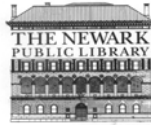


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Newark Public Library Holds Annual Book Sale

The Friends of the Newark Public Library are spending Saturdays sorting through a vast amount of books that have been donated during the year as they prepare for their annual book sale; scheduled this year for four days in April: Saturday the 18th, from 9 a.m. to 5 pm; Tuesday the 21st and Thursday the 23rd, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; and Saturday the 25th, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

“We’ve had massive book donations this year,” said Kay Geter, one of the newest board members elected to the Friends group in December. That means the Friends and other volunteers who gather every Saturday to sort through the boxes, bags and piles of books have a immense amount of work to do. “But this is a good thing,” she noted.

Geter, recently retired from Prudential, has been sorting books for the Friends for about a decade and was joined by her sister, a Kids R Us retiree, two years ago.

The Friends’ sale philosophy is to price the books to be affordable to all people who attend the sale. The event is designed to encourage literacy and ensure that anyone with a dollar can purchase at least one book, if not more.

Prices at the book sale run \$2 for a hardcover book, \$1 for a large paperback, and five pocket books for \$1. Children’s books are priced at 10-cents each. At the end of the sale, unsold items are donated to various local groups and local charities.

The Friends of the Newark Public Library use the money they raise to address needs identified by the library. Jerry Caprio, book sale chairman, notes that “We are fortunate to have dedicated volunteers helping to set up the book sale – including our experienced sorting team – and we look forward to greeting book and bargain lovers to the sale again this year.” Caprio also noted that many people return to the sale each year, sometimes more once.

“Everyone is welcome,” says Friends board president, Patricia Bender. “The sale is as much a social event as a fundraiser. We love getting books into the hands

of people who want them, and talking about books with everyone, young and old.”

The Friends have used the funds raised to support the Special Collections Division and exhibitions, preserve historic maps in the Charles F. Cummings New Jersey Information Center, and make generous donations to the library’s endowment funds. These donations have been made in honor of William J. Dane to the Gertrude Fund endowment, which benefits the Special Collections Division, and in memory of Charles Cummings to the Robert Treat fund to support New Jersey collections. This year the Friends are focusing their efforts on the Young Adult collections of the NPL, hoping to entice more young people to start a life-long habit of using the library in many different ways.

For more information about the sale, please call the Friends at 973-733-7793 or log in to www.friends.npl.org