

FRIENDS OF PORTER PUBLIC LIBRARY NEWSLETTER

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The mission of the Friends of Porter Public Library is to foster awareness and strengthen this invaluable resource for the community through advocacy, fundraising, and volunteerism.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Happy New Year Friends!

I wish you a wonderful, healthy and happy 2026. I hope you are spending the winter season cozying up with a good book!

If you haven't already done so, please renew your Friends membership, now available online at <http://www.westlakelibrary.org/friends> or with the form in this newsletter. Membership starts at just \$10 and includes these benefits:

- Free Mitchell's Homemade Ice Cream coupon
- Used Book Buck for use in the Book Nook
- 10% Dean's Greenhouse discount (*when you show your membership card*)
- Admission to Preview Night for the Friends' Annual Big Book Sale

There are several things to put on your calendar...see the inside of this newsletter for more information. Save the date for the return of the Ice Cream Social! The event will be smaller than in the past, but the \$1 Mitchell's ice cream sundaes will be just as delicious! Celebrate June 21, the first day of Summer and Father's Day, with a treat for dads!

Also returning is the boardwalk brick sale. The Friends Pavilion, across the parking lot from the front door of the library, has a brick walkway with over 300 engraved bricks. There are some spots left, so the brick sale is open - see the inside of the newsletter for more information and the deadline to order.

Towards the end of May, look for the Friends Flower Box on Hilliard Road, directly across the west entrance of Hilliard Elementary School. If you are ever interested in helping to plant flowers, please call the Friends phone number and leave a message: (440) 250-5562.

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Finally, thank you for your continued patronage of the all-volunteer-run Friends Book Nook Used Book Store! Many volunteers sort and sell donated books, music, movies, puzzles, and games. We appreciate all of you who volunteer, donate items, and shop.

Thank you for being a Friends member and for helping us support the Library!

Sincerely,

Jennifer Cirincione
Vice President, Friends

A heartfelt thank you to Jennifer Cirincione who has taken over duties of the President while I am unable to fulfill my obligations.

Lynn Pettyjohn



Order Your Bricks

Order your outdoor pavilion brick now to be included in the Summer 2026 walkway 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.

Order forms are in the lobby or online at <http://www.westlakelibrary.org/friends>

The order deadline for the Summer 2026 installation is April 1, 2026.



Outdoor Pavilion Brick Walkway Project

Next Installation Date: **Summer 2026; order deadline is April 1, 2026**

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 WPPL, 27333 Center Ridge Rd, Westlake, OH 44145
 Questions: Jennifer, VP Friends, jenmatlak@yahoo.com or 440-477-3524

THANK YOU!

Book Nook

We have already scheduled the next Annual Sale for October of 2026. Until then, please visit our Book Nook Sales Room, located in the main lobby. The Store is open Wednesdays and Saturdays from 10-2, Thursdays from 1-5, and Mondays from 3-7. We receive more donations all the time. You will find fiction, non-fiction, children's items, DVDs, Blu Rays, CDs, puzzles, games and more. We are pleased to accept your donations at the Book Nook workroom in the hall to the right of the reception desk. Donations can be dropped off at any time.

Save the Date!



The poster features a yellow background with a chocolate border at the top and bottom. Pink and white ice cream drips are at the top. The title 'Ice Cream Social' is in a large, black, cursive font. Below the title are two logos: Mitchell's Homemade (a red 'M' in a circle) and Friends of Westlake Porter Public Library (a blue building icon). The text reads: 'Bring your friends and family for an afternoon of delicious Mitchell's ice cream (\$1), fun activities, and great company.' Below this is a table with event details. At the bottom, it says 'Celebrating Father's Day and the first day of Summer!' and is flanked by two ice cream cones: one with chocolate and one with pink.

Ice Cream Social

 

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Sunday June 21, 2026 2:00-3:30PM	Friends Pavilion, Westlake Porter Public Library
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27333 Center Ridge Road, Westlake

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the first day of Summer!*

IT'S TIME TO RENEW FOR 2026

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 Adult Services programs
- 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 Porter Public Library
 27333 Center Ridge Road
 Westlake, OH 44145

Or renew online at westlakelibrary.org/friends

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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			
Individual	\$ 10	Silver Patron	\$ 50
Family	\$ 15	Golden Patron	\$ 100
Patron	\$ 25		

I would like to volunteer to help, please call me:	
Annual Big Book Sale	Purchase bakery for events
Book Nook	Join the Board of Friends
Other Friends events	

Our membership year is January 1 through December 31

Pay by check or visit westlakelibrary.org/friends to renew online. 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

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OF THE
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