

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

As you may have seen in various places, in 2022 the Friends of Westlake Porter Public Library are celebrating fifty years as an organization that is dedicated to helping Porter Library improve its services to the public by providing funds for items not in the library budget. To date, the amount donated to the library by the Friends in the past fifty years is over \$1,000,000!

In 1972 four individuals joined forces to organize the Friends of WLPPL: Ruth Lesko (President); Wilson Caldwell (Vice President); Kenneth Crandell (Treasurer) and Myrna Chelko (Secretary). They, along with 60 charter members, paved the way for the Friends. Today the Friends' board is comprised of 13 volunteers who selflessly give of their time to help continue our mission to support the library through advocacy and fundraising, and we now have approximately 185 members.

In addition to your Friends' membership, you can support the Friends by shopping at Portables Gift Shop and the Book Nook, both of which are run by Friends' volunteers. Both Portables and the Book Nook are always looking for volunteers willing to give of their time.

We are celebrating our 50-year anniversary in various ways throughout the year. Look for the article in this newsletter with details; for example, in April, if you are a paid Friends' member, you will automatically be entered into a raffle for a \$50 Giant Eagle gift card.

We are also looking forward to showcasing a video highlighting the history of the Friends which is being produced by Modern Video Productions LLC.

Thank you for being a Friend!

Lynn Pettyjohn



Friends' First Gift

The picture "Friends' First Gift" shows President Ruth Lesko presenting one volume of the Encyclopedia Britannica to Head Librarian Kathleen Carnall. W. Wilson Caldwell, Vice President, and Myrna Chelko, Secretary, are to Mrs. Lesko's right. Treasurer Kenneth Crandall looks on with approval.

Friends 50th Anniversary

Congratulations to Friends of Westlake Porter Public Library for celebrating their 50th anniversary this year! Did you know that the very first gift the Friends gave to the Library was a set of the Encyclopedia Britannica? Since then, Friends has donated over \$1,000,000 to the Library to allow for purchases that might not always be within the Library's budget. Some of the things we have paid for include the Quiet Room, the Children's area renovation, and multiple minivans for Outreach delivery to the homebound.

Look for exciting monthly Friends doings this year...

April – If you are a paid Friends member, you will automatically be entered into a raffle for a \$50 Giant Eagle Gift Card at the end of the month.

May – every year Friends volunteers plant the Hilliard Road Flower Box for the Library...look for a special design this year to celebrate the 50th! The box is located at the western entrance to Hilliard Elementary School.

July – Friends will have a table at the Rotary's Art Festival on July 30 on the library grounds. Please stop by!

August – There will be a Library lobby display of Friends memorabilia over the past 50 years in the lobby display cases.

October – The Annual Book Sale will be October 19 – 23.

Thank you for being a Friend!

Jennifer Cirincione, VP and Chair of the 50th Anniversary Committee



BOOKS, BOOKS, BOOKS . . .

It's never too early to look forward to our book sales events - - - so mark your calendars!

Friends will once again have a booth at the Rotary Club's Art Festival, which will be held this year on Saturday, July 30th on the grounds between the Library building and Westlake Elementary School. We'll have lots of art-themed books, recent fiction and other items at great prices. The Book Nook in the Library building will also be open during the festival.

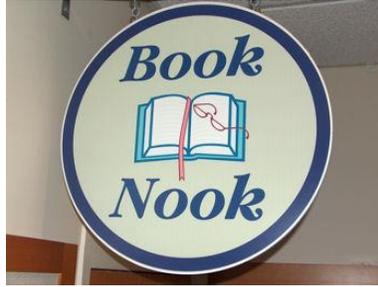
Our Annual Big Book Sale is scheduled for October 20th through October 23rd, with a preview night for Friends members on October 19th. We're no longer having the sale in February as October provides the chance for much better weather and the opportunity to buy some bargains in time for the holidays.

If you can't wait until July or October, just remember the Book Nook used book room off the main lobby is open Mondays, 3 pm to 7 pm, Wednesdays, 10 am to 2 pm, and Saturdays, 10 am to 2 pm, and items on our \$1 shelves in the main lobby are always available for purchase on the honor system.

MEMBERSHIP

If you haven't renewed your Friends membership yet, please use the form in this newsletter to take care of that. Check your records to make sure you haven't already renewed for 2022.

If you're using your member discount at Dean's Greenhouse or your coupon at Mitchell's Ice Cream please be sure to thank them for their support of Friends and Westlake Porter Public Library.



You're sure to find something to read, listen to, or watch – Used Books, CDs, DVDs, even jigsaw puzzles.

Monday: 3 – 7 pm

Wednesday: 10 am – 2 pm

Saturday: 10 am – 2 pm

Portables Gift Shop

Monday – Friday: 10 am - 4 pm

Saturday: 11 am – 3 pm



Please note that there will be NO Ice Cream Social this year.



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