

February 23, 2026



**Dear Friends and Members,**

THANK YOU for your support over the years in carrying out our Mission to “support, strengthen and enlarge the scope of the Grace A. Dow Memorial Library’s services and facilities for the enrichment of the entire community.”

### **What happens to the books and other materials you donate?**

- Every Tuesday and Thursday morning a crew of sorting room volunteers sort through mountains of donations.
- Items are boxed for restocking the ongoing ReTale Market and 3-day book sales, generating \$65,000 in revenue last year. Materials are very reasonably priced to encourage literacy in our community.
- The library staff checks through these materials for items that might be added to the physical collection, saving over \$60,000 a year in purchasing costs.
- Some materials are donated to other approved community nonprofits to further their own literacy efforts.

### **This past year, you financially supported:**

- Over \$175,000 in recent library renovations, including furnishings for the Mezzanine, Youth Services, new Tween Zone, and the cozy fireplace area, plus shelving for the Large Print section.
- Ongoing support of the popular Battle of the Books for elementary and middle school students.
- Adult programming, including book purchases and MidLab Maker Space expansions.
- Community literacy initiatives reaching hundreds of people.
- Continued spending for flood prevention landscaping, to be completed this Summer.
- We will continue to finance equipment updates and new services, as requested.

### **How can you be involved to support our WONDERFUL library?**

- Donate good quality books, magazines, CDs, DVDs, puzzles for us to resell (or go into the library’s collection).
- Shop at the 3-day sales and also visit the ongoing ReTale Market, recently relocated to the Silent Room.
- Volunteer at the book sales (lots of help needed!). Watch for emails from Sign Up Genius or email us at fogadml@gmail.com before the next book sale.
- Attend a board meeting (upcoming dates are posted on our website).
- Financial contributions are welcomed and tax deductible; we are a registered 501c3 non-profit (EIN 38-3546659). Email libraryfriendstreasurer@gmail.com for more information.

**2026  
DATES**

#### **April Book Sale**

*Members only:*  
**April 10** (5-8pm)

*Open to the public:*  
**April 11** (10am-4pm)  
**April 12** (Bag day, 1-4pm)

#### **Annual Members Meeting**

**Sept. 14** (6pm)

Please come and give us your input. See what we have in the works for the coming year.

#### **October Book Sale**

*Members only:*  
**Oct. 9** (5-8pm)

*Open to the public:*  
**Oct. 10** (10am-4pm)  
**Oct. 11** (Bag day, 1-4pm)