

Sweet Summertime

It has been a few quarters since our last newsletter! With August in full swing and life becoming more normal, there is so much for which we are thankful. We are especially grateful for your support during the pandemic whether through your membership, your donations, and/or participation in our book sales.

Each Friends' annual membership is due for renewal as it is a new calendar year. With your \$5 annual membership, you will continue to enjoy early access to our semi-annual book sales, receive quarterly newsletters, and support valuable library programs and services.

Fill out the form on the back of this letter and mail it with your payment. You can also renew your membership or make a donation at midcolumbialibraries.org/FOL.

Fall Book Sale in November

Mark your calendars! We will be hosting a fall book sale in early November. Dates will be shared soon. We had a very successful spring sale and look forward to having great volunteer participation again in November. If you'd like to volunteer, please contact Fernie at (509) 322-6949. Volunteers receive early access to the sale, **especially during set-up.**

Upcoming Events

Be sure to check out [MCL's online calendar](#) frequently for upcoming events and programs.

Our next upcoming Friends of the Library meeting is September 12 at 1 pm at Keewaydin Park Library. We will resume meeting the first Monday of every month at 1 pm in October. Meetings are open to any and all who are interested in attending.

Thank You From MCL Staff

When branches receive requests for book donations, the Friends have generously provided book donations. These book donations have been given to the Union Gospel Mission's Women and Children's Shelter (UGM), West Richland Police Department for squad cars and soft interview rooms, as well as attendees of Prosser's Veterans Day Parade, to name a few.



The UGM's newly remodeled basement area is now an amazing space for children and mothers. Pasco library supervisor Mona Gonzalez (left) is pictured in the library area of the basement organizing donated FOL books. Pasco library staff will continue serving the UGM with storytimes at their facility.

Also pictured (right) are young MCL volunteers handing out FOL books at Prosser's Veterans Day Parade last November in lieu of candy. The books were super popular!



How Are My FOL Donations Spent?

Are you curious as to how the funds raised are utilized, whether from your membership dues, your donation, or your purchases at our book sales? All FOL revenue is used to advance Mid-Columbia Libraries' mission beyond MCL's annual budget received from taxpayers. We enable MCL to enhance their programming, events, and outreach without the limitations of taxpayer dollars and gift of public funds prohibitions. This includes books and prizes for program giveaways, sponsoring culturally enriching community programs, staff development, and much more.





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