



Spring Book Sale

The Friends of the Library annual Spring Book Sale will be held in the basement of the Paul S. Sarbanes Branch of the library (downtown Salisbury) on **April 18, 19 and 20**. A large selection of hardback and paperback books of all genres will be sold for just \$2.00 apiece. An entire room of children's and juvenile books will also be available, along with a selection of CD's and DVD's. All proceeds help provide additional funds for all Wicomico County public libraries.

A SPECIAL OPPORTUNITY FOR FRIENDS' MEMBERS: The library will be hosting a **Friends Preview Night** on Thursday, April 18th from 5:00-7:00 p.m. Exclusively for Friends' members, this event gives anyone with a current membership the benefit of being the first to view and purchase materials before opening the Book Fair to the general public. (Options for obtaining or renewing a Friends' membership can be downloaded from the Wicomico Public Library's website at www.wicomicolibrary.org/friends).

The Book Sale will be open to everyone on Friday, April 19th and Saturday, April 20th from 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. We will continue to offer the Bag of Books bargain on Saturday from 2:00-5:00 p.m., where anyone may purchase as many books as they can fit into a special Friends tote bag for the price of \$15.00.

We are also in need of volunteers to help with the Book Sale. Volunteers work in 2-hour shifts to help set up for the book sale by sorting and alphabetizing books, or to help with sales, memberships and keeping rooms organized and stocked during the event. If you or someone you know may be willing to help, please use the following link to sign up: <https://signup.com/go/OxhisQT> or contact Untia Bigelow by calling 410-749-3612 ext. 140.

Benefits of a Friends Membership:

- The pride of knowing that your support helps provide many services and programs that benefit our community.
- You earn 10% off most purchases at our Book Store!
- You receive 2 coupons for free items in the Book Store!
- You receive 10% off purchases at our Book Sales, and have access to our Friends Preview Night!
- You can choose from several levels of memberships and select the one that is best for you or your family.

- Your membership is valid for one full year from the exact date you join.

Joining or renewing your membership is easy. Click <https://www.wicomicolibrary.org/about/friends-of-the-library> to join online or request an application form when visiting one of the Wicomico Public Libraries. Thanks to your continued support, we anticipate being able to increase our contributions to the library and our community as we move forward with additional fundraisers and activities.

Be On The Lookout For More!



Book Shelf Specials – Take Out A Book, Get 1 Free Coffee Day

During the month of February, visitors to the Paul S. Sarbanes branch of the library (downtown Salisbury) were treated to a special gift. Patrons who checked out one item from the library were awarded a coupon good for one free book at the book store (redeemable until the end of March). On Valentine's Day, visitors to the Book Shelf also enjoyed "Coffee Day," where they were given a free cup of coffee to savor while they browsed the large selections of gently used books from all genres that are available for all age groups. These were just two of many more popular events planned for the future. Watch for more information and events to be forthcoming soon!



Making An Impact Through Service

“The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others.” – Gandhi

We are excited to once again receive help and support for our upcoming Spring Book Sale from the James M. Bennett and Parkside High School LEO Club members. Students from the LEO Club organization will partner with the Friends of the Wicomico Public Library by volunteering to assist with the set up and break down for the book sale. This biannual event helps raise funding to support many services offered by the library that might otherwise be limited or unavailable for members of our community.

Bennett students have been assisting with the Friends of the Library book sales for many years, and have been instrumental in assuring the success of these important fund raisers. Due to the added support from Parkside students during our Fall Book Sale, the labor-intensive tasks of lifting heavy boxes, sorting books before the event and packing unsold items afterwards, was completed quickly and efficiently, greatly minimizing the work load for senior volunteers. The energy, enthusiasm and strong work ethic displayed by the students as they help us prepare for the book sales is admirable and a credit to their schools and the LEO club organization.

An acronym for the club’s motto (Leadership, Experience and Opportunity), LEO clubs are a youth organization of Lions Clubs International. The Parkside and James M. Bennett LEO Clubs are sponsored by the Salisbury Lions Club for high school students. Known as “LEO’s,” students from both schools participate in activities and projects that enhance the community and help them develop and practice leadership, organization and social skills, with the intent of instilling a lifetime commitment to helping others.

These active and devoted students attend monthly meetings before their school day begins at 7:00 a.m. and selflessly spend many of their weekends serving our community. Parkside and Bennett LEO members combined conduct 1,000-2,000 service hours yearly. To date, Parkside LEO students have assisted with Delmarvacade and Salisbury University’s Zombie 5K and have partnered with: the Salisbury Lions Club to pack and distribute food orders at the Wicomico County Fair, Trunk or Treat with Pinehurst Elementary, Salisbury Middle School’s Haunted Hall Halloween event and Thanksgiving For Thousands at Mountaire Farms. In past years, James M. Bennett LEO students have participated in building ramps for Chesapeake Housing Mission, have packed and delivered meals and presents through Santa’s Angels, assisted with various runs/marathons in Salisbury, annually fundraised and donated to Leader Dog for the Blind and volunteered at Wicomico County Public Library events. This year, JMB LEO’s also helped with Ben’s Red Swings Annual Cleanup Day. During the month of December, Parkside and Bennett LEO members traveled to Arlington Cemetery in Washington, D.C. to participate in the Wreathes Across America event and helped with the Jaycees Children’s Christmas Shopping Tour at the North Salisbury Walmart.

Whenever or wherever there is a need for volunteers in our local area, it is likely that LEO’s will be involved. These commendable young people embody the best qualities of our Wicomico County Public School students and have proved themselves to be an invaluable asset to our community. We admire their commitment to public service, are particularly grateful for their support of the Friends of the Library and thank them for their willingness to serve others whenever needed!

