

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 we approach 2023, the Friends as a group are going to go through some major changes. Regretfully we will be closing our volunteer-run library gift shop, Portables, with going out of business sales throughout January. Look for more details in this newsletter.

We are excited to be able to move our volunteer-run used book store, the Book Nook, to the vacated gift shop space which is a more visible location. While the gift shop is being transformed into a book store, you will be able to shop the Book Nook in its current location as well as the \$1 shelves which will remain in the lobby.

It's still not too late to purchase a commemorative brick for the Friends Pavilion walkway. Details are in this newsletter or at: www.westlakelibrary.org

The Friends have appreciated your support through the pandemic years and hope you will continue to support us and our mission to provide assistance to Porter Public Library. There is a renewal form for 2023 membership in this newsletter. If you joined Friends in November or December of 2022 your membership is good through 2023.

As we look forward to a new year, I am thankful for so many things, and my friends are one of my greatest blessings. I wish the same blessings of friendship for you.

Lynn Pettyjohn

FROM THE DIRECTOR...

I was just three years old and six hundred miles removed when the Friends of Porter Public Library was founded. Call it fate, destiny, or kismet but something brought me here to be able to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of this august organization powered by tremendous people who have continually supported the library they love so much.

I am absolutely thrilled to be here to see the final construction and dedication of the Westlake Porter Public Library Friends Pavilion. This new space encompasses the very essence of the Friends; vision, creativity, public space, collaboration, and giving. And give they did. The \$100,000 donation towards the structure would seem to be the story but it is much more than that. The full story is how many volunteer hours were given to raise that money and assuredly it is worth ten times that.

To those that have served faithfully in Portables and/or the Book Nook, to those who survived an Annual Book Sale, to those who brought joy through ice cream, to those who booked entertaining programs for our patrons, to those who have attended to the finances, membership, correspondence and all aspects of running a non-profit, I commend and thank you.

To paraquote Del-Griffith (aka John Candy) from Planes, Trains, and Automobiles – Love is not a big enough word to describe how I feel about the Friends of Porter Public Library.

Sincerely,

Andrew Mangels, Director



Portables Gift Shop

The Friends of Porter Public Library regretfully announces the closing of our volunteer-run library gift shop Portables. It has become increasingly difficult to manage Portables on a volunteer basis and, unfortunately, the economics do not support a paid position to take over management of the shop.

Portables Gift Shop will have a Going Out of Business sale, beginning January 2, 2023; the shop will offer a 50% discount on all items from Monday, January 2, through Sunday, January 8. The discount percentage will increase weekly until closing, either January 31, 2023, or when all items are sold, whichever comes first.



Portables Gift Shop, started by Sharon Didion, has been in business since 1993. It has generated over \$600,000 in profit which has been given to the library. The shop carries jewelry, apparel, candles, greeting cards, and hundreds of unique gifts.

Manager Barbara Gauthier encourages holiday shoppers to visit and says, "Please stop by and say goodbye while sharing your memories of Portables with us. We appreciate your support over the years and will miss seeing all of you. Thank you from all of us."

The current Portables space will become the new location for the Friends' used book store, the Book Nook. The book store will open in the new location as soon as renovations are completed; until then, used books, DVDs, and CDs will be available in the current Book Nook location and on its \$1 shelves in the library lobby.

The Friends of Porter Public Library would like to sincerely thank Portables Gift Shop customers for their patronage and deeply thank the dedicated staff of Friends members who have volunteered their time and support over the years

Book Nook Used Book Room

The Book Nook is a used book store located in the library lobby near the Welcome desk and operated by the volunteer Friends of Porter Public Library.

Used books, CDs, DVDs, and puzzles donated to the Friends, as well as items removed from the library's collection, are on sale to the public.

You won't find more reasonable prices anywhere! Most paperbacks are \$0.25 or \$1.00, most hardbound books are \$1.00, children's books are \$0.50 or less and recent library discards are \$2.00. There are a few specially priced books, usually \$5.00 and under.

BOOK NOOK HOURS

Monday: 3 pm - 7 pm

Wednesday: 10 am - 2 pm

Saturday: 10 am - 2 pm



When the Book Nook is closed, please visit our \$1 shelves located in the lobby.

