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9th Annual Friends' Warehouse Sale Set for January 21-23

Trying to cure those after-holiday blahs? Looking for something to do on a cold winter day? Why not stop by the Friends of the Public Library's **9th Annual Warehouse Sale**, set for January 21-23 in Hartwell, 8456 Vine Street? There, you will have the opportunity to browse from more than 70,000 books, videos, records, CDs, cassettes, books on tape, some sets, and more! Prices begin at fifty cents, and cash, check, Visa or MasterCard are accepted. You won't want to miss the Preview Sale for Friends' members on Thursday, January 20, from 6:00-8:00 p.m. Not a member? Purchase yours at the door.

Ever wonder what happens to those books, CDs and videos you donate to the Friends? In one case a couple had just built a home and wanted to stock their home library, so they bought hundreds of books at a branch book sale. Many times school libraries on a limited budget buy books to stock their shelves. Still, avid readers like to recycle their book stock for "new" reads, and in many cases books get donated and resold several times. But for Brother Dan Stupka, a Marianist Brother with the Society of Mary, he purchases reference books and music CDs to teach novitiates, male high school graduates who want to enter the order of the Society of Mary, in Bangalore, India.

For the past two years Brother Stupka has traveled to India and spent four months (from August-November) teaching scholastics English and Music Appreciation. "Even though the predominant religion in India is Hindi, which accounts for about 80% of the population, there is a large calling of post-high school students who want to enter the Society of Mary," said Brother Stupka. "We have a small stipend that we use each year to buy books to stock the library, which now numbers over 15,000 volumes. For my Music Appreciation class, I can come to the warehouse and pick and choose what CDs and cassettes I need."

“My students are totally unfamiliar with Western music,” he continued. “It’s really neat to see how much they enjoy being exposed for the first time to the classics, from the Gregorian Chant to Vivaldi to West Side Story. If I didn’t have the opportunity to purchase music from the Friends, it would be very difficult to teach my classes. When you consider that a new CD can run \$13 or more, and some reference books are \$50, it’s a bargain to be able to buy CDs for \$3, and reference books for \$5.”

Friends’ Executive Director Anne Keller said that the Friends are happy to accommodate special requests like Brother Stupka’s. “Of course, if you’re a member of the Friends, not only do you have a special invitation to preview sales, but you can also shop at the warehouse on Wednesdays from 10:00 a.m. to noon, and every fourth Saturday of the month from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. However, these special hours won’t resume until after the warehouse sale.”

For additional information, call the warehouse at (513) 369-6035, or visit the Friends’ web site at <http://friends.cincinnati.library.org>.

Sale Hours:

Friday, January 21 & Saturday, January 22: 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

Sunday, January 23: noon-4:00 p.m.

Members’ Preview Sale: Thursday, January 20, 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Information: (513) 369-6035.

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