



AMONG FRIENDS

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—by Jaci Williams

WE'RE COOL

How are you celebrating the great fall weather? Working in the yard, having a garage sale, or sitting out on the patio reading a book? That one is me. I am celebrating with thoughts of having relaxing time outdoors and then looking forward to being inside, curled up with lots of great books that I bought at the upcoming October Book Sale.

MEMBERS ONLY

Speaking of October Book Sales, now is the time to renew your membership and come to the Friday night, Members Only sale on Friday, October 14, 6 pm - 9 pm. Then the sale will be open to everyone Saturday, October 15 and Sunday, October 16. The Big Bag Sale on Monday, October 17, is when you definitely want to come and stuff as many books as you can into a grocery sack for a mere \$3 a bag. Collectibles will be half price. What a deal!!

What a great opportunity the Friends of the Library Book Sales are to find those special books that fill in the list of your favorite authors, try new authors for 50 cents to \$1, expand your DVD/CD collections, find great and unusual Christmas and birthday gifts, start a library devoted to hobbies or professional areas of interest or sometimes, just hit a little nostalgia when you see books that are old friends like a poster or music, or record that twitches your mind back to memories of the past. Wow, that was a long sentence, but when I am at the sales, these are all the things that I find I am looking for in those 2000 boxes of books that the community brings to share with me and you.

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THIS IS THE BIG SALE

ANNUAL FALL BOOK SALE

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Members Pre-sale

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Friends of the Norman Library

Saturday, Oct. 15; 9 a.m.–5 p.m.
General Sale

Sunday, Oct. 16; 1 p.m.–5 p.m.
General Sale

Monday, Oct. 17; 3 p.m.–8 p.m.
Bag Sale

\$3/bag (we provide the bag)
Collectibles/Better Books rooms
50% discounts

Featuring more than 50,000 used books sorted by category, the Big Sale opens on Friday, Oct. 14, from 6 to 9 p.m. with a Preview Sale for Members of the Friends organization.

Membership forms are available in the library or memberships may be purchased in the lobby the day of the sale.

- \$10 for individual memberships
- \$25 for family memberships

Current members of Friends of the Norman Library with an admission card to the 2011 October book sale may pick up an entry number in the library lobby starting at 9 a.m. on Friday. Shortly before the sale begins at 6 p.m., shoppers will line up in entry number order. This year the library will be open on Members

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HELLO FROM THE NEW BRANCH MANAGER!

My name is Leslie Tabor and I am very excited to

join the Norman Public Library as branch manager. I am originally from Chickasha, but consider Shawnee home now. I received my BA from OBU and my Masters of Library & Information Science from Syracuse University in Syracuse, NY. Since 2006 I've lived in San Francisco, Washington DC, Syracuse and southwest Virginia. It's great to be home in Oklahoma – you never know how much you'll miss it until you leave! Even though I've only been here

since June 1, I can already see how much important work the Friends do to support the library. The cookbook swap and shop was really fun and I'm looking forward to the October book sale.

When I'm not at work, I enjoy reading (of course), good meals and spending time with friends. I recently started playing canasta, but I'm not very good at it. Over time I hope to learn all of your names and I invite you to stop by my office whenever you like. I'm having a great time with the Norman staff and want to know all of you, too.

Here's to the future!
—Leslie Tabor, Branch Manager

President's Letter, cont.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

Speaking of 2000 boxes of books, we will start to set up the book sale, and there is an opportunity every day from Oct 5 through October 19 for community volunteers to help in many ways to set up, work the sale and clean up afterwards.

THE REWARDS

IF you offer to help us for 4 hours anytime during this time, you are invited to come and shop from 6-8 pm on Thursday before the sale and before anyone else sees the books. What a great way to stock your shelves with the best of the best! To have this treat, just e-mail **Katherine Brooks** <kebrooks87@gmail.com> and offer your services. She will schedule a time for you to help us.

My Story: I personally always volunteer to be a cashier. I enjoy seeing what everyone is reading, watching the kids and their eagerness at getting a new book, talking to everyone about their choices and in general, just have a good time. I love books. Real books with paper pages that you can turn. Real books so you can have 3 or 4 going around the house at one time. Real books that are there when you are in the mood for a juicy murder, or a great romance, or maybe thinking about a trip to Italy... at 2 am in the morning! They are like old friends, and when I cashier year after year, I feel like the people I see at the book sales become old friends, too.

What else is going on with Friends? I hope you had the opportunity to come to the Better Book Sale in May, the Romance Sale in February and the Cook Book Sale in July. We have been making big plans for new and exciting things to happen for Friends, so look for exciting news in December for next year. See you at the Big Book Sale!

—*Jaci Williams, FONL President*

Big Book Sale, cont.

Only Night. Only Norman Friends members will be admitted to the sales rooms, Friday, Oct. 14th.

