



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES - ANNUAL BOOK SALE

Whether you are a member of the Friends or an Agawam resident interested in supporting your Library in a very direct way, consider the following opportunities to participate preparing for and staffing the sale. Choose dates, times, and activities that are convenient for and of interest to you. Have fun.

Review/Sort: All items are examined to ensure they are in good condition and sorted into categories, such as science, mystery novels, cookbooks, sports, health, CDs, DVDs, children's and young adult, and so forth. As we sort, we box like items together. While sorting, should you spot an item you'd like, you may purchase it on the spot.

Sorting Schedule: Generally, we sort once a week, usually on Thursday afternoons from 1:00 to 3:00. Depending on the number of books that have been donated, we usually begin in March. However, if we find that we are getting more or fewer books than expected, we adjust the sorting dates accordingly. If you are interested in helping out with the sorting, you can either call or email, Marcia Capuano at 413-786-5506 or mecapu@comcast.net. If you must leave a message, also leave your phone number so that in the event the sorting session is cancelled you can be notified. Similarly, if you have signed up for a session and find you cannot make it, please call and let them know not to expect you.

The Sorting area is reached through the Reference Department on the Library's lower area. It can be cool there, so dress in a layer or two for maximum comfort. If sorting has already begun by the time you arrive, let the librarian at the Reference desk know you are there for a Friends sorting session; he/she will point you in the right direction.

Preparation for the Sale: Sale prep is on the Thursday of the sale, between 1:00 and 5:00 P.M. During that time, high school students will move the boxes from the storage area to the conference rooms on the upper level. We'll put up category signs, unbox items and put them in their appropriate categories on tables that have already been set up for us, put up price signs and do whatever else is necessary to complete room set-up.

The Sale: Thursday night, we'll have a member's only sale from 6:00 to 8:30 P.M. Friday, from 2:00 to 5:00 P.M., and Saturday, from 10:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M., are the days when the sale is open to the public. During all these times, we'll ring up sales, bag books for purchasers, help people find the categories of books and other items that interest them, direct them to the children's room, sign up new members, etc.

To assist with the preparation for the sale and/or for the sale periods, kindly call Marcia Capuano, 413.786.5506, with your availability.