VOLUNTEER WITH THE FRIENDS

“Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed, citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has.” – Margaret Mead.

The Charleston Friends of the Library is a volunteer-run organization, from the Board of Directors to the Sorting Room and throughout the community at book sales and programs. Every year hundreds of Charleston citizens donate thousands of hours to make our community a better place to live, work, and learn.

The Friends offer a variety of ways for volunteers to engage and make an impact. We welcome individual volunteers, families, and groups from schools, corporations, and civic organizations. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact us at director@charlestonlibraryfriends.org.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

SORTING ROOM

The Sorting Room is located at the Main Library branch in downtown Charleston. Each weekday, a dedicated group of volunteers receive the books and media donated for book sales. Together, they sort through the donated items, price everything in preparation for sales, and repackage donations for storage.

Sorting Room Volunteers are required to complete volunteer training before joining the regular schedule. To schedule a
training, please contact us at director@charlestonlibraryfriends.org.

BOOK SALES

The Friends host five regional book sales throughout the year in library branches throughout Charleston County. In addition, the Friends host the That BIG Book Sale each October at the Omar Shrine Auditorium in Mount Pleasant. Volunteers replenish and straighten book supplies for easy shopping and accept payments from patrons when they are finished shopping.

BRANCH LIBRARY BOOK PICKUPS

We need volunteers to help us pick up donated books from elderly patrons and take them to our donation drop off area located at the Main Library branch on 68 Calhoun. Must be able to pick up a 30 lb. box of books. Must have a valid driver’s license and must use your own vehicle.

OFFICE ASSISTANCE

Assist with mailings, data entry, and other tasks in the Administrative Office located at the Main Library branch on 68 Calhoun. Please contact us at director@charlestonlibraryfriends.org if interested.