Black Ink Virtual Book Club Chat

Join us in discussing Tristan Strong Punches a Hole in the Sky with author Kwame Mbalia.

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Baxter-Patrick James Island Pop-Up Book Sale

The Pop-Up Sale will be 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. with the first hour dedicated to senior shopping.

That BIG Book Sale (Postponed)

That BIG Book Sale originally slated for October 9-11 at Omar Shrine has been postponed and tentatively rescheduled for May 27-30, 2021 due to COVID-19. Please support our upcoming Pop-Up Sales!

Saturday, September 12: Baxter-Patrick James Island
Saturday, October 10: Wando Mount Pleasant
Saturday, November 14: Bees Ferry West Ashley
Saturday, December 12: Mount Pleasant Regional

The Pop-Up Sales will be 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. with the first hour dedicated to senior shopping.

Membership Preview Sale & Reception

Held the evening before the sale goes public / 5 – 8 PM / Omar Shrine Auditorium

Become a member of Friends and join us for a special sneak preview of the sale! Members get first access to all of the goods. To become a member, please click here.
Volunteer for FREE Books!

That BIG Book Sale is our biggest fundraiser of the year, and we are in need of more than 300 volunteers to ensure that it is a success. You can sign up here.

Volunteer Activities:

- Set up and break down the sale
- Sort and organize items
- Cashier and more!

Group Volunteers:

This is an excellent group volunteer opportunity! If your school, company or organization is interested in pitching in, please email director@charlestonlibraryfriends.org, or sign up online by clicking on the link here.

Volunteer Benefits:

- Free Books: volunteers receive a coupon for $10 off a purchase
- The satisfaction that comes with helping your community

Sponsor The Annual Big Book Sale

Want to gain great visibility for your company during the sale? Looking for ways to further support the Library? Become a Sponsor! There are over 5,000 shoppers coming through the doors during the 4 day event. Become a sponsor today! Please call (843) 805-6882 for more information.
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Bees Ferry West Ashley Pop-Up Book Sale

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Mount Pleasant Regional Pop-Up Book Sale

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Black Ink Virtual Book Festival

Black Ink is Charleston’s African-American Book Festival. It is a project of the Charleston Friends of the Library, a nonprofit organization. The purpose of the festival is to support black writers, especially from South Carolina, creating a space for them to share their work, discuss their craft, and expose readers of all ages to the great variety of African American authors in the area.

Festival Information and Author Registration Coming Soon

The goal of Black Ink is to promote public awareness of the importance of African-American contributions to American literature and public conversation. Authors will present fiction, poetry, nonfiction, memoirs, self-help, and spiritual offerings. First-time attendees are awed by the crowd, the professionalism, and the art forms practiced in our area. The festival aims for exposure, celebration of writing as a form of art, and creating an opportunity for authors to network, recruit readers, and to be recognized as valued members of the community. The keynote address aims for inspiration, timely social commentary, but also a broadening of perspectives and a bringing together of a diverse array of people.