



## *Spring Book Sale*

Our annual Spring Book Sale was a great success, generating record sales totaling \$6,039.10. These funds will now be used to support Wicomico Public Library's efforts to provide additional resources, services and educational opportunities for our community. Many thanks to those who supported this event through donations, volunteer service and/or purchases! A special thank you to the LEO club members from James M. Bennett and Parkside High Schools, who helped sort and organize materials prior to and after the event. Their continued support enables us to set up and break down much more quickly and efficiently, and is greatly appreciated! Look for our next book sale at the Maryland Folk Festival on September 21-22. We will be at the Paul S. Sarbanes branch of the library in downtown Salisbury throughout the weekend of the event. Also be sure to mark your calendar for our annual:

### **Fall Book Sale**

November 21, 2024

(Friends Members Only Preview Night)

4:30 – 6:30 p.m.

November 22 and 23, 2024 (Open to the community)

10:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.



## *Book Store News*

We continue to be open 6 days a week - Monday through Friday from 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. and Saturday from 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. We are pleased to have trained several new volunteers recently, but are always looking for additional individuals to help with sales and the organization of materials. The more volunteers we have, the more often we can operate the Book Store, which in turn generates more sales and funds. We are often asked by Friends members how they might show their support other than through their membership donations. This is the perfect option! The minimal necessary training only requires approximately 1 hour of your time, after which volunteers are able to sign up for 2-hour shifts at their convenience on whatever dates or times fit their schedules. It is not necessary to commit to a consistent volunteer schedule. This is also a fantastic opportunity for FOL members and/or other book lovers to browse for gently-used, inexpensive books and audio visual materials for themselves and others. If you or someone you know might be interested in becoming a volunteer for the Bookshelf, please contact Untia Bigelow at [ubigelow@wicomico.org](mailto:ubigelow@wicomico.org) or by calling 410-749-3612 ext. 140 for further information.

## *Friends Membership*

The funds raised from Friends memberships go directly into the library system, supporting programs and services. Becoming a Friends member or renewing your membership is easy!

Either pick up a brochure in the library or Book Store, or click <https://www.wicomicolibrary.org/about/friends-of-the-library> to register securely online. Memberships are valid for one full year from the exact date of purchase and entitle you to:

- 10% off at Book Sales and access to Preview Night
- 10% off Book Store items and 2 coupons for free items
- See the link above for additional membership levels and benefits

Once registered, a Friends member card will be mailed to you so you can begin utilizing the discount benefits of your membership status. If you have any questions about your membership or want to become more active with our Friends group, please do not hesitate to reach out to us at [Friends@wicomico.org](mailto:Friends@wicomico.org).



## *Habitat for Humanity Home Blessings*

Through Friends' memberships, sales of Book Shelf items, our bi-annual Book Sales and other fundraisers, the Friends continue to generate funds to support services provided by the Wicomico Public Library that benefit members of our community. The Friends are proud to have supported Habitat for Humanity of Wicomico County during the recent home blessings for 4 local families held in April and May. Three Friends members attended the events, where Friends president Farah Yahya spoke and presented each family with a basket of books, Book Store coupons, candles, goodies for the children and a note from the Friends encouraging them to visit us at the Book Store and the library. It was a great opportunity to highlight the library and our Friends of WPL. We join in congratulating these families and share in the joy and excitement they have experienced as a result of becoming first-time homeowners. Your Friends membership and/or donations help us provide books that not only make their new homes feel inviting and welcoming, but also promote literacy as these families begin to acquire personal libraries while also building a bright new future for themselves and their children. We thank you for your continued support of our efforts. If you would like to make a donation to further our efforts to support future Habitat for Humanity families, please go to <https://www.wicomicolibrary.org/about/friends-of-the-library>. We greatly appreciate your generosity!