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Friends of the Public Library Hoping for “Record” Turnout at End of Summer Warehouse Sale August 19-22

“Get them while we still have them!” Those words uttered by Friends of the Public Library Executive Director Anne Keller sum up what has become a growing part of the annual *End of Summer Warehouse Sale*, set for August 19-22 at 8465 Vine Street (Hartwell). Though books make up the bulk of sales, records are still some of the hottest picks. “And, we have over 5,000 of them priced at a dollar each,” she said. “Pretty amazing considering that the industry stopped making them over 20 years ago.”

From classical and instrumental, to jazz, folk, and rock, there is shelf upon shelf of vintage vinyl music to pick from. “It’s a collector’s market, and I doubt if anyone can match our price—a buck per vinyl disk,” she said. “You’d think after all this time, that the interest would die down, but it has remained steady. People donate records weekly at the Main Library and 41 branches. Of course, if you prefer compact disks, we do have a pretty good assortment, priced at \$3.00 each.

But, the sale goes beyond recordings. With a choice of over 100,000 books at the warehouse, volunteers end up meeting several days a week just to process, sort and price donations. There are plenty of fiction and children’s books, as well as nonfiction, books-on-tape, self-help (on personal finance, home improvement, and family), Oprah book club selections, and even a few sets of encyclopedias. “Most of our encyclopedias are priced from \$75-\$90 for sets from 1998-2000,” said Ms. Keller. “That’s a bargain.”

Recently the Friends began accepting MasterCard and Visa, in addition to cash and checks. “It’s something people asked about for a long time, and we’re happy to be able to offer that option,” she said. For those who can’t wait until the sale starts on August 19, there will be a special Preview Sale on Wednesday, August 18 from 6:00-8:00 p.m. for Friends’ members.

“Show your membership card for this special sale. This is a great opportunity to get a jump on the rest of the crowd. We’ll also be selling memberships at the door starting at \$20.00.”

Friends’ members also enjoy many other perks, including shopping at the warehouse on Wednesdays and select Saturdays from July-May. “At the beginning of the year, we decided to let Friends’ members shop at the warehouse,” said Ms. Keller. “Members can shop on Wednesdays from 10:00 a.m.-noon, and on the fourth Saturday of each month from 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. We close the warehouse to members in June due to our Fountain Square book sale, usually held the first week of June downtown.”

Volunteers are always needed and welcomed. “Anyone wishing to help out one day a week or month, or just during the sales, should call the warehouse at (513) 369-6035,” she said. “It’s a nice way to spend some time with fellow book lovers, and a great way to help your community.”

SALE HOURS:

Preview Sale for Friends’ members (Wednesday, August 18): 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Thursday, August 19: 10:00 a.m.-7:30 p.m.

Friday, August 20 & Saturday, August 21: 10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.

Sunday, August 22: noon-3:00 p.m.

Information: (513) 369-6035

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