There will be four sale areas in the library

More than 60 categories of books will be available, as well as a wide selection of children's books, collectibles, and better books, including books of local interest, such as University of Oklahoma Press, and Native American and Western history.

General sale books are priced at 50 cents for paperbacks and \$1 for large paperbacks and hardback books. Better and collectible books are individually priced, with most between \$2 and \$5. Of the General Sale books, **100% are new** since last October and collectibles and better books are priced weekly to add to the collections so there will be thousands of new items to browse.

When is the best time to attend?

Friday night offers the best selection. Friends **members** have the first opportunity to purchase collectibles and better books. As a special treat, members also enjoy complimentary refreshments catered by Legend's.

For the **general public**, the best selection is available Saturday morning. Families with young children or babies in strollers may prefer Satur-

day afternoon, which is less crowded. Children's books will be in the Storytime Room.

Sunday is the quietest time to shop. Tables are re-stocked with new materials throughout the sale, so there is still a good selection.

Monday is Bag Sale day! For bargain hunters, this is the time to shop. Get there early; parking fills up fast. If you want to stock up for this winter's reading, go to the Lowry Room. For just \$3 a bag, you can have as many general sale books, movies, or CDs as the bag will hold – and you can buy as many bags as you wish. For this sale, children's books will be moved to the Lowry Room. In the two Collector's rooms, bag sale prices do not apply, but all items will be half price.

Proceeds from the book sale, along with Friends membership dues, are used to provide the library with funds for materials, equipment, books, and special projects.

After the public sale, Friends will **donate** most of the left over books (excluding collectibles) to qualified nonprofit organizations, libraries, and educational institutions. Interested organizations should **contact the Friends of the Library at 360-4346**.

For more information, call the Norman Public Library at 701-2600.

VOLUNTEERS' PRE-SALE, THURS., OCT. 13, 6 - 8 PM

Volunteers who work a **minimum of four hours** between October 5 and October 19 helping with Set Up, Sale, or Clean Up may purchase up to 20 general sale items from the Lowry Room or Children's Storytime Room at the **Volunteer Pre-sale, Thursday, Oct 13, from 6 to 8 p.m.**

We need younger bodies (teens and up) who can move boxes, especially, Oct. 8, Big Move Day. For those of us who are not quite as physically able, we need you to sort, stock, bag books, greet and host. Check your

calendar and see if you can come for one or more shifts.

Set up starts Oct. 5 and work continues through Oct. 19. Big move day, where we need lots of labor help, is Oct. 8. The sale itself is Oct. 14-17. Cleanup, box, deliver and/or store will be Oct. 18 & 19. We have both daytime and evening shifts.

For more information on specific shift times or to **volunteer**, contact **Katherine Brooks**--kebrooks87@gmail.com or 321-6453.

CHILDREN'S DEPT. REPORT



Pioneer Library System Photo

READ 4 JOY!

This has been the biggest summer ever at the Norman Public Library Children's Department.

3202 Children signed up for the Summer Reading Program! (385 over last year's total)

148 Children's Programs June-July

8734 people attended Children's Programs June-July

What a summer! The weather was **hot, hot, hot** and the library was **full, full, full** of families and day cares enjoying cool air and great library resources. Books, DVDs, Audio-Book CDs and Literacy Kits were flying off the shelves and going home or on vacation! Some days there were so many folks in the Children's Department, it was hard to walk through!

86 excellent teen volunteers helped us sign up children for the Summer Reading Program. These young teens talked with each child and helped them set a goal to win their medallion. The wonderful gold medallion provided by the Friends of the Norman Library is a huge incentive to get children to read, read, read. Some children read 10 books and others read 314, but each child was proud of his achievement.

Picture smiles. What happens when the child comes back in with their **reading log** listing the titles of the books they read? The Children's

Staff member discusses books they have read. "Which book was your favorite? Did you enjoy this series? Are there any books you think I should read?" (Honestly, six year olds have great reading recommendations. My new favorite book is *Buzz Boy and Fly Guy*.) Mommies, Daddies and Grandparents come with cameras and proud smiles to see the ceremonial awarding of THE medallion to their little reader. The child stands straight and tall on a stool so the staff member can put the medallion on a ribbon over his head and congratulate him individually and loudly. Then everyone claps. It is an Olympic moment for each little family. **Picture this happening over 2,000 times this summer.** We clapped and clapped and clapped. No one seemed to mind that children sometimes had to wait to get their medallion, because each child was celebrated equally and thoroughly!

Thank you FONL! The Friends of the Norman Library provide many gifts to the Children's Department. We use Friends donations for programs, for replacement toys and for appreciation of our volunteers. And these are all important and needed gifts. But we give you a special thank-you for the generous donation of **Summer Reading Medallions.** You provide the medallions and our staff make them "solid gold" reading awards. The children provide the magic. Thank you for giving children in our community the incentive to **Read for Success!**

—Basha Hartley
Norman Public Library
Children's Manager

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