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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

On behalf of the Friends Executive, I hope you had a wonderful summer. As the Fall approaches, we have a variety of events planned that we hope you can take part in.

Our Giant Fall Book Sale will take place from Friday October 17 to Sunday October 19. Keep reading for information about the great prices and the variety of materials, there is something for every age and interest.

Of special interest to Friends is the invitation to the preview night before the sale is open to the public. The preview night is Thursday, October 16, from 6:30 to 8:30pm at Centennial Hall, lower level. We hope you can join us.

We require volunteers at the book sale so if you or anyone you know would like to volunteer, find the details later in this newsletter. New and previous volunteers are welcome.

Our Bookstore Manager, Scott Curoe, has stepped down after 15 years. He has worked beyond the call of duty organizing the collection, training volunteers, and serving the public. We thank him and are most appreciative of the work he has done. Moving forward, we welcome Claire Mertens and Brian Propper who are assuming the role of Co-Managers.

A special thank you goes to Encore Auctions, for the donation of 1000 books and for the 50 books for the Book for Every Child® Campaign.

I also extend my thanks to you, our members, for your ongoing support, to the Friends Executive Board for their commitment and dedication, and to our volunteers for their time and effort.

Carmen Sprovieri, President

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FRIENDS OCTOBER BOOK SALE 2025

Mark your calendars! Our Annual Fall Book Sale is almost here. Join us:

- Friday, October 17, 2025, 9 AM - 9 PM
- Saturday, October 18, 2025, 9 AM - 5 PM
- Sunday, October 19, 2025, 10-AM- 4 PM

The sale is being held at Centennial Hall, 550 Wellington St. lower level, London.

We again have a large quantity of books and audio-visual materials to offer. Some of this is from the London Public Library but much comes from the generous donations from the public. The sale opens to the public on Friday, October 17 at 9:00 a.m. Sunday will again see our popular Fill a Bag sale, starting at 10:00 a.m. and running all day until 4:00 p.m.

Cash, credit and debit are accepted.

Friends of the London Public Library
2025
Giant Fall Book Sale

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Sunday, Oct. 19 - 10am-4pm

Centennial Hall
550 Wellington St., Lower Level
Cash/ Credit/ Debit

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Books, CDs, DVDs, Books on
CD, VHS tapes and Magazines
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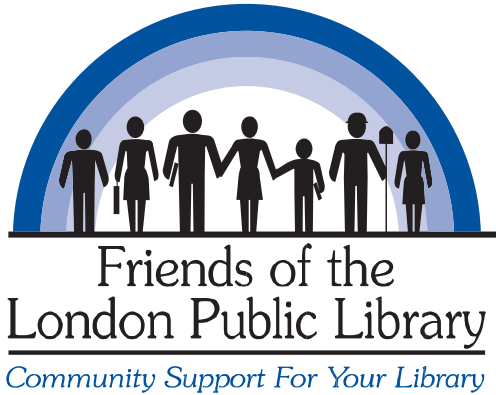
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The Friends have a great selection and great prices on Books, CD's, DVD's Books on CD, VHS tapes and Magazines for every age and interest.

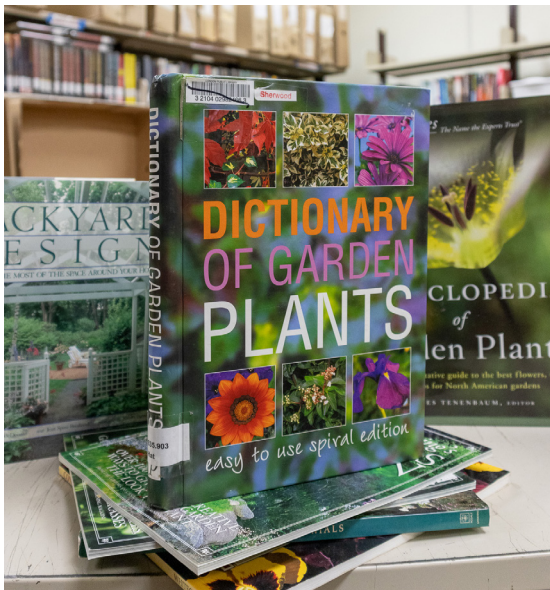
See our pricing:

- Pocket Novels - \$2 each
- Hard Cover and Trade Paperbacks - \$4 each
- Children's Books - \$1 each
- Young Adult (Teen) books - \$2 each
- Graphic Novels & Comics - \$3 each
- CD's, DVD's, audio books, vinyl LP's and VHS tapes - \$1 each (DVDs \$1 per disc)
- Magazines - \$0.25 each
- Puzzles - \$10 each

We will also have a table or two with individually priced specialty books, collections, or sets. These items are only available on Friday and Saturday.

On Sunday, we offer all material at \$5 a bag-we provide the bag.

Hope to see you at this exciting event!



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FRIENDS ANNUAL GIANT BOOKSALE - PREVIEW NIGHT INVITATION

As a member of the Friends of the London Public Library, you are invited to the Preview Night before the sale. Join volunteers and members of the Friends Executive Board for a first look and opportunity to purchase any of the sale material.

Date: Thursday, October 16, 2025

Time: 6:30 to 8:30pm

Location: Centennial Hall, 550 Wellington St. Lower level.

Cash, Credit and Debit are accepted.

We have an excellent selection, great prices and something for every age and interest.





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VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED FOR OUR ANNUAL BOOK SALE

We are using the Signup.com app to organize volunteers for our upcoming Annual Book Sale.