DONATIONS

The Book Nook accepts donations of books, media and other items in good condition. Items are sold in the Book Nook and at the Friends' Annual Big Book Sale to benefit the library.



The Friends are looking for volunteers to help in the Book Nook to sort, shelve and sell items that are donated. No experience necessary, flexible hours plus the chance to work with other great volunteers and meet nice customers.

If interested, contact Lynn Pettyjohn at this number and leave a message: (440) 250-5562, or stop by the Book Nook and pick up a volunteer application.

Pavillion Walkway Bricks

Order a commemorative brick for the new Friends Pavilion walkway! The walkway will be installed in the spring of 2023 as part of the outdoor programming area—across the parking lot from the front door of the library—and as part of the pavilion access.



If you have not ordered a brick for the new Friends Pavilion walkway, please do so by 12/31/22 by visiting <http://www.westlakelibrary.org/friends>. The bricks are \$125 each and are tax-deductible.

If you miss the 12/31/22 deadline and still wish to order a brick, the next order will be placed in the spring sometime.

Celebrating 50 Years Of Friendship

On November 4th, Friends of Porter Public Library celebrated their 50th Anniversary with a Birthday Bash attended by more than 200 people. Starting from the lobby and progressing to the back of the library our guests viewed the Friends Documentary, enjoyed Mitchell's Ice Cream and cupcakes, music, a themed story hour and our legendary "Cake Walk".

Proclamations in celebration of the event came from Mayor Dennis Clough, State Senator Matt Dolan and Monique Smith, Ohio House of Representatives.

As our 50th Year comes to a close, I would like to share a few comments from our youngest guests.

From a 6 year old guest....."I won, I won.. I won a cake. It is all mine."

From a 8 year old guest....."I have never been in the library at night - all these books belong to me."

From a 10 year old guest... "This is the best day ever."

From a 11 year old guest... "I want to be a volunteer like the older boys and girls when I am in High School."

and last but not least our D.J for the evening was discovered to be not only an outstanding D.J. but a valued library associate.

We thank you for being a "Friend" and hope to see you at our 2023 Events!

The 2022 October Book Sale

Our Annual Book Sale was held in October and it was a big success. Our 57 volunteers worked 921 hours to set-up and conduct the sale. We also had the help of the men of Community Service Alliance, several members of the Westshore Lions Club, 4 students from Westlake High School who donated their help on Saturday and Sunday, and 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 \$10,000, which the Friends of Porter Public Library will use to fund various Library programs throughout the year.

We have already scheduled the next Big Sale for October of 2023. Remember you can always stop in at the Book Nook all year long for our super bargains. Our shelves are filling up with the generous donations we are receiving every day. We are open Wednesdays and Saturdays from 10-2 and Mondays from 3-7 so stop in and see our treasures.

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	Kevin Barrett	Linda Barrett	Dawn Bellinger
Martha Bober	Kaethe Buchhotz	Judy Budoi	Jennifer Cirincione
Jennifer Darling	Jara Dell	Jeff Dell	Debbie Dellemuth
Kathy Fern	Kent Fonner	Barbara Frase	Barb Hajek
Jim Hajek	Marie Hawley	Bob Hawley	Cindy Holliday
Karen Jones	Cynthia Keating.	Judy Kilbane	Karen Kovac
Linda Krasienko	Alison Laing-Driver	Nancy Laing-Driver	Alice Lang
Judy Mack	Bob Manly	Donna Manly	Jim Mann
Mary Mann	Jay Metzger	Susan Metzger	Carol Masek
Janice Mattingly	Judy McNamara	Deb Myers	Karen Ormsby
Laura Parry	Lynn Pettyjohn	Steve Pettyjohn	Bob Plantz
Carol Riordan	Marlene Sandor	Jan Schmitt	Nancy Shaw
Elizabeth Sheehe	Malachi Sheenebeni	Jessica Townsend	Jan Voiklis
Mike Voiklis	Joyce Wells	Linda Worthington	Patty Zinn
Chip Zyrkowski			

We apologize if we left off or misspelled any names.

Carol Masek, Jim Hajek, and Lynn Pettyjohn - Book Sale Chairmen

IT'S TIME TO RENEW FOR 2023

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 2023 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		I would like to volunteer to help, please call me:	
<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	<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

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