

Book Sale is Back This Week by Melodee Pedersen, President of Friends of the Library

Book sale lovers, rejoice! The Friends of the Columbus Public Library have decided to try something new. We will be holding an extended "Buck a Bag" sale from Tuesday, September 4th through Sunday, September 9th. The sale will be open during regular library hours; Tuesday through Thursday, 9:30 am until 9:00 pm, Friday 9:30 am until 5:00 pm, Saturday 10:00 am until 5:00 pm and Sunday 1:30 pm until 5:00 pm. All remaining items will be sold for \$1 per bag.

We started out with so many books for this sale, even opening up a second room, that there are still a lot of good books left. We've moved everything from the second room into our usual book sale room and put them in order for your shopping convenience.

I would be remiss if I didn't thank all of our wonderful volunteers who helped with the sale. It truly "takes a village" to put this sale on. Several ladies work every week, sorting the books into categories to make them easier for our customers to browse. These ladies are Carol Goering, Rae Fulton, Jeanine Trofholz, Linda Blanchard, Arlee Schaefer, and Pat Woodrick.

Still more volunteers are needed to total up purchases, man the cash register, and even help customers to their car with their selections during the sale. A heartfelt "thank you" goes out to Carol Goering, Rae Fulton, Marilyn Zehring, Diane Klug, Judy Puetz, Pat and Bob Eaton, Pat and Don Olsen, Gayleen Hingst, Jeanette Jackson, Theresa Kumpf, Judy Marshall, Jolaine Nielsen, and Marlene Niedbalski.

Of course, all of this work would be for nothing if we didn't have donations and shoppers, so if you fit into those categories, you have our gratitude as well.

We raised over \$3,400 during Columbus Days, all of which will be invested back into the library through Friends' support of programming and purchases for the library.

If you think all you can do with an old book is read it, have I got news for you! Lisa Rosendahl from the Art Gallery was kind enough to make some crafts out of old books for us to display. She decoupage pages from a book onto a battery-powered candle and also used the pages to make a Christmas tree ornament. My favorites were the super cute bookmarks she made by cutting off the spine of a book and gluing scrapbook paper to the other side, then punching a hole in the top and adding a tassel. A quick search of the internet turned up dozens of other ideas, including making a vase, coasters, mirror, stickers, purse and even a Kindle case!

Speaking of Kindles, Platte County residents only have a couple of weeks left to fill out the library survey and leave an email address for a chance to win a Kindle Fire! The survey can be found online at [www.columbusne.us/library](http://www.columbusne.us/library) or a paper version is available at the library and on the bookmobile.