We are seeking to fill the following volunteer positions:

1. **Setup Staff** who will unload and unpack sale material and help set up the tables.
2. **General Floor Staff** who will keep the tables organized and well stocked throughout the sale.
3. **Information Desk Personnel** who will sign in volunteers, certify student volunteer hours, and answer customer questions.
4. **Cashiers** who will process cash, credit, and debit payments.
5. **Cashier Assistants** who will help with cashier duties.
6. **Clean up Staff** who will assist with repacking and loading any unsold material.

Sign up to volunteer:

1. **Go to the registration website** – <http://Signup.com/go/YYPGaRm> (on your keyboard press Ctrl and left click together).
2. **Review the options** listed and choose the spot(s) you like.
3. **Sign up** – It's easy, you will not need to register an account or keep a password on Signup.

Note: The Signup app does not share your email address with anyone.

If you prefer not to use your email address or if you have difficulty signing up, please call 519-661-2448. Leave us a message with your name and phone number and one of the Book Sale Coordinators will return your call to help sign you up in the app.

The book sale is a great opportunity for students who need to fulfill their volunteer requirements. If you are a student completing volunteer hours, please add STUDENT beside your name when signing up.

New and previous volunteers are welcome.

Please note that Volunteer Spots will be open until **October 10, 2025**, after which we will be unable to process any new sign ups.

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NEW CO-MANAGERS FOR THE LIBRARY BOOKSTORE

After 15 years of leadership, Scott Curoe has stepped down as Manager of the Bookstore. We thank him and are most appreciative of the work he has done organizing the collection, training volunteers, and serving the public. He has decided that it is a good time to pass its leadership on to others.

We are pleased to announce that Claire Mertens and Brian Propper are assuming the role of Co-Managers of the Friends Bookstore, effective July 25, 2025. Both are currently volunteers in the bookstore.

Claire has an excellent knowledge of store operations and systems. She led the implementation of the LibLib inventory system. She has proven to be a valued resource for volunteers and is often the go-to person when help is needed.

Brian has a wealth of book knowledge, having previously owned and operated a used bookstore and he has introduced very good changes for the Friends bookstore. His organizational skills and willingness to put in extra hours will also benefit the store operation.

We have so appreciated having had the knowledge, dedication and expertise of Scott Curoe as Bookstore Manager. His support has been so, so valuable. He will assist Claire and Brian, as they ease into their new roles. They have good ideas, and they will help to reinvigorate the bookstore. Scott will continue to be a resource person for the bookstore and will assist them in administrative matters that they may not yet be familiar with.

Once again Scott, thank you for all your hard work and devotion to making the bookstore the success it is today.



Mary Blasl and Scott Curoe at the Friends Bookstore





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POP UP BOOK SALES

We just had two very successful Saturday outdoor pop-up sales outside at the Covent Garden Market on August 9 and September 6. They were very well attended. We were able to raise approximately \$2000. Thanks to all who supported us.

Don't forget to visit the Friends of the Library Book Store at the Central Library.

BOOK FOR EVERY CHILD® CAMPAIGN

Special thanks to Encore Auctions Inc. at 23 Buchanan Court of London who donated over 1000 adult nonfiction and fiction books as well as 50 books for the Book for Every Child® Campaign.

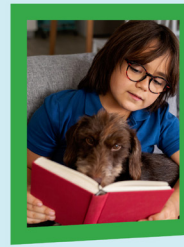


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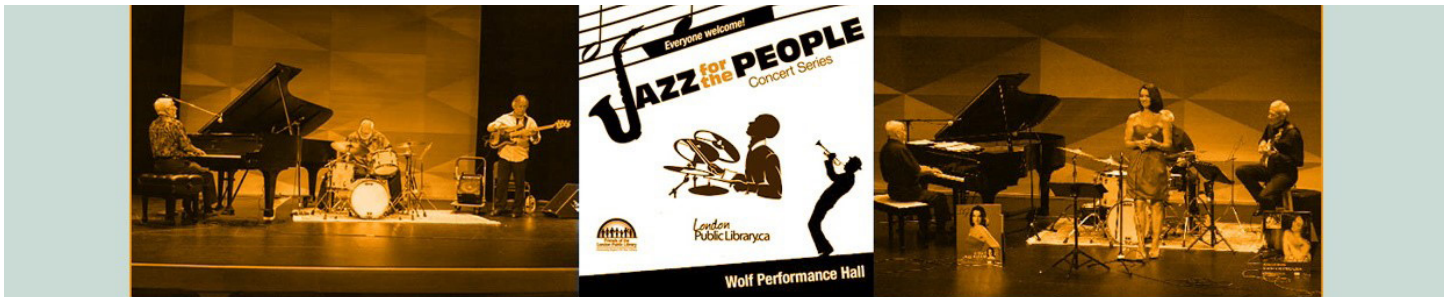


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EVENTS - JAZZ FOR THE PEOPLE



Jazz for the People is a popular program co-sponsored by the Friends and the London Musicians Association. This free jazz concert series at the Wolf Performance Hall features local and visiting guest musicians playing a wide range of jazz genres.

FRIENDS' MEMBERSHIP



Interested in supporting the Friends? You can become a member of our organization for a very small annual fee. The application form will also provide an option to donate if you wish. Receipts for donations of \$10 or more are available for tax purposes.

CONTACTING FRIENDS

Please leave a message on our voicemail system and one of our volunteers will contact you at the earliest opportunity. Or you can also use our contact form to submit a question, and our volunteers will respond.

DONATING TO FRIENDS

Support London Public Library programs by donating. All donations of \$10 or more are eligible for a tax receipt. Payments are processed online through our secure third-party provider. Please note that Friends does not see or store any payment card information.

Our website and all the events listed above are supported by volunteers of Friends of the London Public Library.