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The mission of the Friends of Porter Public Library is to foster awareness and strengthen this invaluable resource for the community through advocacy, fundraising, and volunteerism.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As 2024 comes to a close, I can't help but reflect back on the number of volunteers who help the Friends of WPPL: volunteers who helped make our October book sale so successful; volunteers who weekly staff our book store (the Book Nook); volunteers who work weekly in our workroom; volunteers who helped with our fall programs in the outdoor pavilion, and with the children's Christmas program. I'd be remiss if I didn't mention the volunteers on the Friends' board who make all of our programs and events run smoothly. The Friends' board has two new members: Jess Pollack is our new recording secretary and Sylvia Scherma has joined us as a trustee. Welcome to both of these new board members.

Thank you for your continuing support of the Friends. If you haven't joined the Friends yet, there is a renewal application in this newsletter. We couldn't do what we do without your support and volunteer help. Information about how to contact us is below and on the Friends webpage.

My wish for all of our Friends is for a happy, healthy 2025.

Lynn Pettyjohn, President



Contact the Friends

PLEASE CALL & Leave a message
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[SEND AN EMAIL](https://www.westlakelibrary.org/friends) from the Friends page.
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The 2024 October Book Sale

The Friends' Annual Book Sale was a huge success. Our 84 volunteers worked 900 hours to set-up and conduct the sale. These hours included the help of the men of Community Service Alliance, and 8 students from Westlake High School Honor Society, who donated their help on Saturday and Sunday. We would also like to thank the staff of the library who made sure the sale was possible. A big Thank You to all of them for their help and support. We were able to raise \$10,000, which the Friends of Porter Public Library will use to fund various programs at the library throughout the year.

We have already scheduled the next Annual Sale for October of 2025. Until then, we hope you will visit our Book Nook sales room. The store is located in the main lobby. We are open Wednesdays and Saturdays from 10-2, Thursdays from 1-5, and Mondays from 3-7, so stop in and see our treasures. We have fiction, non-fiction, children's items, DVDs, Blu Rays, CDs, albums, puzzles, Book Art, and games. When we are not open, please check out the \$1 Shelves by the main entrance. We are constantly replenishing both the \$1 Shelves and the Book Nook so you can stop by often. As always, we are pleased to accept your donations at the Book Nook workroom at our original location in the hall to the right of the reception desk. Donations can be dropped off at any time.

In addition to the Community Service Alliance and the Westlake High School students, here is a list of our fantastic volunteers. A big thank you to all of them and to all of the friends who donated food and beverages for the volunteers. You are wonderful.


Karen Alfred	Nancy Allen	Martha Bober	Dawn Bloom
Felicia Browning	Mary Ann Coblentz	Jennifer Cirincione	Jennifer Darling
Susan Davidson	Kim Delfing	Jara Dell	Jeff Dell
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Karen Peters	Lynn Pettyjohn	Steve Pettyjohn	Melinda Phillips
Bob Plantz	Carol Riordan	Marilyn Rolko	Marlene Sandor
Sylvia Scherma	Jan Schmitt	Cathy Schultz	Nancy Shaw
Lori Shoup	Marti Svetz	Billie Tomoff	Jessica Townsend
Holly Tramba	Patti Verde	Jan Voiklis	Katy Wilson
Linda Worthington	Lynne Young	Chip Zyrkowski	

We apologize if we left off or misspelled any names.
 Carol Masek, Jim Hajek, and Lynn Pettyjohn – Co-Chairmen

FRIENDS' ACTIVITIES



 The Winter Fest was fun. Nine Westlake High School National Honor Society students helped. Santa was jolly and there were about 150 people inside for games, crafts, and snacks. There were 300 people outside visiting the two real reindeer, Chet and Jingles. Candy canes were passed out outside.

National Honor Society student Emily Dahlhausen helps with the visiting reindeer from Spring Mist Farms.

Friends planted 500 daffodils in the two landscaping Friends Pavilion plots - look for them to bloom in March or April! There are 50 clumps of 10 daffodils each. Great photo opportunities.



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