

Friends of the Redwood City Public Library



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Friends Book Sales Update



As the Friends of the Redwood City Public Library's 50th anniversary year comes to a close and we enter Year 51, Friends continues to operate its **Bookstore** inside the Downtown Library and **Book Kiosk** at the Redwood Shores Library as its primary source of income.

Since the pandemic, the Bookstore has been an honor system store. Starting on Halloween, Friends is excited to announce that it is once again staffing the store with volunteers. The majority of sale items still will reside outside the small room. Inside the room there will be DVD/CDs and higher-end, gift-quality items for sale. The volunteer there will accept payment. We are excited for this "reopening" since our sales revenue has greatly diminished the past several years. Please note that the store may not be staffed at all times as we get up and running.

At Redwood Shores, there is a kiosk with lovely books for sale near the computers. Items at Redwood Shores are refreshed frequently, so stop by, browse, and buy a few terrific items.

Friends also sells books via listings on Amazon, eBay, and Craigslist. When material donations are received, books are sorted and scanned for value by our intrepid backroom volunteers. Items of significant value are listed for online sales. Other items are priced for sale in the store/kiosk.

Since fiscal year 2019, our revenue has dropped 44%. In fiscal year 2023, we hope to make strides toward our previous sales levels.



Winter MakerClub

Create during the Winter Break!

December 17 – January 7
Ages 3 – 13

Drop in to the Library's Makerspace to create winter-themed projects! When a child completes a project, the child will get a stamp in their project log, collect free books, and earn tickets for the prize drawing!

There will be projects available for different ages and abilities. Projects may include paint, clay, stickers, button makers, 3D printers, sewing, and more. New projects will be available daily.

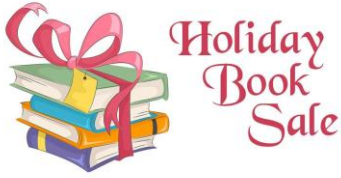
Winter MakerClub schedule:

**MakerClub Kickoff - All Day on
Saturday, December 17**

Tuesdays 3 p.m. – 8 p.m.
Wednesdays 3 p.m. – 6 p.m.
Thursdays 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

**Open House Party on Saturday,
January 7, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.**
with more crafts, a performer, and
other activities in the Family Place!

Sponsored by Friends!



Holiday Sale

In November and December, the Friends Bookstore features our **annual, large holiday sale**. We store holiday materials throughout the year for this sale. It includes Thanksgiving, Christmas, Hanukkah, and Kwanzaa books, movies, and music.

Also we have many new, like-new, and collectible items suitable for gifting. Please make the Friends Bookstore a stop in your holiday shopping. Plus, buy a few children's books for Toys for Tots and drop them into the bin in the Library's lobby!

Honey



Redwood City Public Library's honey bees have lived on the roof of the Downtown Library since 2018. There are three hives, and in the summer our population can grow to over 150,000 bees.

Library Honey makes a wonderful holiday gift. Go to <https://tinyurl.com/4us5un89> to purchase!

Join the Friends of the Redwood City Public Library

- Junior member, under 18 years old - \$10
- Friends - \$15
- Patrons - \$25
- Librarian's Circle - \$50
- Benefactors - \$100 or more

If you wish to make the gift in honor of a friend or loved one:

We will acknowledge 2022 Librarian's Circle and Benefactor levels in our spring 2023 Newsletter.

- Check this box if you wish for your donation to be listed as Anonymous.

Please make checks payable to Friends of the Redwood City Public Library, or **donate at our website**:

A Membership Card will be sent.

Name

Address

City

Zip Code

Email

Please return to:
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Friends of the Redwood City Public Library is a 501(c)(3) organization. As such, your membership donation is tax deductible as allowed by law.

Banning of Books

In April, Library Director Derek Wolfgram published a statement regarding the banning of books. An excerpt:

The books that have been challenged and banned are largely titles that explore historically marginalized populations. Censorship has no place in libraries and Redwood City Public Library welcomes all viewpoints in our collections.

In the Friends Bookstore, there is a shelf of "banned" books/authors. Friends created this section so people can see exactly what books are being challenged. Stop by and check out the shelf when you are next at the Downtown Library.



Using **Amazon** for your holiday shopping?

If yes, please enter **smile.amazon.com** as your URL to access Amazon. Select "Friends of the Redwood City Public Library" as your donation choice. Voila! The Friends will receive a small percentage of your purchase as a donation! Thank you!

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