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The Newsletter of the Friends of the Arlington Heights Memorial Library
Winter 2025

Approved! Interior Landscaping



As we have done in the past, the FOL board has approved funding for interior landscaping throughout the library. This includes a variety of plants and plant replicas, plus a seasonal color rotation program.

In addition to the standard landscaping, foliage will be added to the lower lobby area to help beautify the space. We look forward to seeing the completed work!

Nominations: How Does It Work?

The board of the Friends of the AHML isn't always the same people - board members run for re-election every two years and may serve only two terms before changing positions. How are new board members selected?

In January, a committee is formed to review the open positions and collect nominations. The committee includes both board and non-board FOL members. In March, the board will approve the slate of candidates. Paper and electronic ballots are prepared and sent to the membership.

The election is held at the Annual Membership meeting in April, with both paper and electronic ballots counted. The board president may also make appointments to open committee positions. The newly elected board members and committee chairs are seated at the May board meeting.

Are you interested in joining the FOL board?
Contact us at ahml.fol@gmail.com with the subject line: **Board Nominations**. Your voice matters, and your participation can help shape the future of the Arlington Heights Memorial Library!



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Upcoming Sales



Children's Winter Book Sale

Sale: Saturday & Sunday, Feb. 1-2, 2025

Members' Night: Friday, Jan. 31, 2025

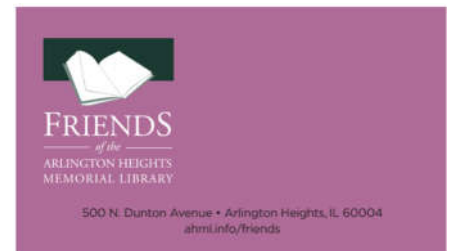
Spring Book Sale

Sale: Saturday & Sunday, April 12-13, 2025

Members' Night: Friday, April 11, 2025

FOL Membership Cards

It has been one year since we introduced options for a digital card or the option for no card. The digital card is a pdf file that you can keep on your phone. The no card option means that you simply check in at the membership desk on sale night. No card to keep track of. We keep track for you!

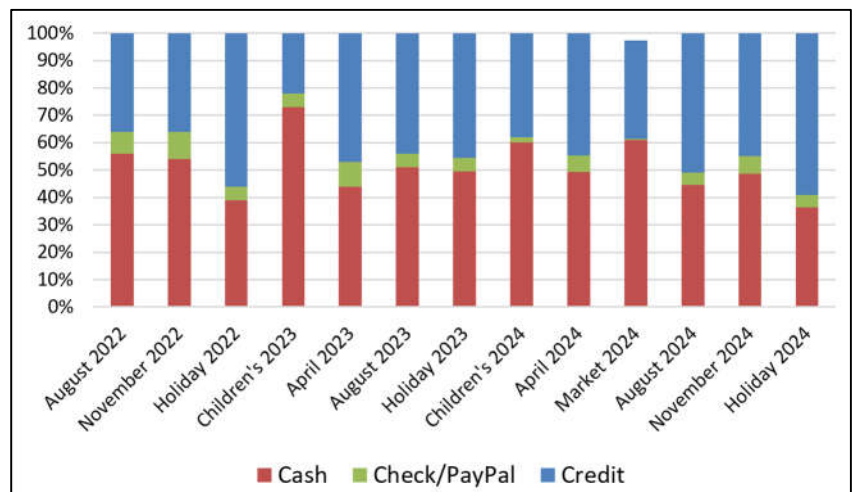


Nearly half of our membership is now using one of these two options. Thank you to all the members who have been willing to try these out. If you aren't using one of these options, consider giving one a try. You can always request a traditional paper card later if you don't think this choice works for you. Thank you!

Cash vs. Credit

The Friends began accepting credit cards at their book sales in August of 2022. At that sale, credit cards accounted for 36% of the total sales.

Since that time, credit card sales have varied at each sale but the average has increased to 43%. Cash sales still account for the majority (51% of total sales) with checks and PayPal accounting for the remaining 6%.





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FOL Children's Winter Book Sale

The Friends of the Arlington Heights Memorial Library will host the Children's Winter Book Sale on February 1 and 2, 2025. There is no Adult sale in February.

Friday January 31:	6 pm - 8 pm	Members' Night (Membership required)
Saturday February 1:	9 am - 4 pm	Children's Sale
Sunday February 2:	Noon - 3 pm	Bag Sale, \$8 / bag

The Children's sale is held in the Cardinal Room on the 1st floor near the Dunton Avenue entrance. The Children's sale will feature kids and teen fiction, nonfiction books, EZ readers, board books, DVD movies, audiobooks and music CDs for children, puzzles and games. Most books are 50 cents, and most AV materials are \$1, or as priced.



There will be a 25% teacher discount for teachers with a valid ID on Friday and Saturday. There will be an \$8 bag sale for regular Children's sale items on Sunday (no teacher discount).

Outside the Cardinal Room, Friday and Saturday:

- There will be a selection of \$1 Adult Fiction and Nonfiction.
- There will be a selection of DVDs and Blu-Rays, \$1 each, 7 for \$5, 15 for \$10
- There will be 10 cent paperbacks



The Friends Used Book Shop, near the stairs, has books, movies and music for adults and children. The Shop is open every day; most kids books are 50 cents and most adult books are \$1.

Friday Members' Night:

- A person must be a member to enter Members' Night. Memberships may be purchased that night at the sale or in advance online at <https://www.ahml.info/friends>.
- To get a place in line early, members may pick up a number at the 2nd floor reception desk beginning Friday, November 8, at 9 am.
- Everyone's patience and courtesy to others is appreciated.

The Friends accept cash, credit cards, checks, Apple Pay, Google Pay, and PayPal (app needs to be on phone).

Questions? Contact the Friends by email at friends@ahml.info or call **847-506-2663**.

