



## Fall Book Sale

Our Fall Book Sale will be held in the basement of the Paul S. Sarbanes Branch of the library (downtown Salisbury) on **November 17 and 18th**. A large selection of hardback and paperback books of all genres will be sold for just \$2.00 apiece. The library will be hosting the **Friends Preview Night** on Friday, November 16th from 5:00-7:00 p.m. This event is exclusively for Friends members who, at this time, will have the opportunity to browse and purchase materials prior to making the Book Fair available to the **general public**. The Book Sale will be open to everyone on Friday, November 17th and Saturday, November 18th from 10:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m. We will continue to offer the **Bag of Books** bargain on Saturday from 2:00-4:30 p.m., where Friends of the Library members may purchase as many books as they can fit into a special Friends tote bag for the price of \$15.00. (Options for obtaining or renewing a Friends' membership can be downloaded from the Wicomico Public Library's website at <http://www.wicomicolibrary.org/friends>).

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.

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## Upcoming Events

### Fall Book Sale

November 17-18, 2023 (10:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m.)  
Friends Preview Sale – Nov. 16, 5:00-7:00 p.m.

### Friends Build a Wreath

November 8, 2023  
5:00-7:00 p.m. (RSVP by Nov. 2)

### Friends Trivia Night – Facts in the Stacks

December 9, 2023  
7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

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## Join or Renew Your Friends Membership!

We hope you will continue your support of our libraries by renewing your membership in the *Friends of Wicomico Public Library*. Your support contributes to improving our local libraries and helps provide many services and programs that benefit our community. For as little as \$15 you can help support the libraries and in return earn 10% off purchases at our Book Store, receive 2 coupons for free items in the store, enjoy 10% off purchases at our Book Sales, and have access to our Friends Preview Night! Click the link below to determine which membership level is best for you and to register or renew your membership securely online. Please note that memberships are now valid for one full year from the exact date of purchase and no longer automatically expire at the end of December!

Go to <https://www.wicomicolibrary.org/about/friends-of-the-library> to become a member or to renew your membership!

## Volunteers Make a Difference!

*“Volunteers don’t get paid, not because they’re worthless, but because they’re priceless.” – Sherry Anderson*

A volunteer hour's value climbed 4.9% last year, according to a report released October 16, 2023 by the University of Maryland's Do Good Institute and Independent Sector, a national coalition of nonprofits, foundations, and corporate giving programs.

The approximate number of volunteer hours to help support the Wicomico Public Library was 2,119.74 for Fiscal year 2023 (not including the time volunteers devoted to helping plan for, organize and select award recipients for Light of Literacy and other behind-the-scenes activities).

The hours that members have devoted to volunteering to help with Friends' activities is significant, and we extend a huge THANK YOU to all those who helped support our libraries in any way!



# *NEWSLETTER*

## *Budget News*

Through Friends' memberships, sales of Book Shelf items, our bi-annual Book Sales and other fundraisers, the Friends continue to generate funds that support services provided by the Wicomico Public Library. We have continued our fund raising efforts and most recently donated proceeds from book sales held during the Maryland Folk Festival. Additionally, the Friends supported Habitat for Humanity of Wicomico County in the celebration of its 86th Home Blessing, where Danny and Wilany Parra and their four children were officially welcomed into their own home on Martin Street in Salisbury. The Friends donated 20 books for the family to enjoy reading in their new home. Since Mr. and Mrs. Parra are both from the Dominican Republic and still speak Spanish, the Friends were pleased to be able to include several children's books that are written in their native language to help facilitate their transition to learning English as a second language.

Thanks to your continued support, we anticipate being able to increase our contributions to the library and community as we move forward with additional fundraisers and activities.

## *Save the Date!*

Join us for our *Friends Build a Wreath* event on Wednesday, November 8th from 5:00-7:00 p.m. at the Paul S. Sarbanes Branch of the library. Participants will be guided through the process of making beautiful wreaths that will then be donated to the library to be sold during fundraising events. Materials will be provided (or bring items of your own to use for decoration). Participation is free of charge, but please RSVP to Untia Bigelow by **November 2nd**, at [ubigelow@wicomico.org](mailto:ubigelow@wicomico.org) or by calling 410-749-3612 ext. 140.

## *Friends' Trivia Night Facts in the Stacks*

If you enjoy trivia pertaining to all types of general knowledge and content, then this event is for you! Mark your calendar for **December 9th** and plan to spend an enjoyable evening on the main floor of the Downtown Branch of the library beginning at 7:00 p.m. Participants will work in teams to compete for a special prize that will be awarded to the winners. (The team correctly answering the most questions wins)! Refreshments, door prizes and a 50/50 raffle will also be available. Cost is \$25 per person, with a \$5.00 discount for Friends members. All proceeds will go towards the Friends of the Library fund, which will in turn be donated to the Wicomico Public Library. Check the library's website (<https://www.wicomicolibrary.org/>) for forthcoming ticket sales and additional information!