



# FRIENDS of OBERLIN PUBLIC LIBRARY

## SPRING 2023 NEWSLETTER

### LIBRARIES ARE NEW DIRECTOR'S PASSION



The new year brought a new director to the Oberlin Public Library. David Fausnaugh began his new role on January 3 after spending six years as library director for the Pickaway County District Public Library in Circleville, Ohio.

Libraries and the community services and programs they provide are a passion for David, who earned his bachelor's degree from Capital University in Columbus and a Master of Library and Information Services from Kent State University. Before joining the Pickaway library he held multiple positions with increasing responsibilities at the Bexley Public Library including as director of support services.

Since joining the staff at OPL, he's taking time to learn more about the programs and services that are important to the Oberlin community before initiating any changes. The Friends of the Oberlin Public Library recently sponsored an Open House so library patrons and others could meet him.

"As I'm learning more about the Oberlin community, I welcome residents' comments and ideas about the library's present and future," he said. "It's important that everyone who walks through our doors to check out a book, read a newspaper or attend a program feels respected, welcome, and safe.

"Libraries play such a vital role in our society and that's why I love what I do. People appreciate the value a library brings to their community. We have something to offer people of all ages."

When not managing his role as the new director, David is a member of the board of Root Cause Uganda, an Ohio-based non-profit supporting the Mirante Community Centre in Mugenda, Uganda. He's also an avid golfer – teaming up with his dad -- and a basketball fan.



### SPRING 2023 BOOK SALE

Mark your calendars and hold the dates of **Wednesday night, April 26 (FRIENDS only) through Sunday, April 30 for a reader's, watcher's, and listener's paradise.** Sale items include books, CDs, DVDs, Blu-rays, LPs, foreign language materials, graphic novels, puzzles, and sheet music. Most items start at 50 cents or \$1.00, with pricing specials Friday through Sunday. On "Pay What You Wish" days you may donate according to your own sense of value. See below for the schedule of sale dates. No matter what your age or interests, you're sure to find something to entertain and educate!

#### FRIENDS' PRE-SALE

**WED APRIL 26, 5-8 PM**

**Not a Friend yet?**

**You may join at the door!**

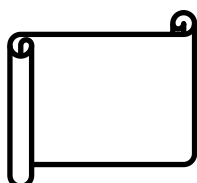
#### General Public Hours and Daily Specials

**Thursday, April 27, 10 am – 8 pm**  
**Opening day for the general public**

**Friday, April 28, 10 am – 5:30 pm**  
**Every item half-price**

**Saturday, April 29, 10 am – 5:30 pm**  
**Pay What You Wish**

**Sunday, April 30, 1-3 pm**  
**Pay What You Wish**



## BOOK DONATIONS SUPPORT MISSION

One of the many ways the Friends of the Oberlin Public Library raise funds is by selling donated books and media. These items come from a variety of sources, including private collections, estates, and independent bookstores that have gone out of business.

Donations may be brought to the Oberlin Public Library throughout the year during business hours. In addition to books, the Friends accept CDs, DVDs and LPs—nothing on tape, please! While the Friends do not appraise items, a form is available at the checkout desk that enables donors to itemize donations as noncash charitable contributions.

“We really appreciate community donations because they enable us to hold successful book sales year after year. We do ask that donors bring clean books in good condition, without mold, torn or marked pages, or water damage,” said Robin Laurén, book sales and donations chair. “Unfortunately, we often have to discard books because they are outdated or damaged beyond repair.”

Donations are sorted by experienced volunteers into categories and genres that will be used during the sales. Recently published hardcover and paperback books are available for immediate sale and are placed on carts at the front of the library. More valuable books are displayed in the glass cabinet at the front of the library. Readers interested in purchasing these books can check the schedule that’s posted on the wooden cart to determine when a volunteer will be available to assist with the sale.

The funds from the sales of books and other media are available for the Oberlin Public Library to use to fund its collections and services. We are grateful to our generous donors for helping the Friends to support our community library!



## BOOK CART SALES

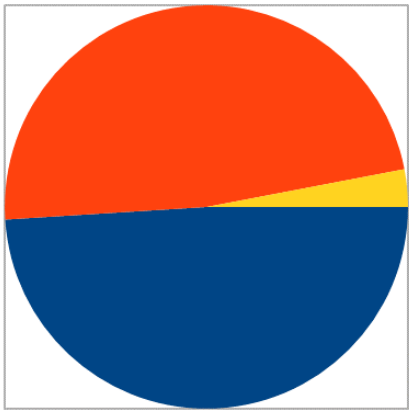
The book cart, managed by the Friends of the Oberlin Public Library, is going strong thanks to library patrons and the volunteers who staff the cart. Currently 12 volunteers staff the cart four days a week for about 25 hours/week. (A schedule of open hours is on the side of the wooden cart.) Recent hardcover books are \$2 each and paperbacks are \$1. Children’s books are 50 cents to \$1. Greeting cards, for 25 cents each, are displayed inside the wooden cart.

“In 2022 the book cart contributed more than \$2,500 to educational programs at the library,” said Jan Thornton, book cart chairperson. “With everyone’s continued support the Friends envision that 2023 will be a stellar year.”

Individually priced books, which are considered more valuable, are displayed in the wooden book cart and the corner glass case. Prices are based on a book’s value posted by online book sellers, but our prices are below the lowest you will find. The displays are changed to capture holiday themes as well as other categories that include Expand your Mind, Read a Classic, Black History Month, Women’s History and Women Writers, Nature and Gardening, Explore New Worlds (Sci Fi and Fantasy), Banned Books, Cookbooks, Art books, Ohio and Oberlin authors, and many more.

