

That BIG Book Sale 2024

FAQs for Volunteers

Thank you for volunteering for That BIG Book Sale. Below you will find FAQs that will help answer any questions.

Parking

We ask that all volunteers park on the left (west) side of the building. Follow the Volunteer Parking signs.

Where can I put my personal belongings?

We advise you to bring very limited items and to keep your valuables with you. Charleston Friends of the Library or Omar Shrine Auditorium is not responsible for personal items.

Volunteer Check-In

Volunteers can enter from the left (west) side of the building. The door will be labeled volunteer entrance. Follow the signs to the volunteer check-in area. If for some reason you are unable to work your scheduled shift, you can cancel your shift using the link in your confirmation email or email info@charlestonlibraryfriends.org as soon as possible.

What will I be doing?

Set up: Unpack boxes & place books on tables, help with signs, and organize for membership pre-sale.

Checkout: Calculate purchase totals, take payment using Square, and bag/box purchases.

Floor Assistants: Straighten books on tables, transfer books from beneath tables to tabletops, answer questions, re-shelve discarded books, and other tasks as needed.

Greeter: Greet & manage incoming customer traffic, distribute floor maps, and record the number of customers.

Traffic Director: Ensure movement through checkout lines and answer questions.

Hold Area: Assist customers with books being placed on hold.

Break Room Asst: Assist with food, monitor personal items/books stored by volunteers.

Merch Asst./Loading Zone Attendant: Provide pre-paid merch to customers; move traffic cones to assist customers who need to load their car.

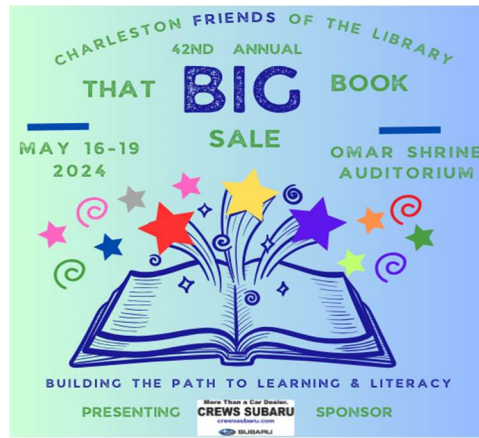
Takedown: Collect sign holders & wall signs, place leftover books into gaylords or boxes, organize supplies, break down boxes, etc.

If I need a break, what do I do?

If you need a break, please let a volunteer manager (maroon apron) know. Refreshments and snacks are available in the hospitality room during all shifts.

Our thanks to you?

Each volunteer will receive a one-time \$10 voucher to use at TBBS. The vouchers are available per volunteer, but not per shift.



FAQs for Book Sale Customers

How are the books priced?

Prices are generally found on the first page on the right when you open the book. Non-fiction book pricing is determined through research. Our prices are based on condition and generally ½ or less of what online prices state on Bookfinder. Fiction hardback books are priced based on publication date and range \$4-\$6. Trade fiction is priced at \$3 and fiction pocket paperbacks are 2 for \$1. Children's book prices start at \$1 and are priced as marked.

What are the prices for art prints and odds & ends?

Art prints are \$1. Odds and Ends are priced as marked (puzzles, games, and journals).

Do we charge for boxes?

Yes -\$2 for a box.

Is there a place where books can be put on hold?

Yes, there is a designated holding area near the Children's section. However, we do not permit overnight holds.

What forms of payment are accepted?

Cash, checks, debit, credit cards and electronic payment such as ApplePay.

What if I have a question and a volunteer cannot answer?

Volunteer Managers (maroon aprons) will be able to assist you. If you have a problem or question(s) that the volunteer can not answer, please see a Volunteer Manager.

What happens to the left-over books?

Community non-profit organizations are allowed to select books after the sale ends and the rest are sold to benefit Charleston Friends of the Library.

What happens to funds raised at the sale?

Proceeds from the sale support programming at the 18 branches of the Charleston County Library

Charleston Friends of the Library thanks you for giving us your time, energy and helping to build the path to learning and literacy!