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Anderson Township Library Association 25th Annual Used Book Sale Planned for June 24–26

Presto—tens of thousands of books neatly arranged by subject appear like magic each year at the Anderson Township Library Association’s used book sale—at least that’s the way it looks to those who will come to Nagel Middle School, 1500 Nagel Road, the weekend of June 24–26. In reality, an estimated 4,000 hours are logged in by core volunteers who sort, price and box items for the sale year-round.

Because many of the volunteers have been working the book sale for most of those 25 years, their experience makes this one of the biggest and best-organized sales anywhere. Add to that the hundreds of extra volunteers that include seniors, adults and teens recruited just to sell those books and other items, and you can see the scope of the sale.

If you think that the books offered are discards that nobody wanted, think again. Book Sale Chair Jeanne Sheppard said, “We get donations year-round from people visiting the Anderson and Mt. Washington branch libraries, as well as Library discards. These are carefully culled to offer the best possible selections for the most reasonable price. Many of our donations are in like-new condition. If an otherwise good book needs minor repair, we fix it so it’s as good as new.”

Several volunteers also specialize in specific subject areas, such as children’s books, collectibles, history, and more. Children’s books are further subdivided by age group and reading level in the entry foyer, making it easy to shop for kids of different reading abilities. First editions, classics, and encyclopedia sets are featured separately from fiction and nonfiction, and videos, CDs, music cassettes, and books on tape are grouped in a separate audiovisual area. “Prices are reasonable,” continued Ms. Sheppard. “We also feature special pricing on items the last day of the sale.”

Book buyers are not limited to those living in Cincinnati. Trish Roberto, Publicity Chair, said, “we’ve had people come from all parts of the country, who mark their calendars and make sure they are first in line on opening day. We also welcome book dealers, who know that the high quality of our merchandise will insure that they get good selections for their used bookstores.”

Nagel Middle School offers convenience and ease of shopping, all under one air-conditioned roof. There is plenty of free parking, and subject categories are clearly marked with bold signage. Cash and checks are accepted for payment.

While the book sale benefits both the Anderson and Mt. Washington branches, it also is a huge community recycling effort that provides gently used reading material for thousands of adults and children. “Many times 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 what a new book costs, it’s a great and inexpensive way to get books into the hands of readers.”

Through the committee’s efforts, more than a half a million dollars has been raised over the past 25 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 24
- 10:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m. Saturday, June 25
- 12:00–3:00 p.m. Sunday, June 26
- 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. The group is always looking for new members, and you can work as much or as little as your schedule allows.

Information or to volunteer: (513) 369-4573

Mark Your Calendar: The Holiday & Nearly New Used Book Sale sponsored by the Anderson Township Library Association is set for the weekend of November 4-6.

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