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Holiday Used Book Sale

Just in time for your holiday shopping, we are having our Holiday Used Book Sale in the library meeting room, a terrific opportunity to purchase gently used books, CDs, DVDs, puzzles and games at rock bottom prices and support the library. Books of all genres including children's books will be available as well as themed-based gift baskets. Book prices range from \$2.50 for hardbacks to \$.50 for children's paperbacks. Some rare, vintage, and recently published books will be specially priced.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY MEMBERS ONLY, Thursday, Dec 7, 4 - 6 pm, FIRST DAY, FIRST CHOICE

Open to the public, Friday, Dec 8, 1 - 7 pm
Open to the public, Saturday, Dec 9, 10 am - 3 pm



Joan Hearn Receives Distinguished Volunteer Award

At our April 2023 Annual Member Meeting, the FOL awarded Joan Hearn with a certificate of appreciation for her many years of volunteer service and valuable contributions to Friends of the Watauga County Public Library. Joan has been actively volunteering with the Friends for many decades, participating in everything from Reading and Rolling, to selling gift baskets at the Boone mall, to reading to children at local schools. The FOL greatly appreciates her dedication and consistent service to the community.

Little Free Libraries

The library sponsors a number of Little Free Libraries (LFL) throughout the county. These boxes, some donated by Publix and others by individuals or groups such as Boy Scouts, are maintained by volunteers. Although readers are encouraged to return or replace books they take, anyone can place in the boxes suitable books in good condition (hardback, paperback, adult or children's). However, we are looking for volunteers to help once a month ensure the LFL boxes are neat and filled. The FOL will provide the books. More info about this opportunity is in the volunteer section below.

Locations:

- White Laurel Rd off of Bamboo Rd. in the White Laurel neighborhood next to the playground
- Leola Gardens in the community gardens on Greenway Rd near Walmart
- Tot Lot in the large playground next to the Rec Center off of State Farm Rd
- Valle Crucis Park near the playground
- Cove Creek playground near the Old Cove Creek High School
- Plan B store at the intersection of 194 North and Meat Camp Rd near the store
- Stone Mountain Grocery on Bethel School Rd near the general store
- Mabel Methodist Church on old 421 in Zionville in the church parking lot
- Two Rivers School on Archie Carroll Rd off of old 421 in Deep Gap



20-Year Celebration of Reading & Rolling

For two decades, Reading and Rolling has been delivering books to children each summer to give them an opportunity to access the amazing resources the Appalachian Regional Library has to offer. The Friends honored the founder, Pat Morgan, in a celebration attended by many of the volunteers who transport the books each summer. Both Pat and his wife Mary Sue were commended for their dedication to the program.

[Click to read the article in the High Country Press](#)

Appalachian Regional Library's New Director

Jacob Starks began his new role as Regional Director on September 1, coming from his previous position as Director of Libraries at Graceland University in Lamoni, Iowa. He will be working with Watauga, Ashe and Wilkes libraries. Please look for him when you are at the library and welcome him to the High Country.

[Click to read the article in the Watauga Democrat](#)



Accepting Donations until Dec 1

We are accepting donations at the library circulation desk of up to 2 boxes of gently used books, CDs, DVDs, puzzles and games until Dec 1. Due to limited space, donations of more than 2 boxes must be scheduled by emailing WataugaCountyFOL@gmail.com. After our Dec 7 - 9 Book Sale, we will begin accepting donations again on Dec 11.



[Click for more info on what we accept and don't accept.](#)



Holiday Book Sale, 2-hour shifts

We have volunteer opportunities to help set-up the sale, assist during the sale and clean-up afterwards. Volunteer shifts are 2 hours from Monday, Dec 4 through Saturday, Dec 9. [Click here to access our online sign-up](#) or email WataugaCountyFOL@gmail.com for more info.

Little Free Libraries, once a month

The free book-sharing boxes are located throughout Watauga County. Volunteers are needed to replenish them monthly with books provided by the Friends. If you would like to volunteer to adopt one, please call the Watauga County Library (828-264-8784) and let them know about your interest and our Outreach Chairperson will contact you.

Selling Items Online for the Friends

If you or someone you know currently has an Ebay or Amazon online sales business, the Friends would like to discuss how we might work together to sell online rare or collectible donated items. If interested, please contact the Friends at WataugaCountyFOL@gmail.com

Library Expansion/Renovation

As the planning begins for this effort, volunteers are needed with various experiences (management/planning, budgeting, fundraising, capital campaigns, grant writing, experience working with volunteers, administrative skills). Please reach out to us and we can share ways in which you can get involved. Email WataugaCountyFOL@gmail.com.

Book Sale Room Open Year-Round

As a reminder, gently used books, CDs, DVDs, puzzles, games, and magazines are always available for purchase in our sales room-- immediately to the right, after you enter the library. Hours are the same as those of the library:

Monday - Thursday 9 am - 7 pm

Friday & Saturday 9 am - 5 pm



Also, special selections are available in the display area, on the left, after you enter the library. Current special selections are recent editions, classics, puzzles and children's specially priced books.



FREE!

The Friends of the Library cart with free items is now in the library entryway where you can pick up whatever you like at no cost. Items are added often, and you may find LP albums, Reader's Digest condensed books, 2024 calendars, and magazines as well as books of all genres (young adult, children's, mysteries, novels, non-fiction, etc.)

Want to get rid of ...

... **gently used children's books your kids or grandkids have outgrown?** These are always best sellers at our Holiday Book Sale and in our Book Sale Room. Donations of up to 2 boxes are accepted at the library circulation desk. For larger donations, email WataugaCountyFOL@gmail.com to schedule a time to drop them off at the library when FOL volunteers are available to take them.



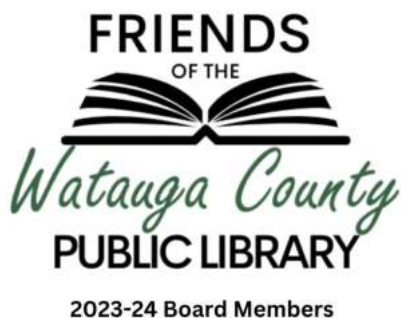
Please email WataugaCountyFOL@gmail.com to donate any of the following items.

... **a tea pot or two?** We are continuing to collect clean china/porcelain/pottery/metal tea pots with a capacity of at least 4 cups that can be used to serve hot tea at future fundraisers. Functional tea pots only. No decorative ones.

...**pretty cloth napkins?** We are collecting clean usable pretty cloth napkins suitable for using at future fundraising events.

...**mismatched fine china?** We are collecting dinner, salad, and dessert plates (without chips or cracks) to use to create 3-tiered serving stands for future fundraising events.

...**a gently used cork board?** We need one to stick our Book Sale nametags on. An ideal size would be 3' by 2' in order to hold about 50 nametags.



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