



Friends of Westlake
Porter Public Library

NEWSLETTER

January , 2024



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

2023 was a big year for the Friends of Porter Public Library: we started the year by celebrating our 50th birthday with a birthday party; donated \$100,000 for the Outdoor Pavilion; sponsored a brick walkway leading to the outdoor pavilion; held a fundraiser at Houlihan's; closed our gift shop Portables; moved our used book store, the Book Nook, to a larger more visible location in the old gift shop; had a very successful October big book sale; added *book art* to items for sale in the bookstore, and ended the year helping the Youth Services department put on a fantastic Christmas party for young children.

But we aren't resting on our laurels. Our volunteers are already sorting through donations and library withdrawals getting ready for our October 2024 big book sale. We have, thanks to volunteer help, been able to expand our Book Nook hours to one more afternoon. The Book Nook is now open 4 days a week: Monday from 3-7; Wednesday from 10--2; Thursday from 1-5 and Saturday from 10-2. Stop by and see our fantastic selections. You won't find better prices anywhere. We are also continuing to add to the outdoor brick walkway. See the enclosed order sheet. Order your outdoor pavilion brick now to be included in the Spring 2024 installation! Great gift idea for Mother's Day, Father's Day, graduations, weddings, and anniversaries. The bricks are \$125 each and you can personalize up to three lines. See the current bricks in the pavilion walkway for ideas.

The order deadline for the Spring 2024 installation is April 1, 2024.

Thank you for your continuing support of the Friends. If you haven't joined the Friends yet, there is a renewal application in this newsletter. We couldn't do what we do without your support and volunteer help. Even though we are young at heart, many of our volunteers and those on the Friends board are aging; we would love to have you join us to make a difference at Porter Library. The Friends board is also currently looking for a new recording secretary. Information about how to contact us is below and on the Friends webpage.

Contact the Friends

Lynn Pettyjohn, President

PLEASE CALL & Leave a message

(440) 250-5562

SEND AN EMAIL from the Friends page.

<https://www.westlakelibrary.org/friends>



The 2023 October Book Sale

Once again, our Annual Book Sale was a huge success. Our **75 volunteers** worked **1032 hours** to set-up and conduct the sale. These hours included the help of the men of Community Service Alliance, and 14 students from Westlake High School Honor Society, who donated their help on Saturday and Sunday. We would also like to thank the staff of the library who made sure the sale was possible. A big Thank You to all of them for their help and support. We were able to raise about \$13,000, which the Friends of Porter Public Library will use to fund various programs at the library throughout the year.

The staff at the library has already scheduled the next Big Sale for October of 2024, so put that on your calendar. Until then, we hope you will visit our new Book Nook sales room. The store is located in the lobby, near the front entrance to the library. We are open Wednesdays and Saturdays from 10-2, Thursdays from 1-5, and Mondays from 3-7, so stop in and see our treasures. We have fiction, non-fiction, children's items, DVDs, Blu Rays, CDs, albums, puzzles, Book Art, and games. As always, we are pleased to accept your donations at the Book Nook workroom at our original location in the hall to the right of the reception desk. Donations can be dropped off at any time.

In addition to the Community Service Alliance and the Westlake High School students, here is a list of our fantastic volunteers. A big thank you to all of them and to all of the friends who donated food and beverages for the volunteers. You are wonderful.

Karen Alfred	Dawn Bellinger	Martha Bober	Judy Budo
Mary Ann Coblentz	Jennifer Cirincione	Jennifer Darling	Kim Delfing
David DeSalvo	Suzanne D'Ettorre	Ken Didion	Sharon Didion
Debbie Delleluth	Kathy Fern	Barbara Frase	Barb Hajek
Jim Hajek	Bob Hawley	Marie Hawley	Cynthia Keating
John Keating	Karen Ketchaver	Karen Kovac	Diane Kvasnicka
Alice Lang	Judy Mack	Bob Manly	Donna Manly
Jim Mann	Mary Mann	Carol Masek	Judy McNamara
Deb Myers	Bill Nordgren	Donna Nordgren	Karen Ormsby
Laura Parry	Karen Peters	Lynn Pettyjohn	Steve Pettyjohn
Bob Plantz	Carol Riordan	Marlene Sandor	Sylvia Scherma
Jan Schmitt	Cathy Schultz	Nancy Shaw	Elizabeth Sheeche
Jessica Townsend	Holly Tramba	Jan Voiklis	Mike Voiklis
Linda Worthington	Patty Zinn	Chip Zyrkowski	

We apologize if we left off or misspelled any names.

Carol Masek, Jim Hajek, and Lynn Pettyjohn – Co-Chairmen

IT'S TIME TO RENEW FOR 2024

Some of the ways your membership supports **YOUR** extraordinary library:

- helps underwrite the summer reading program
- purchases vans for book delivery to the homebound
- presents Sunday à la Friends programs
- supports the Investor Interest Group
- funds National Library Week activities
- and much more!

With your membership you receive:

- 10% discount at Dean's Greenhouse (when you show your Friends membership card)
- a coupon for a scoop of Mitchell's ice cream
- a Used Book Buck worth \$1 towards a purchase in the Friends' Book Nook
- and **admission to the Preview Night for the Friends' Big Book Sale**

Family, Patron, Silver Patron, or Golden Patron members will receive 2 Mitchell's coupons, 2 Used Book Bucks, and a second membership card upon request (check the 'Send second card' box on the form).

Please renew today! Fill out the form below and drop it off at the library reception desk, or mail to:

Friends of the Porter Public Library
27333 Center Ridge Road
Westlake, OH 44145

(NOTE: If you've already renewed your membership for 2024 please do not submit another renewal form)

-----Cut here and mail-----

Name (**please print**) _____

Address _____

City/State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ E-Mail _____

- ☐ New member ☐ Renewing Member ☐ Change of Address
☐ Yes, please send a **second card** (Except Individual membership)

Type of Membership

<input type="checkbox"/> Individual	\$ 10	<input type="checkbox"/> Silver Patron	\$ 50
<input type="checkbox"/> Family	\$ 15	<input type="checkbox"/> Golden Patron	\$ 100
<input type="checkbox"/> Patron	\$ 25		

I would like to volunteer to help, please call me:

<input type="checkbox"/> Annual Big Book Sale	<input type="checkbox"/> Purchase bakery for events
<input type="checkbox"/> Book Nook	<input type="checkbox"/> Join the Board of Friends
<input type="checkbox"/> Other Friends events	

Our membership year is January 1 through December 31

Please make checks payable to: Friends of Porter Public Library

Mail or bring this form and payment to: Friends of Porter Public Library, 27333 Center Ridge Road, Westlake, OH 44145



Outdoor Pavilion Brick Walkway Project

Next Installation Date: **Spring 2024; order deadline is April 1, 2024**

LASER ENGRAVED 4" x 8" BRICK PAVER ORDER FORM

(Or you can order and pay by credit card: www.westlakelibrary.org/friends)

Purchaser's Name _____

Street Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone/Email _____

- All letters will be in CAPS and centered both vertically and horizontally
- 20 characters per line (letters, space, punctuation - each one counts)
- Up to 3 lines of text (everything will be centered, even 1 and 2 lines)

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

Cost per brick: \$125.00 (Check Payable to Friends of PPL)

Mail to: Friends of PPL, 27333 Center Ridge Rd, Westlake, OH 44145

Questions: Jennifer, VP Friends, jenmatlak@yahoo.com or 440-477-3524

THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR KIND SPONSORSHIP!