

FOL Quarterly Newsletter, July 2017
"Between Friends"

FOL has achieved our 501(c)(3) status as a tax-exempt corporation. Under that umbrella, our treasurer, Linda Campbell has learned we must charge SALES TAX for all fundraisers. As a benefit, FOL may have unlimited sales. More on this later.

The April book sale was a rousing success! Over \$2000 in profits and 11 new members added even more. The garage sale held the end of April under less than ideal weather conditions, realized nearly \$500. Our banking is done at 1st Source Bank and a savings account was opened.

During the book sale, members reviewed a new FOL brochure prototype. A combination of ideas and pictures were used in the creation of the current colorful, easy-to-read brochure with a tear-off page for membership. Our logo was also enhanced and updated. Bartel Printing was used in the process.

At the May 1st meeting, winners selected at the drawing were Charlene Caron, new member and Linda Campbell for signing up the most new members during the book sale. Each receive a free annual membership for 2018. Congratulations to them!

Several Friends have logged many volunteer hours by sorting, shelving, weeding, integrating and otherwise preparing for the August 4-5 book sale. There are nearly twice as many books, dvds, etc. as the April sale. Donations are up significantly as well as the normal library weeding process. We have learned about recycling and the Discovery book bins and coding books. Coding determines the length of time any individual item remains in a sale before being discarded. That will start ASAP.

Set-up for the sale begins Thursday, August 3. Tear-down is Monday morning, August 7, before the 1 pm FOL meeting. August 4th from 5-8 pm is the library Block Party to celebrate the end of the summer reading program. FOL will have several carts of books outside on Friday and Saturday, weather-dependent. The main sale will be in Meeting Room A and the Susie Stafford room. There will be special deals and the books will be sorted for easy perusal in all places.

FOL will have Saturday book sales. We will start with twice a month and they will be held in the lobby during library hours. Approximately 4 carts will be used, rotating types of books each time. We hope the community will take advantage of

these opportunities and great prices when they visit the library.

Our next FOL meeting is August 7 at 1 pm. Much of the agenda will include monetary results of the book sale, review and evaluation of the sale and ask for volunteers for the Saturday sales. For those who participate, please bring any written questions, comments or thoughts or general feedback to verbalize and share. It's a learning curve for all of us.

Please join Friends. We support the work of WCPL financially and through our volunteer efforts.

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