



# About the Friends

In 2018, the Friends of the Columbia Public Library made a donation of \$85,000 to the Columbia Public Library. These funds are used to purchase new books, audiobooks, CDs and DVDs and for other special projects like the costs of the *One Read* community-wide reading initiative and the library's Summer Reading program. In 2017, some of this donation was also used to purchase new tables, for family programming at the Unbound Book Festival and to offer free books for Parents As Teachers and for students who tour the library.



**2017 Friends of the Columbia Public Library**  
Pictured: (back, left to right) Christi Koenig, Linda Duffen, Judy Alexander, Carol Schreiber, Nancy Katzman, Susan McQuilken, Ann Edwards, Debbora Jones, Dottie Sowash, Lisa Isaacson, Orinda Prell (seated) Elaine Blodgett, Joyce Anderson, Linda Sneed, Karen Entrikin, Jane Burcham



*Friends volunteers help sell books at one of our biannual Children's Book Sales.*

The Friends of the Columbia Public Library raise money for the library by holding book sales. The all-volunteer group sorts through books and other materials donated by the public. Books in good condition that would enhance the library's collection are added to the shelves. In 2017, the library added over 763 donated items worth approximately \$13,600 to the library's collection.

The Friends resell much of what is donated at sales held every Wednesday and Saturday and at special large weekend sales held four times a year. Books that don't sell, but are in good shape, are donated to local organizations, including senior centers, clinics and hospitals.



# Join the Friends!

**Become a member of the Friends of the Columbia Public Library by filling out both sides of this form.**

**You can help us by volunteering your time, donating books and other materials, and shopping at our book sales.**

## Volunteer Opportunities .....

We hold smaller sales every Wednesday and Saturday and specially themed sales the first Wednesday of each month. We hold four large, two- or three-day sales during the year. With so many sales, we need many volunteers, and you can choose to work as many sales as you wish. It is not necessary to work every sale.

*Check if you can help us in one of the following ways:*

- Sales Cashier**  
*This usually involves 2-4 hour shifts on sale days.*
- Quarterly Big Sales**
- Weekly Saturday Sales**
- Setting Up for Sales**  
*This job requires emptying boxes and arranging books.*
- Restocking Tables at the sales.**