

Friends of the Library Book Sale by Melodee Pedersen

Columbus Days is fast approaching on August 15th-18th, and that means the Columbus Days Book Sale will be here, too! We are even opening an hour early on Thursday evening, so the sale will be 5:00 pm until 9:00 pm on Thursday, 9:30 am- 5:00 pm on Friday, 10:00 am to 5:00 pm on Saturday and 1:30 pm- 5:00 pm on Sunday. You can stop by the library's front desk to get a reminder bookmark with the hours printed on it.

We are also trying something new with our bag sale! On Saturday, everything you can fit in a plastic bag that we provide will be five dollars per bag. On Sunday, that same bag full of goodies will be two dollars per bag. We save Walmart, Hy-Vee and other bags for this purpose throughout the year, so no need to bring your own bag, we have plenty! Our top priority is to get books off our shelves and into the hands of readers, so we want to make our books as affordable as possible while still making some money for the library.

It seems like we are constantly getting more and more donations, and we sincerely thank everyone who has donated books or other items to our sale. We are just about overflowing with novels and children's books for this sale, so please come stock up for the winter snows and help us empty our shelves!

We also have a lot of DVDs this sale, which we are selling for just one dollar each. Everything from movies to kids' shows to travel videos and exercise tapes, and even some classic films as well. We always stand behind everything we sell, so if you buy a DVD and it happens not to work, you can get a refund.

If you are considering donating your items to the sale, here are some things to keep in mind. We love books or DVDs with recent copyrights the most. The library has first dibs on all donations, so if your item is really new, it might even get added to the library's collection for lots of people to enjoy. Other books are also accepted gladly, as long as they are clean and in good condition. Books that are not in good condition, or nonfiction books with really dated information unfortunately must be thrown away, so we ask you kindly to please save us the work and just dispose of them yourselves.

We also accept books on CD and DVDs, but we cannot take audio cassettes or VCR tapes. If you have any questions about donating, please call the library and they will do their best to answer your questions.

As always, the book sale is sponsored by the Friends of the Columbus Public Library, and all proceeds go to benefit the library. The next program the Friends are presenting will be September 22nd on Willa Cather. For more information on this or other upcoming programs at the library, please pick up a bookmark at the front desk or click on the calendar button at <http://www.columbusne.us/118/Library>.