



# FRIENDS FOUNDATION OF THE WICOMICO PUBLIC LIBRARY

SPRING 2025

## SPRING BOOK SALE!

Mark your calendar now for our annual Friends Foundation **Spring Book Sale**. It will be held in the basement of the Paul S. Sarbanes Branch of the library (downtown Salisbury) on **Friday, April 11th and Saturday, April 12th from 10:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.**

Note that our **Members Only preview sale** (held exclusively for Friends members) will take place beforehand on **Thursday, April 10th, from 5:00–6:30 p.m.** If you are not already a Friends member, please consider joining now! The preview event gives anyone with a current membership the benefit of being the first to view and purchase materials before the Book Sale is opened to the general public.

A Friends' membership can be obtained and/or easily renewed either online by following the link to [www.wicomicolibrary.org/friends](http://www.wicomicolibrary.org/friends) or by requesting an application form when visiting one of the Wicomico Public Library locations. Determine which membership level is best for you and register today! Every dollar generated from Friends memberships, book sales, and fundraising events goes directly towards supporting programs and services in the library system. As a thank you for your membership, you will also receive special coupons which can be used toward obtaining free items at the book sale and/or from our Book Store.

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## DATES TO REMEMBER:

### Spring Book Sale

April 11–12, 2025: 10:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

(Members-only preview sale – April 10th, 5:00–6:30 p.m.)





## BAG OF BOOKS SALE!

We will continue to offer our popular Bag of Books special promotion on Saturday, April 12th, beginning at 2:00 p.m. Purchase one of our library tote bags, and fill it with as many books as you can fit into that bag for just \$20.00.

## FALL BOOK SALE!

### PRICE INFO

Hardback and paperback books = \$2.00

Small paperbacks = \$1.00

Children's books = \$1.00

Select Red Dot items priced as low as \$.10

Plus: CD's, Audio books, DVD sets, specialty books and other items (priced separately)

**NOTE:** FRIENDS MEMBERS RECEIVE A 10% DISCOUNT OFF MOST PURCHASES!

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We need your help in order for our upcoming Book Sale to run smoothly! Please consider helping us set up for the book sale by volunteering to alphabetize, shelve, and/or straighten books and materials on Monday- Wednesday, prior to the sale. Sign up for any 2-hour shift, or whatever amount of time you have available, at <https://signup.com/go/VyXkkqg> See any open shifts that need volunteers and sign up for any for which you are able to help. You will earn 2 free books of your choice for each shift you work!

Friends are also encouraged to volunteer at the Book Shelf at any time throughout the year. Sales from this highly popular service provide the library with considerable added revenue that greatly benefits the library and the services it provides for our community. While our goal is to have the store open 6 days a week, we are managed and operated solely by Friends volunteers: thus, hours are subject to change based on volunteer availability. The more hours we are open, the more funds we are able to generate, but when volunteers are not available the store cannot remain open! This is a fabulous opportunity for Friends members and/or other book lovers to browse for gently-used, inexpensive books and audio visual materials for themselves and others. (All hardback and paperback books are \$2.00, while small paperback, audio visual materials and children's books are \$1.00). It is not necessary to commit to a consistent schedule in order to help in the store. The minimal necessary training involves only 1 hour of your time, after which volunteers are able to sign up for 2-hour shifts at their convenience on whatever dates or times fit their schedules. So if you or someone you know may be interested in volunteering in the Book Shelf, please contact Untia Bigelow at [ubigelow@wicomico.org](mailto:ubigelow@wicomico.org) or by calling 410-749-3612 ext. 140 for further information.





## MEET MARTY NEAT: A CHAMPION FOR COMMUNITY & LIBRARIES!

As part of our commitment to keeping you connected with the Friends Foundation, we're excited to introduce you to the **Board of Directors**—the dedicated individuals working behind the scenes to support Wicomico Public Library. First up, meet our Chair, **Marty Neat!**

Marty knows how to build strong foundations—whether in banking, community service, or now, as the **Chair of the Friends Foundation of Wicomico Public Library!**

Marty spent nearly four decades leading First Shore Federal, growing it into one of the region's strongest financial institutions. But beyond banking, his real passion has always been giving back. He has served on and led an impressive list of local organizations, including **TidalHealth, Wor-Wic Community College, United Way of the Lower Eastern Shore, Salisbury Zoo, Greater Salisbury Committee, Humane Society of Wicomico County, and the Salisbury Area Chamber of Commerce**—just to name a few!

Marty's dedication to community service has been widely recognized, with major awards from the Community Foundation of the Eastern Shore, Habitat for Humanity, Boy Scouts of America, Salisbury University, and many more. Through First Shore Federal, he was also honored with the **Maryland Business Philanthropy Award** for his commitment to corporate giving.

When he's not busy making an impact, Marty can often be found indulging in one of his greatest passions—baseball! As part of a dedicated group of friends, he has traveled to every Major League Baseball stadium in the country. Whether he's cheering from the stands or discussing stats, Marty brings the same enthusiasm to America's pastime as he does to strengthening our community.

Now in retirement, he's bringing that same vision, energy, and dedication to the Friends Foundation, ensuring Wicomico's libraries continue to thrive. A lifelong believer in the power of community, Marty knows that great libraries build great communities—and he's here to make sure ours is the best it can be!

Welcome aboard, Marty—we're lucky to have you leading the way!

Friends Foundation Board of Directors:

- Marty Neat, Chair
- Chip Dashiell, Scott Duncan, Jack Long, Audrey Orr, BJ Summers, Tony Sarbanes, Megan Outten, Bill McCain, Eric Johnston, Britta Holloway, Stephen Farrow, Ray Hoy, and Michael Wigley

Stay tuned as we continue introducing the incredible individuals shaping the future of Wicomico Public Library!





## WHY DO YOU THINK BEING A FRIEND OF THE LIBRARY IS IMPORTANT?

We asked our members to answer this question for us, and hope you find their responses both inspirational and informative. Some of our members' thoughts are listed below. Look for more replies to be forthcoming in future newsletters, and perhaps consider submitting YOUR insights as well.

"The library has been a touchstone for me throughout my entire life. Being a Friend gives me a way to feel a deeper connection with the institution that has done so much for me. When I volunteer for Friends' events, I learn more about the library's incredible staff and see their commitment firsthand. I also find out about more library programs and outreach which I can then share with other community members. It's a wonderful way to give back!"

"Being a friend of the library gives you the opportunity to learn about the exciting things that are happening at the library and the ways in which you can support that important work."

"Funds raised by the Friends help the library expand services most needed by the community."

“*The only thing that you absolutely have to know, is the location of the library!*”

– Albert Einstein

## FRIENDS MEMBERSHIPS: JOIN OR RENEW YOUR FRIENDS' MEMBERSHIP!

Please consider supporting our public library by becoming a Friends member. Membership is valid for one full year. All proceeds from memberships go directly towards helping provide programs and services in the library system. Simply choose your membership level from the options and membership benefits below, and then follow the link to join.

[www.wicomicolibrary.org/friends](http://www.wicomicolibrary.org/friends)



**\$25**

Bookworm

**\$50**

Book Lover

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Bestseller



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