

## Friends of the Library Book Sale

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Yes, there will be a book sale! We know many people look forward to the Friends of the Columbus Public Library's two book sales each year, and we have made several changes to hopefully make the sale a little safer.

The book sale will last a whole week, from Monday, August 17th to Saturday, August 22nd, during the library's current open hours. That means Monday through Wednesday and Friday 10:00 am to 6:00 pm, Thursday 10:00 am to 8:00 pm, and Saturday 8:00 am to 12:00 pm. We hope by extending the sale, attendees will also spread out so the room will not be as crowded. According to the current Directed Health Measures, occupancy of the room should not exceed 30 people. Please use common sense and courtesy when shopping the sale, and maintain the recommended 6 feet of distance between you and the other shoppers. If the room is too crowded, you are welcome to wait in the room outside of the book sale room, or elsewhere in the library.

Purchasing the books will also be different in order to minimize contact. Shoppers can stop by the library's front desk to purchase a purple bag for \$3, and then fill that bag in the book sale room to their heart's content. If one bag is not enough to take home all the treasures they find, they can then use the boxes or bags provided in the book sale room and give a freewill donation at the front desk on their way out. The exception will be the "Nearly New" books, which are books printed in the last 3 years. They will be \$2.50 each. These books will be located right by the library's front desk for your shopping convenience. You can take home recent books by authors such as Patterson, Baldacci, Robb, Sandford, Iles, Lindsey, Steel, Evanovich and more!

Donations have been pouring in for the sale. We have a particularly wide selection of world history, World War II, American history and the Civil War books right now. "The Civil War: strange and fascinating facts" by Burke Davis details tidbits such as that Robert E. Lee liked to have his feet tickled when reading to his children, the over twenty-five different names the Civil War has been called, and why President Lincoln grew his beard.

Many are getting the chance to focus on things at home these days. Do you have a collection you've never really known what to do with or how to display? Then "Collections: projects and ideas to display your treasures" might have the answer for you. This book contains sections on everything from how to display your collections creatively, to crafting touches you can add to make your collections even more special. One simple idea I found appealing was to display antique embroidered handkerchiefs in cut-glass vases.

I wish I could tell you about every single book we have at the sale, but you'll just have to come see for yourselves!