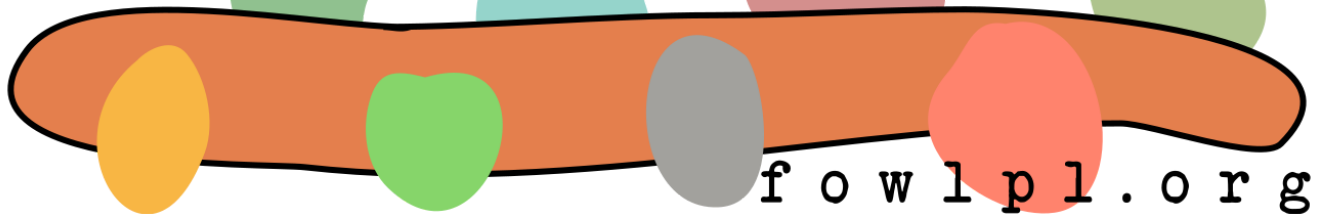
We've moved the first floor graphic novel collection across the aisle to provide more shelving space for this growing collection and we've added more shelving space for books-on-CD as well to allow for more growth for this popular collection.

Sheet music and other music books have been moved upstairs.

To help reduce operating costs and maintain a high level of public service, we are experimenting with moving reserved materials from behind the Circulation Desk and into a public self-serve area near the front doors of the Library.

We're glad to help you if you have questions about these changes. Thank you for using the Library!

Executive Council Volunteers Needed



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, no matter the size.

We are looking for individuals to serve on our Executive Council. If you are interested in helping the organization 2-4 hours each month, please contact FoWLPL president, Zachary Baiel at 765-491-4920 or council@fowlpl.org

You can sign-up as volunteer via our website: fowlpl.org/volunteer/ We are looking forward to volunteering with you!

Updates from Zachary Baiel, FoWLPL President

It is hard to believe that Spring will finally be here in West Lafayette. After having what I hope will be the final snow of the season, my family and I are excited to welcome Spring with open arms, trips to the park, and walks to the West Lafayette Public Library in the heart of our City's downtown.



I am grateful for all that our organization does in and around the Library community. **With the launch of our microgrant program in 2018, we have helped financially support the Pinterest Craft Night in December and February, Adult Activity Tables, Student Study Support, the (new) Winter Reading Program gifts and wrap-up party, along with Smitty Bread for the Library staff meetings.**

Thank you to Ashley Meyer, Ashley Schoolman, and Scott Tracey for utilizing the microgrant program we created. If you have an idea that would help improve the Library, please submit it online: fowlpl.org/fundraising/microgrants/ We look forward to more programming and general support in 2019.

As each month passes, hundreds of volunteer hours are clocked in restocking shelves, processing donations, managing our Amazon store, staffing our Book Shop, creating posters, serving on the Executive Council, 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.

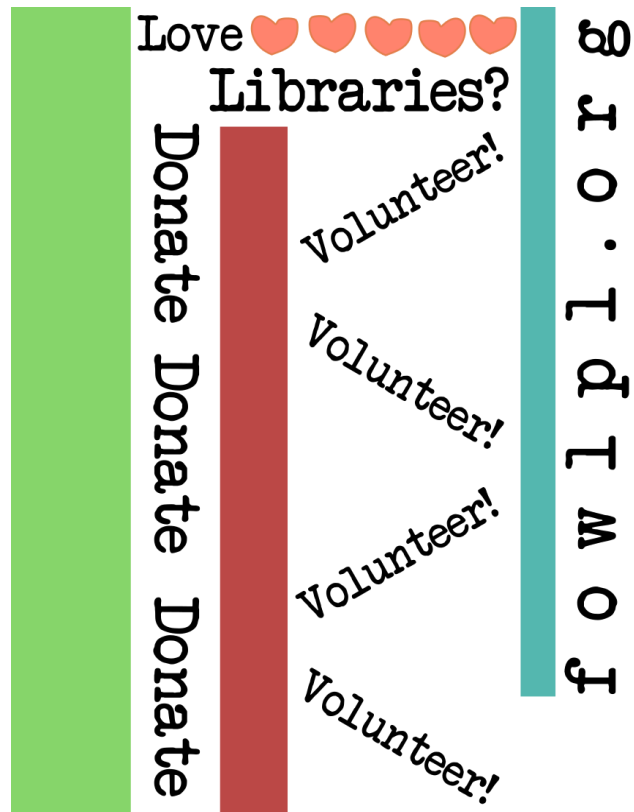
I want to thank every Friend who has donated time, energy, and finances to our organization.

If you would like to join in the fun, you can sign-up for our current volunteer opportunities here: fowlpl.org/volunteer/

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

If donating financially is not feasible, please consider helping us succeed in our mission to support WLPL Library through volunteerism.

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.



Notes from Nick Schenkel, WLPL Director

It's an exciting time to visit our West Lafayette Public Library! The West Lafayette Public Library board and staff have embarked on a journey that will see the Library focus on adapting and changing over the next several years, with significant updates and possibly even new construction (the latter is still being considered).



It's clear that the Library is growing into a becoming a valued third place for our community – a place which, in addition to your home and your workplace, you're encouraged to spend time enriching your life. And so as our collections and services see steady and growing use by you and other members of our community, we need to adapt our library to reflect the times in which we live.

The rough outlines of these adaptations are coming into view – but they remain malleable and open to change; with that in mind here are highlights of the Library's likely evolution over the next several Years.....

Better access to our book, music and video collections – both in-kind and electronic. A perusal of our Library's annual reports for the past few years show a trajectory that is pushing children's and teen reading to new levels while use of the adult collections (especially new books and fiction) continue to be Strong.

Meeting and study spaces need to increase in both their number and ease of scheduling use. Again, a perusal of our annual reports shows that more and more folks are using our Library for meetings – from community sponsored meetings to larger and larger library

sponsored family programs – and for studying in groups small and large.

Deeper integration into the West Lafayette's re-developing downtown and into residential West Lafayette.

As more and more of us discover the joy of exploring the exciting shops, dining and government services in the Village and Levee areas of West Lafayette our Library is pivoting to offer ready access to our parking and grounds areas so that your visits to the Village area in particular are more fun and more Productive.

Too, we know the Library needs to continue expanding the Library's reach into our community's residential neighborhoods – through our active little free library program, our growing number of book-drop-off locations and our visits to local early education and senior centers.

I know the members of the Library Board join me and other member of the Library staff in thanking everyone who participated in the well attended charrettes we offered last Fall; those public sessions are continuing to provide valued input for planning the Library's future.

Please continue to let us know how we can make the West Lafayette Public Library a valued part of your and your family's lives. Together we can continue a bright future for our public library!



Friends of the West Lafayette Public Library - Membership Form

Dues and donations are all tax-deductible

<input type="checkbox"/> \$5	Student	\$ <input type="text"/>	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	<input type="text"/>	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: _____

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West Lafayette Public Library
208 West Columbia St.
West Lafayette, IN 47906

visit us online: fowlpl.org

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



Invitation to the Friends Preview of the Spring 2019 Book Sale

Join other Friends of the West Lafayette Public Library at the preview of our Spring 2019 Book Sale. **1000s of items are purchased during the Preview Event**, so you don't want to miss it!

When: Friday, March 29th, 2019
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 March 29th. 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.

Friends Executive Council

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