

# Friends of the Library Newsletter

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## Library Hours

### Monday - Thursday

10 a.m. - 8 p.m.

### Friday

1 p.m. - 5 p.m.

### Saturday (School Year)

10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

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## Happy New Year! Happy Winter! Brrr...

Come get warmed up at one of the many events offered by the Whitman Public Library. Join a book club, learn a new language, experience different cultures through food and author series lectures, let the kids experience wonder days. Come use the computers to discover your ancestry with Ancestry.com. If any of these sound interesting, keep reading!

The Friends of the Library help fund many of these library programs. They volunteer their time to support the library by raising money through book sales, bake sales, raffles, and other events. These funds provide resources for children's and adult programs, museum passes, and special equipment and materials, which are not covered by regular Town Funding. Being part of a group, they can help touch the lives of all who enter the library and use its services.

The Membership Drive for 2020 is happening now; please renew your membership or become a new member today!

Besides the Membership Drive, the Friends also raise money with other fundraisers such as the bi-annual Book Sales, and through donations to the Friends Table and the Ongoing Book Sales. Some fundraisers need more Volunteers as they require more help with planning and preparing for the event.

Please take a moment to review the back of the Membership form enclosed – "What Can I Do to Help".

You could be involved in as little or as much time as you're available. Maybe help make a poster for the Friends Table, or sort books for the book sale for an hour, or help put books or other donations on display. Or even help write this Newsletter! Any help would be greatly appreciated!

Thank you for your support!

We would also like to take this time to Thank the following members who volunteered to serve as our officers for the coming year:

President: Lorna Holbrook  
Vice President: Pat Gardner  
Secretary: Heidi Parker  
Treasurer: Arthur Cabral

**Monthly meetings** of the Friends of the Whitman Public Library are held the **second Wednesday of every month** at **6:30pm**

Upcoming Meetings:

**February 12<sup>th</sup>**

**March 11<sup>th</sup>**

**April 8<sup>th</sup>**

**May 13<sup>th</sup>**

Location:  
Community Room

**All are welcome and encouraged to attend!**

## What's Coming Up?

~ Ongoing Book Sales and other donated items will be on display on the Friends Table near the library's entrance and also on the Friends Bookcase around the corner from the Friends Table. 100% of proceeds from these sales go directly to the library. The Friends Table will also be used to display flyers for our 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Skating Party and other upcoming fundraisers.

~ Mondays, Feb & March – 10:30 AM - **Story Time** – Babies & Toddlers

~ 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays, Feb & March – 6:30 PM - **Adult Craft Fun**

~ Wednesdays, Feb & March - 11 AM - **Wonder Days: Stories and Play**

~ Thursday, **Feb 13<sup>th</sup>** – 6 PM – **Valentine Craft** - Ages 7-10

~ **Sunday, Feb 23<sup>rd</sup> - Winter Fundraiser at the Carousel Family Fun Center from 5-7pm**

Check out the 'Event Calendar' under 'Programs & Passes' on the library's home page – [www.WhitmanPublicLibrary.com](http://www.WhitmanPublicLibrary.com) - for a list of all the programs offered; many funded by the Friends of the Library.

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## Skating Fundraiser at Carousel Family Center

*Our big winter fundraiser is back!*

Come join us at our 5<sup>th</sup> annual Skating Party Fundraiser being held on **Sunday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>** from 5-7 PM

There will also be a Bake Sale and plenty of Raffles!

The admission is \$5 which the Carousel is very generously donating to the Friends of the Library. Skate rentals for \$3 and Skate Mates if necessary are also available for \$5.

Our Vice President Pat Gardner is coordinating this event. If you are able to volunteer any time or bake a goodie, please leave her a message in the Friends mail slot at the library.

Advance tickets will be available for purchase with a Valentine lollipop in the library!

Hope to see you there!

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## The Big Spring Book & Bake Sale

The dates of our Spring Book Sale have been set:

Thursday, April 30<sup>th</sup> through Saturday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>.

*Wednesday, April 29, 6:00 PM – Preview Book Sale for Members Only*

Start putting aside those books you have read and are now ready to donate to the book sale. When you come to the sale stock up on your spring-summer reading supply.

Due to storage limitations we are unable to accept your donations until the month before the sale. Thank you!

More information and a detailed schedule including our Friends Member Preview Night and volunteer opportunities will be listed in the Spring Newsletter.

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## The Book Bin in the library's parking lot

There is a sign on the outside bin that states the items put in this bin "Benefits the Whitman Public Library".

Although the library does not see any of the books put in this bin, nor does the library receive any percentage from the sale of these books, the bin does benefit the library in that it provides a place for the library to put damaged or out-of-date books. The library can also put books that haven't been checked out in many years in order to make room for new books for the community.

If you would like to donate any books and other media to the library, please bring the items into the library. You can also donate them to the Friends of the Library about a month before the Spring or Fall Book Sales. All proceeds from these Sales go directly to the library.

## Did you Know?...

~The Friends Table started as a card table in the Library's foyer that held information about the Membership Drive or the Book Sales? A member volunteer, Ellie, started adding a couple of plants, and, when there was an Indoor Yard Sale at the library, she began adding leftover seasonal decorations, and making gifts from teacups and baskets! It proved a success and a bigger table was needed!

Although Ellie has retired from volunteering, we'd like to continue using the Friends Table with any seasonal decorations and handmade crafts that have been donated.

~The Friends have an ongoing book sale inside the library to support our fundraising efforts. The paperback book rack and the small bookcase are located to the left of the Friends Table right inside the front door. Prices start at just \$.50 each for paperbacks. The Friends are also trying different types of media for sale on the bookcase every month.

## OUR MEMBERSHIP DRIVE FOR 2020 CONTINUES.

To all our members, please take a moment to RENEW your FRIENDS MEMBERSHIP for 2020! If you've never been a member, please consider JOINING the Friends of the Library!

Through the membership program and other fundraisers, the Friends can help support the Whitman Public Library by providing the resources for Children and Adult Programs, special equipment and materials, and other events which are not covered by regular Town funding.

As a special 'thank you', dues paying members have a special night to Preview our Book Sales before it's officially open to the public. They also may choose one Free book (a \$1 value) during each of the Friends' Book Sales – Spring and Fall.

We've enclosed a membership form inside the brochure with this newsletter for your convenience. Membership forms are also available on the Friends Table and on other tables around the library.

The Friends of the Whitman Public Library are a registered nonprofit organization so any donations, including membership dues, are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law.

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## BUSINESS MEMBERS OF THE FRIENDS

The following businesses have joined our group or renewed their membership for 2020. We appreciate their support!

*Blanchard's Funeral Chapel*  
*Duval's Pharmacy*  
*The Law offices of Ronald N. Whitney*  
*Venus Café*  
*Conway Insurance Agency*

## SPECIAL DONATIONS FOR 2020

**In Memory of Joseph & Frances Sansone** ..... Delores Sansone

**In Memory of David M. Trop** ..... Elizabeth Trop

**In Memory of Dot Benner and  
Ginny Whitmore**..... Gloria Knox