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24th ANNUAL BOOK SALE AT NAGEL MIDDLE SCHOOL JUNE 18-20

Sponsored by the Anderson Library Committee

Volunteers are doing final sorting and pricing of tens of thousands of used books and other items for the **24th Annual Used Book Sale** sponsored by the Anderson Library Committee, set for June 18-20. It will be held at Nagel Middle School, 1500 Nagel Road, at the intersection of State & Nagel Roads.

Last year's sale raised nearly \$50,000, which was presented to the Library for use at the Anderson and Mt. Washington branch libraries. "We are really grateful to the people in the area, as well as those who traveled from all over the county and even from other states, who support the sale," said Jeanne Sheppard, book sale chair. "It's a great place to come and browse for hours. There is plenty of free parking, the school is air-conditioned, and all the books are divided into clearly marked subject categories such as art, military, history, travel, etc. Because they are so popular, we've placed the children's books in the entry foyer, with the rest of the items in the cafeteria immediately to the left."

The book sale benefits both the Anderson and Mt. Washington branches, but also provides gently used reading material to thousands of adults and children. "Many of our regular customers buy large quantities of books, then give them back to us to resell at the next sale," Sheppard continued. "When you consider the cost of a new book, it's a great and inexpensive way to get books into the hands of avid readers. There is something for everyone, ranging from sci-fi paperbacks, to a special section of collectible, rare and unusual books that include fiction and nonfiction titles. Encyclopedia sets and dictionaries will also be available in limited quantities. Of course, we have lots of reference and how-to books, biographies, gothic and romance, poetry and drama, health and fitness, and more. All books are in like-new condition, and there is a great selection in each category."

Cookbooks continue to be in demand. "We have cookbooks suited to anyone's tastes, whether you like traditional American fare, exotic dishes from the Far East, or want to make the perfect appetizer."

One type of cookbook that has gained in popularity is cook booklets—small, soft covered books that were very popular from the 1920s to 1960s. “Many of these might have been included with the purchase of a stove, or by sending in box tops or labels from a food product, and they are sought after by collectors. We have thousands available, most priced at 50 cents.”

The Anderson Library Committee was formed in the mid 1970s when a core group of residents rallied for a branch library to be built in Anderson Township. At the time, only the Mt. Washington Branch Library served the readers of both communities. The Anderson Library Committee held its first used book sale at Beechmont Mall in 1981, the year the Anderson Branch opened, with a couple of thousand books and several tables. Today, the book sale is well known and is a year-round effort for members who meet every Wednesday at their storage warehouse near Eastgate Mall, processing the donations and discards received weekly. “Although we do receive Library discards, more than half of our books are donations by area residents,” said Committee member Pat Noonan. “We’re very particular about what we put out for the public,” she continued. “We want to have the best there is to offer, with the widest selection.”

Through the committee’s efforts, more than a half a million dollars has been raised over the past 24 years to support the Anderson and Mt. Washington branch libraries. It has also provided trust funds for both branches to purchase books, established the Anderson Community Collection, brought noted speakers to the branch, and sponsored programming for children and adults.

Book Sale Hours

- 10:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m. Friday, June 18
- 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Saturday, June 19
- 12:00-3:00 p.m. Sunday, June 20
- Information and driving directions: (513) 369-4573

Volunteers Needed

“Anyone who wants to volunteer to work the book sale, or who would like to join the committee every Wednesday at 10:00 a.m. to help process and price books, should call (513) 369-4573 and leave a message, and someone will be in touch,” said Ms. Sheppard. “We’re always looking for new members, and you can work as much or as little as your schedule allows.”

√ **Information about events at the Main Library and 41 branch libraries is available on the Internet site: www.CincinnatiLibrary.org**