The Friends of the Columbia Public Library

Memberships (renewable in September)

- Friends members gain early admittance to the annual fall book sale.
- Individual, One Year: $5
- Family, One Year: $10
- Contributing, One Year: $25
- Individual, Lifetime: $200

Please indicate your interest in type of volunteer work on the other side of this form.

To join the Friends of the Columbia Public Library, please return this membership form with payment to:

Friends of the Columbia Public Library
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Donations

Bring your gently used hardback books, paperbacks, children’s books, music CDs, audiobooks and DVDs (no magazines or VHS tapes, please) to the Check-Out Desk at the Columbia Public Library. For large donations, please call 443-3161 to make an appointment.

Thank you for your support and donations throughout the years.

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The Friends of the Columbia Public Library is a group of people who share a belief that a strong public library is essential for a thriving community.

We work together to enhance the public library’s collection and services for the benefit of all Columbia citizens.

In addition to giving over $80,000 to the library in each of the last seven years, our used book sales provide an affordable way for people of all ages to bring books into their homes.
In 2019, the Friends of the Columbia Public Library made a donation of $88,500 to the Columbia Public Library. These funds are used to purchase new books, audiobooks, CDs and DVDs and for other special projects like the costs of the One Read community-wide reading initiative and the library’s Summer Reading program. In 2017, some of this donation was also used for family programming at the Unbound Book Festival; to purchase print kiosks and iPads; and to offer free books for Parents As Teachers and for students who tour the library.

The Friends of the Columbia Public Library raise money for the library by holding book sales. The all-volunteer group sorts through books and other materials donated by the public. Books in good condition that would enhance the library’s collection are added to the shelves. In 2018, the library added 770 donated items worth approximately $14,000 to the library’s collection. The Friends resell much of what is donated at sales held every Wednesday and Saturday and at special large weekend sales held four times a year. Books that don’t sell, but are in good shape, are donated to local organizations, including senior centers, hospitals, classrooms and child care centers.

Volunteer Opportunities

We hold smaller sales every Wednesday and Saturday and specially themed sales the first Wednesday of each month. We hold four large, two- or three-day sales during the year. With so many sales, we need many volunteers, and you can choose to work as many sales as you wish. It is not necessary to work every sale.

Check if you can help us in one of the following ways:

- **Sales Cashier**
  This usually involves 2-4 hour shifts on sale days.
- **Quarterly Big Sales**
- **Weekly Saturday Sales**
- **Setting Up for Sales**
  This job requires emptying boxes and arranging books.
- **Restocking Tables at the sales**.