

WRAP UP NOTES USED BOOK SALE - SEPTEMBER 2026

General:

- Volunteer coordinator should give cell # to all volunteers for the first shift for the day of the sale. This will ensure that everyone gets into the building since the doors are locked.
- Really need a sign at the end of the hall from the main library into the kitchen/old library. A BIG arrow to indicate that there are more books in the old library/meeting room.
"More books ←"
- Price signs. For example, we had many people ask how much the DVDs were. Yes, there signs around, but those had all of the prices and were too small to be effective. Just add a paper with the price below the sign that says "DVDs" or paperbacks, whatever. "DVDs \$1.00" Print a bunch of \$1.00 signs and stick them up everywhere.
- Sign from meeting room entrance to direct customers to children's books. I lost track of how many asked - or when they didn't see any, assumed we didn't have children's books. Yes, we all know that people don't read signs, but at least we can point to the signs so they can follow.
- Sign indicating that more adult nonfiction books were in the hallway. People who didn't go to children's books had no idea that there were more books. Again, we all know that people don't read signs, but at least we can point to the signs so they can follow.
- Maybe a simple map? I don't want to make this more complicated or work-intensive, but a basic map that we can easily alter year-to-year can show that there are gardening books, music books, etc.
- We had many people ask if we would be selling books tomorrow (Sunday), if we would be having the "bag" sales, if there would be free books next week, and what we do with left over books.
- Patron expressed how much she liked having 2 sales per year. Said she is now getting a big bag of books, reads them, then donates them for the next sale, then comes to that sale and gets a new bag of books, etc. She loves this cycle.
- Half page merch/save the date (for next UBS) flyer – Sue made 100 but we ran out. I made 50 more and we still ran out! Maybe start with 175-200, which would make 350-400 flyers since there are 2 per page.
- Needed all tables!!! We used the last 3 that were available in Children's. We needed an extra one by the easy readers (for more picture books and also that red cart is no longer available for easy readers so they needed a table) and 2 more by the chapter books (on the other side of the "U" desk).

- Start up cash was perfect - \$700.00
- Saw some of the Baker and Taylor, Home Depot, and berry boxes head out the door. We need to remind folks that on our consolidation and sweeps that as they get emptied, they go into the back room.

General (con't)

- In March – when we have the UBS and are selling the raffle baskets, can 4 “desk tables” be spared for the raffle baskets for the whole time (about a month) without impacting programs and/or meetings in the Meeting Room? If they can, we won’t have to begin with our white tables and then switch them out for the desk tables when we need the white tables for the UBS.
- If we plan on donating after the sale, we should not recycle all the boxes so that we have some to put the donations in.
- I think that the setup needs to be restricted to adult members only. Three reasons:
 - 1. Safety wise, I think this is not a situation for children. Boxes can be heavy. Tables can be unsteady. I would be very upset if a child were hurt. At the very least, we need to have parents sign a waiver for insurance purposes. High schoolers who come to help shift boxes are under the supervision of their coaches / teachers, so that doesn't bother me.
 - 2. We have plenty of volunteers who are members. At this point, I think there is no need to recruit friends and neighbors to assist.
 - 3. This year, I think we were taken advantage of. We have always allowed volunteers to "shop early" and this year, I got the impression that was the attraction of helping to set up, particularly for one volunteer who is not a member. This would make another perk for our membership campaign - shopping early at used book sales.

Meeting Room:

- Leave more room between the HC fiction shelves and the first set of PB tables.
- Should we give prime real estate to DVDs? Did that work? **Response: On the DVDs there was lots of interest and we did sell 20 boxes of them. At 50 per box (we can confirm) that means \$1000 in DVD sales. So it was definitely worth the prime space this time. And it wasn't an issue as we had the space anyway. We can monitor going forward and adjust as needed.**
- YA on shelves by HC fiction seemed to work well.
- CDs on credenza worked well.
- Nonfiction – should the books on the top shelf be in boxes? Or, if not, put a pile horizontally to stop them from falling over when someone takes books off.
- HC fiction – on top shelf – put some books horizontally periodically so that the pile doesn't tip over once people start taking them.

- Vintage – should we put it in the hallway in March since we won't have Collectibles to promote and highlight?

Hallway:

- Hallway worked well – no bottlenecks!!

Children's:

- Children's nonfiction – WAY too heavy to be placed on folding tables – dangerous! We need at least the non-folding white tables or else we need to spread them out more, but there really isn't room.
- Children's - not many of the multiple copies of books sold. We tried to sell them as – “parents, read with your child” or “friends – read together and each have your own copy of the book” – but it just didn't do too well. Some teachers bought a few copies for their classroom, but overall, they didn't sell well. Maybe just keep a few and put them with the regular picture books.
- Should Board Books be \$1.00, the same as Hardcover Books? A lot of Board Books are easily the size of the large picture books and of better quality than the Paperback Books. The Paperback books should definitely stay \$.50.
- New sub-categories suggested for Children's area. **Response: what that looks like has not totally been decided - Details to come for sorters**