

Friends of the Redwood City Public Library



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Friends Volunteers



Friends has over 40 volunteers who work hard to keep our operation running. Many volunteers work a weekly Bookstore shift, greeting and helping customers and selling lots of great items! In our back work area, volunteers sort through donations and sell books online. Volunteers also maintain our Book Kiosk at the Redwood Shores Library, keep the Bookstore stocked and operational, and much more! Thank you to each and every volunteer!

A special thank you to our volunteer Richard, who suggested we include volunteer thoughts in the newsletter (more on back). He provided us some lovely input on his Bookstore volunteer experience:

My first thought on working in the store is simple - the books and other items are a treasure trove, with loads of books you've always wanted to read. The bookstore shift is two hours which seems perfect. I found that I sometimes spend more on books I buy than I take in – amazing how that happens! And a special thanks to the library staff who are always very friendly and helpful.

Most surprising to me, people visiting the book shop are really interesting:

- The fellow who bought five paperbacks to read on his flight. He was meeting a friend and they were going to ride unicycles to the top of a mountain to raise money for charity.
- Alberto, the attorney who rode his bike to the Redwood City Library as a youth, eventually graduated from UCLA, and would like to help pay back a little to the Friends in some fashion.
- The young man who buys one CD and counts out 50¢ in nickels and dimes.
- The child who was thrilled to open and close the door of the Little Library placed on the floor, easy access if you're two or three years old.
- The young boy and his brother who appeared with a boy's mystery book and a dollar bill. I told him that it looked like a book he would enjoy and handed him two quarters in change. A couple of minutes later they reappeared and he handed me the 2 quarters and said they decided to make a donation. I introduced myself and learned he was Michael and his little brother was Mitchell. I gave them both a fist bump then looked up and the Mom was leaning into the doorway. I waved and thanked her too. As they left my eyes started to tear up and I thought how the book shop customers always surprise you and make you feel good.



Winter MakerClub

Create with us during the winter break!

December 20 – January 5
Ages 3 – 13

Drop in to the Downtown Library's Makerspace to create fun winter-themed projects!

In addition to the fun of creating projects, kids will also receive a free book and earn tickets for the prize drawing at the end of MakerClub!

There will be new projects available daily for different ages and abilities.

Any day may include paint, clay, sewing, weaving, gluing, and more. Bring your creativity and join in the fun!

All children must be accompanied by an adult.

Winter MakerClub:

Wednesdays,
Thursdays,
Fridays
10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

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Notes from Volunteers

Virginia: Volunteering for Friends is fun and it's enjoyable to meet fellow volunteers, who are all very nice, to discover books that I want to buy, and to find high-value books to list on Amazon or eBay.

Anonymous: I have been volunteering with Friends since it reopened in Nov 2022. There are a wide variety of books and other treasures that change every week that I am on my shift...the previous collection of coffee table books and now the comic books are very entertaining to peruse. It's great to chat with customers who enjoy the collections and interact with children who enjoy our seasonal items, now Halloween. The time flies very fast while I'm at my shift. Thank you for this opportunity to volunteer for Friends.

Anonymous: I have thoroughly enjoyed being a substitute in the book store this year. After retirement I knew I never again wanted to have to adhere to a strict time schedule; substituting allows me to come in at my convenience. In addition, the patrons are almost universally friendly. We often strike up conversations around books, which quickly evolve into conversations about grandkids, job hunts, vacation plans, etc. The two-hour shifts are just the right amount of time; I complete my shift and am on my way!

Kent: I find books that I meant to read but never did: "Ah! Here's my chance--and only for 50¢." Most recent example: Joshua Hammer's *The Bad-Ass Librarians of Timbuktu*. Staffing the store is easy. I jolly up the clients, orderify the shelves, and do my homework in between. I'm happy to help the Friends support a great Redwood City institution.

Email Friends to Volunteer!!!

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 2023 Librarian's Circle and Benefactor levels in our spring 2024 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: www.friendsofrwclibrary.org

A Membership Card will be sent.

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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.



Holiday Sale

In November and December, the Friends Bookstore features our **annual, large holiday sale**. We collect 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!



Friends Redwood Shores Kiosk Expanded

Friends is very happy to report that the **Sales Kiosk at Redwood Shores** has been expanded to include the entire circular case for sale items!

Loads of terrific items, now with new categories added! Books and DVDs are for sale, and you may also find a puzzle or two!

Check it out!