

Friends of the East Providence Public Library

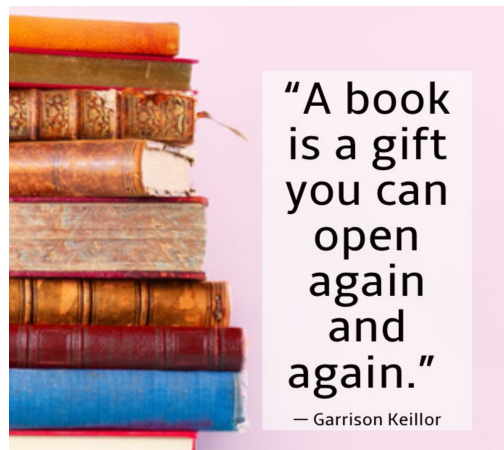


BOOKS ARE SPRINGING UP

APRIL 2025

Save the dates for the Spring Book Sale on Friday, April 11 and Saturday, April 12 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and on Sunday, April 13 from 1-5 p.m. at Weaver Library, 41 Grove Avenue, East Prov. Don't miss the Members Only Preview Sale on Thursday, April 10 from 6 to 8 p.m. You'll find the best books, before the sale opens to the public the next day. If you didn't renew your membership in the fall, you can join at the door for just \$10 a year per person.

Books will be displayed in two room – on bookshelves in the program room and in crates and on the table in the adjacent conference room. As always, books are sorted in more than 50 clearly marked categories. In response to requests, we have filled a cart exclusively with mysteries. Another features fantasy and science fiction. A wide variety of collectible books are also available. Visit the Friends' web page at <https://www.eastprovidencelibrary.org/about/friends-of-the-library/> for a current list. Books are stocked continuously throughout the sale, so come back for new additions. Pay by cash or check only. The popular Books by the Bag Sale will follow the book sale, April 14 to 19, with some remaining books and media available at \$3 a bag.



FRIENDS STOCK FULLER'S LITTLE FREE LIBRARY


If you haven't noticed yet, there's a new addition to the Fuller Creative Learning Center on Dover Avenue. It's a Little Free Library! Open all day, every day, the compact wooden book-sharing box offers a selection of books for all ages. Part of a network of more than 200,000 book-exchange libraries throughout the country, the mission of Little Free Libraries is to inspire readers and expand book access. Friends of the East Providence Public Library will provide books to stock the Little Library. The Little Free Library motto is "Take a Book. Share a Book." Users can take home a book to read and are encouraged to bring back a book to share with others.

LIGHTHOUSES AND LIBRARIES

The Friends of the Library are currently working on a new project - to gather old books. In collaboration with the Friends of Pomham Rocks Lighthouse, we are collecting books that were popular from the mid-1800s to the early 1900s. The books will be featured in a Traveling Library Box that the volunteer lighthouse group recently purchased for display in their museum at Pomham Rocks Lighthouse. On the outside, the wooden library box resembles a suitcase with a carrying handle. On the inside, there are shelves for books. In an island lighthouse off the coast of Riverside, lighthouse keepers and their families at Pomham did not have easy access to books to fill the long hours at an isolated light station. Four times a year, when delivering supplies, lighthouse inspectors would bring a traveling library filled with books and then take the completed library to another lighthouse. Pomham Rocks Lighthouse was built in 1871, so the books they read were quite old. If you have books dating from the mid-1800s to the early 1900s, please contact Louise Paiva at epcollectorscorner@yahoo.com or 401-742-2751.



BOOK DONATIONS – THE PAUSE THAT REFRESHES



Donations of gently used books from Friends and patrons make our book sales special. We are accepting donations for the Spring sale until April 3. Donations can start again June 2. Why the pause? In the weeks before a sale, volunteers prepare thousands of books for display at the sale. We are proud of our reputation for being one of the most organized book sales in the region. We hold our 4-day Spring Book Sale, restock continuously the week-long Books by the Bag Sale and meet with community groups to donate hundreds of requested books. Following the Fall 2024 book sale, we donated more than 800 books to local groups. We then empty all bookshelves and book carts, filling 75 to 100 boxes of remaining books to be redistributed or recycled. Until all Spring Book Sale books are removed from the building, there is no space to store additional books. We appreciate your cooperation in this matter.

TASTE OF SPRING RAFFLE

Take your chance on more than \$500 in prizes at the Spring Book Sale Raffle. Topping the list is two tickets to a performance of your choice at Theatre By The Sea in Matunuck. This summer season's shows include *Always – Patsy Cline*, *Waitress*, *Hairspray*, and *Heartbreak Hotel*. Other prizes include two tickets for the Block Island Ferry, four tickets for the Blackstone Valley Explorer Nature & Heritage Tour, as well as gift cards to Stop & Shop Supermarket, McShortagee's Market in Riverside and Seekonk Grand Prix. Restaurant gift cards include the new Swad Restaurant in Riverside, waterside dining at Café Water Street, Warren, The 110 Grill in Providence, and the Italian Corner Deli, Black Duck Tavern and Red Bridge Tavern, all three in East Providence. Tickets for the raffle are on sale now at Weaver and Riverside Library for \$1 each or 6 for \$5 and will also be sold at the book sale. The drawing will be held at the book sale at 3 p.m. on Sunday, April 13. You do not have to be present to win.

