

Librarian's Shelf by Kelli Keyes

Book Sale on the Horizon

The Friends of the Library book sale is coming up soon. It will be during the Columbus Days Big Red Block Party, August 16 – 19. Starting August 16 on Thursday at 6 pm, the book sale opens. There is no entry fee; first come, first serve. They close at 9 pm that night, the same as the rest of the library. On Friday, August 17, the book sale reopens at 9:30 am and then closes at 5 pm. On Saturday, August 18, the sale starts at 10 am and closes at 5 pm. The last day, Sunday, August 19, the book sale opens at 1:30 pm and closes at 5 pm. To help clear the shelves, on Sunday the Friends of the Library have a special price of \$2 per bag of books. Fill the bag up and all those books cost you only \$2! This is the time to take advantage of the awesome prices and fill your children's bookcases with new books. On the other hand, you could get new titles for your parents to read while they are homebound this winter.

Our community is always so generous with their book donations and in return, the community then benefits from this generosity by having a wonderful selection from which to choose. The prices can't be beat. Most hardbacks are \$1 and paperbacks are \$.50. Because we have so many kid's books this year, all children's and young adult books are \$.10 a piece. There will be DVD's, audio books, music CD's, and more! The Friends of the Library have done a wonderful job sorting the donations to make browsing for books easy and enjoyable.

The book sale not only benefits those who come and purchase books at bargain prices, it also benefits the library. The funds raised by the book sale are given to the library to help fund library programming. The fun and informative children's, young adult, and adult programs you can attend at the library are partly possible due to the money raised by the book sale, all organized by the Friends. Not only do the Friends of the Library spend hours each week preparing for the bi-annual book sales, but they also repurpose books that don't sell. They have a system that lets them know which books have been through a book sale and how many times. If books are not selling, they box them up and find homes for them. Sometimes they find private schools that need children's books, a day care, or even homeschooled children that need books. They send books to libraries in third world countries that need books to get started. The Friends of the Library go above and beyond in thinking of ways to help the library and others with the donations they are given to work with.

The Friends of the Library also use the donated books to restock a special area that they created for those who do not qualify for a library card. This book sale/swap shelf area is across from the Information Desk at the computer lab. There is a wall of shelves that hold a selection of children's, young adult, and adult books that have been donated. The Friends take care to make sure a nice selection of books in good clean condition are available for patrons that can't otherwise use a library card to check out books. You can bring your own books and swap them for some on the shelves, or you can make a free will donation and take the books you like.

So if you have books, DVD's, or audio books you would like to donate to the library, rest assured that they will be used for good in the best ways possible. The Friends gladly accept donations of DVD's, audio books, paperback and hardback books; including children and adult, old and new. They don't accept magazines, textbooks, VHS tapes, or encyclopedia sets. These items just don't sell in this information age. Make a difference in your community and donate to your library. The dividends just keep growing!