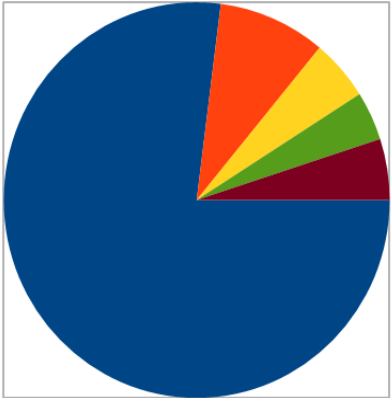


Book Cart Display



- Book sales and cart
- Membership
- Other

In 2022 the Friends earned \$30,349 in total revenue. 49% (\$14,945) came in from the FRIEND's book sales and book cart income while 48% (\$14,582) was earned from membership dues. 3% of total revenues came from other sources such as Amazon Smile and donations.



- Library support
- Program expenses
- Membership expenses
- Book Sale expenses
- Other

Expenditures for the year totaled \$21,133. Library support expenses, which includes such projects as the e-book fund and summer reading programs, represented 77% (\$16,336) of the total. Program expenses which included items such as those dedicated to Banned Book week represented 9% (\$1,994) while expenses related to membership and book sales represented 5% (\$961) and 4% (\$839), respectively.

**CELEBRATING NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK**

**This year’s National Library Week theme -- “There Is More to The Story” -- will be celebrated April 23-29 to recognize the invaluable role of libraries in transforming lives and strengthening communities.** Librarians and library staff, their skill, professionalism, kindness, hard work and diligence are pivotal to the success of libraries everywhere, specifically here at the Oberlin Public Library.

As part of the celebration, the Friends of the Oberlin Public Library will recognize the staff of the Oberlin Public Library with a staff appreciation luncheon, said Meridith Sender, programs and education committee chairperson. “The luncheon is one way to thank the staff for all their hard work serving the community throughout the year.”

Today’s libraries are highly technical and complex institutions, not just places full of books and magazines. Libraries promote new thoughts and ideas. They preserve our history. They encourage learning. They keep written words accessible and uncensored. Public libraries are free institutions for all, providing computer technology, help with a resumé or job search, research, and genealogy assistance, writing classes, safe spaces to interact with others and seek referrals to other community resources.

The first National Library Week was observed in 1958 with the theme "Wake Up and Read!" This year’s celebration marks the 65th anniversary of that event. Join us as we celebrate National Library Week and honor the valuable contributions of librarians, library staff, administrators, volunteers, patrons, and all those who work on behalf of the Oberlin Public Library.





## WHO ARE THE FRIENDS OF THE OBERLIN PUBLIC LIBRARY?

FRIENDS OF OBERLIN PUBLIC LIBRARY (FRIENDS) is a 501(c)(3) organization that supports the Oberlin Public Library and its collections and services. The library provides access to books, CDs, DVDs, computers, electronic media, meeting space, programs for all ages, and much more.

Join the Friends for \$10 for individual and \$15 for family memberships. Other membership levels are available. Employer matches are gratefully accepted. Membership forms are located at the library circulation desk and on the library website.

## BENEFITS OF BEING A FRIEND

Friends of the Library enjoy early access to the semi-annual book sales, this newsletter, and the knowledge that you are contributing to important library programs and services.

## THE BOARD

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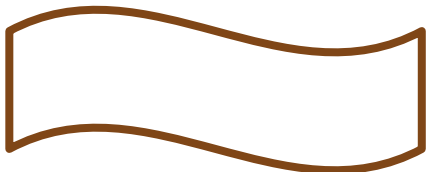
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Kim Peters

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David Fausnaugh



## HEARTFELT THANKS TO OUR VOLUNTEERS!

A hearty shout-out to the many volunteers who have contributed their time and talents to Friends' initiatives during the past year. Special thanks to Oberlin College Coach Izzy Alexander and her amazing team of cross country, track & field athletes, whose heavy lifting facilitated setup and breakdown of the FRIEND's Fall '22 sale. Among our heroes are:

Helene Aarons, Jerry Achtermann, Izzy Alexander, Sue Barsay, Ann Beach, Henry Bent, Amber Borofsky, Emory Bradley, Aislinn Cannistraro, Lorrie, Matt, & Ted Chmura, Camila Ciembroniewicz, Donna Coleman, Fran & Roger Cooper, Lucy Curtis, Ross D'Orfani, Margaret Erikson, Kit Evans, Ann & Gerry Findlan, Marnie Frost, Nancy & Francis Gildner, Kim Gorman, Annette Grdijan, Kathy Hazelton, Natalie Hickerson, the Hobbs family, Maxine Houck, Kari Inglis, Ann Ingram, Josie Jones, Sydney Kulkarni, Margo Lee, Joan Long, Dorothy & Joe Luciano, Caleigh Lyons, Joe McCormick, Mary McDaniel, Eliza Medeiros, Walter Moak, Myranda Montoye, Zac Ntia, Kambi Obioha, Kim Peters, Eli Powers, Dale Preston, Johnny Ragsdale, Sage Reddish, Sam Russ, Ellis Santangelo, Susan Sarhan, Dina Schoonmaker, Liz Schultz, Kathy and Jack Secrist, Meridith Sender, Sue & Bruce Simonson, Clara Smith, Mistinguette Smith, Chase Sortor, Anne Sprague, Ruth Steinacker, Ryley Steggal, Ezra Taub, Lori Taylor, Jan Thornton, Steve Toth, Niels Vanderloo, Matthew Walton, Kiran Williams, Ella Wozek, and others who have chosen to remain anonymous. The Friends of Oberlin Public Library depend upon your strong backs, generosity, and support!



Volunteer Meridith Sender sorting books