Library Giving Day

The Charleston Friends of the Library is part of a coalition of libraries and library supporting organizations joining forces to raise funds through a Library Giving Day campaign. This one-day online fundraising event reminds us that libraries serve as a cornerstone for our communities. In addition to well-loved books, many libraries offer innovative programs that promote lifelong learning, connect patrons to technology, and advance knowledge.

Join CFOL during Library Giving Day and support the following
programs:

- Programs and Events
- Annual Summer Reading Program
- Movies and Special Performances
- Author Book Signings
- Readings and Lectures
- New Technology
- Continuing Education for Library Staff
- And much more

Since our volunteer organization began in 1982, our mission has been to support and advocate for the Charleston County Public Library. Over the years we have grown our membership and are now able to help the library fund over 6,000 programs, classes, and events each year. This is made possible because of thoughtful contributions from library lovers like you.

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Black Ink Poetry Panel
Let’s celebrate National Poetry Month! Join us (Facebook LIVE) on April 16 for a poetry panel moderated by Black Ink co-chair, Djuanna Brockington, featuring local poets Anthony Green Jr. and Asiah Mae. We’ll discuss creativity in the Black community and follow with poetry readings.

That HOLIDAY Book Sale!
Join Us for Our Holiday Sale!

Looking for some extra stocking stuffers this Christmas? Shopping for Kwanzaa or a New Year’s Party? Come shop the Charleston Friends of the Library Holiday Book Sale. It’s the best bargain in town!

At the sale, you will find books, DVDs, and CDs, with prices starting at $1 for paperbacks and $3 for hardback books. Items include mysteries, romances, classics, children’s books, local histories, cookbooks and a variety of non-fiction topics.

Open to the public:
Friday, December 6,  9am-5:30pm
Saturday, December 7,  9am-4pm
Want to attend the book sale a day early? A special event for Friends of the Library members will be held at the Mt Pleasant Regional Library, Thursday evening, December 5, 5:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m. You’re invited to join at the door!

Sign-up here to volunteer at That HOLIDAY Book Sale!

Questions: 805-6882 or info@charlestonlibraryfriends.org

That BIG Book Sale

Featuring over 60,000 books, DVDs, CDs, audio books, sheet music, and maps available to purchase for prices as low as $.50

Our next That BIG Book Sale event is scheduled for October 11-13 at the Omar Shrine Auditorium, with our Preview Sale for members on October 10th.

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.
Black Ink: The Charleston African American Book Festival

Saturday, October 5, 2019, 11 am – 5 pm

The Charleston African-American Book Festival is the first and only annual celebration of African-American literature in the Charleston area. Now in its fourth year, Black Ink serves as a platform to support local Black writers, 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. With the support of community-conscious sponsors Black Ink: A Charleston African-American Book Festival will impact the lives of hundreds of readers, both young and old.

The Charleston African-American Book Festival is presented by the Charleston Friends of the Library, a non-profit organization dedicated to increasing the Charleston County Public Library’s resources, stimulating the use of the Library, and developing and supporting educational and
literacy programs. This year, Black Ink is part of the City of Charleston’s MOJA Arts Festival, an annual celebration of African-American culture. The festival is free to the public and will include hundreds of books for sale, vendor exhibits, a keynote address, and more!

Nikki Giovanni, the world-renowned poet, writer, commentator, activist, and educator, will be featured as the keynote speaker at this fall’s Black Ink, Charleston’s African American book festival. One of the most widely read American poets, Giovanni has written more than two dozen books, including volumes of poetry, illustrated children’s books, and three collections of essays. The Academy of American Poets voted Giovanni #1 poet for the spring of 2007. She has received 21 honorary doctorates and a host of other awards, including Woman of the Year titles from three different magazines and the Governors’ Awards in the Arts from both Tennessee and Virginia.

The keynote address will take place at 2 pm during the festival. Admission is free; registration required. Reservations can be made [here](#). Space is limited.

Interested in participating in Black Ink as an author? Click [here](#) to be added to our waitlist.
Interested in receiving exposure and benefits by becoming a Black Ink Sponsor? Click here to support Black Ink.

For more information, visit blackinkcharleston.org.
John’s Island Book Sale

John's Island BOOK SALE

3531 Maybank Hwy., 29455

July 26 9am - 5:30pm  |  July 27 9am - 4pm

Fiction • Nonfiction
Children's Books • CDs • DVDs
Cash, cards, and checks accepted

Want to attend the book sale a day early? A special event for Friends of the Library members will be held at the John's Island Regional Library, Thursday evening, July 25th from 5:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
You're invited to join at the door!
Questions 803-6882 or info@charlestonlibraryfriends.org

Click here to volunteer with the friends!
http://bit.ly/2X8BNgw
That Summer Book Sale

June 21 & 22: 9am – 5:30pm
June 23: 2pm – 4pm

More than 20,000 books, DVDs, and CDs, with prices starting at $1 for paperbacks and $3 for hardback books. Items include mysteries, romances, classics, children’s books, local histories, cookbooks and a variety of non-fiction topics. Children’s books start at just $0.50. Special pricing on Sunday!

Interested in volunteering? Please click here to sign up.
Wando Mt. Pleasant Library Preview Party

You’re invited! Join the Charleston Friends of the Library (FOL) on June 7th for a special preview of the new Wando Mt. Pleasant Library!

In 2014 you showed your overwhelming support for the Charleston County Public Library (CCPL) system by approving the building of five new, state-of-the-art libraries.

Come welcome CCPL to its new digs in Mt. Pleasant on June 7th, 4PM-7PM for private facility tours, family fun games, music, and light refreshments.

Some of the features you can look forward to are adult, children and teen areas, private meeting and conference room space, a digital media studio and editing suites, a makerspace for DIY projects, and two outdoor patio spaces.

This event is free and open to the public. Just click here to RSVP. Bring family and friends, and we’ll see you there!
West Ashley Book Sale

May 24 & 25 of 2019 | FRI 9am- 5:30pm | SAT 9am- 4pm
Hurd/ St. Andrews Reg. Library, 1735 N. Woodmere Dr., 29407

Over 10,000 gently used books, audio books, DVDs and CDs. Prices for Fiction, Non-Fiction, Children's Books are $0.50 & up. Cash, credit cards, and checks accepted.

Want to attend the book sale a day early? A special event for Friends of The Library members will be held on Thursday, May 23, from 5pm-7:30pm. You can join online at CharlestonLibraryFriends.org or at the door!

Come for the best book bargains and support the Charleston County Public Library!

Interested in volunteering at our West Ashley Book Sale? Please click here to sign up.
One Day Book Sale!

One Day Pop Up Book Sale

Friday, April 26th | 9am - 5pm
Mt Pleasant Regional Library, 1133 Mathis Ferry Rd.

Come shop the Charleston Friends of the Library Pop Up One Day Book Sale on Friday, April 26th from 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. at the Mt Pleasant Regional Library, 1133 Mathis Ferry Rd, Mt Pleasant, SC 29464.

Our One Day Sale will feature individually priced books starting at $1. Our selection will include “better” books, mysteries, romances, classics, children's books, local histories, cookbooks and a variety of non-fiction topics. Hope to see you there!

Interested in volunteering? Please click here.