

“Librarian’s Shelf” by Jill Owens

Library Book Sale To Be Held Soon

The Friends of the Columbus Public Library will be holding a book sale February 3rd – 6th. Children’s books will be a “Buck a Bag” every day of the sale. As usual, the first night, Thursday, the 3rd, there will be a \$5.00 fee, and the sale will be open from 6:00 – 8:45 PM. Friday, the 4th, and Saturday, the 5th, the sale will be open from 10:00 AM – 4:45 PM. Sunday the sale is open from 1:30 – 4:45 PM. Sunday, the final day of the sale, all books will be a “Buck a Bag.” There will be no fee any of the dates except Thursday. The sale will be held in its usual location on the west side of the basement of the library.

Though there are sales a few times a year, we accept donations throughout the year. We are fortunate that so many people are so generous with donations to the library.

When donations come in we look through them to see if there is anything we can use to fill any gaps in our collection. The donations that can’t be put into circulation are routed to the book sale room where the Friends of the Library volunteers sort and shelve them.

When sorting items to donate to the library, there are a few things you can keep in mind. We can also use movies, music CDs, and audio books, not just print books. Some things we cannot use, because they do not sell, are encyclopedias, textbooks, Reader’s Digest condensed versions of novels, catalogs, and magazines. Our staff or volunteers have to haul these out to the recycling center if they are left here.

While we expect that items on this sale will look used, we cannot use items that are very torn, have missing pages or discs, smell musty or smoky, or are sticky or soiled. Consumable materials which have been worked in, such as workbooks or coloring books also do not sell. If you have a box or only a few bags of items just bring them to the circulation desk during open hours. If you have a large number of boxes or bags, it is a good idea to call ahead and have us meet you at the back door as you may not get a good parking spot for unloading out front.

As noted in previous columns, the income from the book sale allows the Friends of the Library to provide good programming and enhance other services in the library. All proceeds from the book sale benefit the library. Thank you to all the donors and shoppers for your continued support to the book sale.

The Library Foundation recently received a donation from the Calico Quilt Club.