

among Friends

The Newsletter of the Friends of the Arlington Heights Memorial Library
November/December 2023

FOL Holiday Sale December 2-3, 2023

Featuring unique, gift-quality books, movies, music, puzzles, games and more for adults and children. The sale will be held in the Cardinal Room on the 1st floor near the Dunton Avenue entrance.

Saturday Dec. 2: 9 am – 4 pm
Sunday Dec. 3: Noon - 4 pm



The Holiday Sale is only open on Saturday and Sunday, there is no Friday member's night at the Holiday sale.

Sale Requirements & Information:

- Scanning is not allowed at FOL sales on any device. Please call or text outside the sale room.
- Book sales follow library rules, as well as local and state health protocols.
- The Friends accept cash, checks, credit cards and PayPal for payment.



The Friends of the Library Donation Times:

- Monday: 10 am – 7 pm
- Wednesday 10 am – 4 pm
- Friday 10 am – 4 pm

No Donations Accepted:

November 18 – 26 and December 21 – January 2.

Upcoming Sales



Winter Children's Book Sale

Saturday & Sunday, February 3-4, 2024
(Children's Materials only)

Spring Book Sale

Saturday & Sunday, April 13-14, 2024



Friends of the Arlington Heights Memorial Library
500 N. Dunton Ave.
Arlington Heights, IL 60004

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WEB: <https://sites.google.com/view/friendsoftheahml>
IG: <https://Instagram.com/friendsoftheahml/>
FB: <https://www.facebook.com/FOAHML>

FOL Board Welcomes New Director

The Friends of the Library Board meets monthly to discuss the agenda, finances, requests from the AHML, and the used book sales. This month, the board welcomed new Director-At-Large Brad Grams.

Brad is a brand-new member to the FOL who expressed an interest in getting further involved and volunteering with the FOL. Brad said, "I strongly believe in both FOL's and the Arlington Heights Memorial Library's missions, and I would really like to support fundraising and programming for the FOL and Library."



FOL Membership

The Friends membership year runs from April 1 to March 31. Did you know that any membership that begins on October 1 or later is automatically extended into the next membership year? So if you sign up for a membership now, it will be good until March 31, 2025. Consider it an early holiday gift from the Friends!

Tax-Smart Giving

If you are over 70½ years old and have a traditional IRA, you can make a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) to the Friends of the Library. A QCD is a direct transfer of funds from your IRA custodian to a qualified charity. It is a tax-smart way to give to charity because it excludes the amount donated from your taxable income. Donations must be made by December 31 to be applied to this year's taxes.

To make a QCD to the Friends, simply contact your IRA custodian and provide them with the following information.

- **The name** of the charity: Friends of the Arlington Heights Memorial Library
- **The address** of the charity: 500 N. Dunton, Arlington Heights, IL 60004
- **The amount** you want to donate
- **Your date of birth**

That's all there is to it! Your donation will be used to support the AHML.



There are a number of benefits to making a Qualified Charitable Distribution.

- **Reduce your taxable income.** QCDs are excluded from your taxable income, which can lower your overall tax bill. This is especially beneficial if you are in a high tax bracket.
- **Satisfy your RMD.** QCDs can be counted towards satisfying your Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) for the year. This means you can use QCDs to meet your RMD requirement and give to charity at the same time.
- **Give to charity without itemizing.** QCDs do not require you to itemize your deductions on your tax return. This can be beneficial if you do not have enough other deductions to itemize.

If you wish to make a Qualified Charitable Distribution to the Friends of the Arlington Heights Memorial Library, contact your IRA custodian with the required information. Your IRA custodian will transfer the funds directly to the Friends. Please confer with your accountant about your individual tax situation. Contact your IRA custodian or your accountant for more information.

Book Sale Assistant Managers

The Friends of the Library need your help: the Book Sale Committee is looking for new sale assistant managers. Join our team!

- **Setup Assistant Manager:** Tuesday – Thursday Setup
- **Members Night Assistant Manager:** Friday Night
- **Weekend Sale Assistant Manager:** Saturday & Sunday
- **Book Sale Cleanup Assistant Manager:** Sunday Afternoon

To apply for one of these positions, please send an email to friends@ahml.info and put “Book Sale Assistant Managers” in the subject line.

Training will be provided by the current book sale leadership.

