The mission of the Friends of Porter Public Library is to foster awareness and strengthen this invaluable resource for the community through advocacy, fundraising, and volunteerism.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

This fall is starting a new trend for the Friends' annual big book sale; instead of February, the sale will be held in October. No snow or ice to worry about! Look for detailed information about the sale in this newsletter. We will be following the library's mask mandate for events or meetings.

2022 marks the 50th Anniversary of the Friends of Porter Public Library. Look for special events to mark this special year. When the Friends' membership form for 2022 comes out, please consider re-joining or joining the Friends to support our library.

The Friends' board are bidding a fond farewell to Sharon Didion who has been a board member longer than most of us can remember. We appreciate all of the dedication and time she has put into making the Friends a better organization. Sharon has also been the driving force behind Portables, our gift shop. If she were a paid employee, not a volunteer, we couldn't afford to pay her for the countless hours she has worked.

and I hope to see you at the book sale.

Lynn Pettyjohn
From the Director ...

Even during a pandemic, Porter Public Library continues to connect with patrons and live our mission. Here is an example of the kinds of comments we receive, "I have been reading books from the Westlake library for going on 50 years now and it is mine and now my husband favorite library. Thank you for all you and everyone there provides to the community, we have participated in everything from blood drives, programs, book sales, your library made getting our passports so easy, my husband even played a few chess games, and he loves to just sit and read magazines, and I am a big fan of all the online services."

For our Summer Reading Challenge we had almost three hundred adult participants and nine hundred youths. Various programs were hosted outdoors and/or virtually, and we continued to hand out many kits. STEAM (science, technology, engineering, art, and math) Week was incorporated as well, and we had many happy finishers.

These are tangible examples of the impact that the Friends of Porter Public Library make on our library. The library Board and Staff are always so grateful for the time, energy, and money that is provided by the Friends.

Best Wishes,

Andrew Mangels, Director
The 2021 Annual Friends' Book Sale
October 21st to October 24th

Friends' Preview Night - October 20th
4:00-7:00 only for Members of Friends of Porter Public Library
Memberships available at the door (cash or check only)

Regular Sale days are Thursday, Oct. 21st from 9:30-8:00
and Friday, Oct. 22nd from 9:30-5:00
Half-price Sale on Sat., Oct. 23rd from 9:30-3:00
$2 Bag Sale, Sunday, Oct. 24th from 1:15-4:00
(we supply the bags)

We now accept ApplePay, GooglePay, VISA, Mastercard,
American Express & Discover for sale items

You will find plenty of fiction, non-fiction,
children's books,
DVD's, CD's and audio-books.
There will be three rooms, including a room dedicated to hundreds of children's items.
We will also have a room of very Specially Priced Items on
Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Stop in and see our treasures.
The Silent Auction display will be in the lobby of the Library in October. We have saved some extraordinary donations. Bidding ends Oct. 24th at 3:00

We will be following Library protocol regarding masks.

If you would like to volunteer for the Book Sale, please go to the Friends of Porter Library link on the Westlake Porter Public Library website to send an email or call 440-250-5562 and leave a message for Carol Masek
THE BOOK NOOK

We appreciate all of you who have supported the Book Nook during the past year and a half by following social distancing and wearing masks when you are in the BN and the annex when it was open. Adhering to these protocols is the only way we have been able to be open.

Because our big book sale is in October this year, the BN will close after Wednesday, October 6 to starting organizing for our set up. Re-opening date will depend on getting the BN cleaned and re-stocked, probably in early November. Look for information online once opening date is set.

We have had to cut out Sunday hours for the foreseeable future as we do not have enough volunteers. We hope to be able to keep our Monday, Wednesday and Saturday hours, but that will depend on the availability of volunteer help.

If you are considering donating books, please consult the list of items we will and will not accept. It is online and on display outside the Book Nook drop box. We appreciate those of you who donate quality items; we do not appreciate having to sort through items that belong in the trash. “If an item is in such poor condition that you wouldn’t buy it, please don’t bring it to us.” We are all volunteers and have limited time to sort through donations; we spend hours a week sorting items and taking many of them to trash. Sorting through boxes of musty old cobweb ridden books is not a fun job, and a health risk for some of our volunteers. Please check your donations before bringing them to us. Thank you.

Lynn Pettyjohn

Portables Gift Shop

Portables Gift Shop is open! Please come and check us out. Stop by to browse through our jewelry selection, home decor and, of course, our wonderful selection of greeting cards.

Watch for our annual holiday sale!

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