

Ways and Means Report 16 July 2010

The book sales are going in a new direction.

The last sale in our current location at the library will be Feb 2011. The last 3 sales of 2011 will be held in the Community Center across the street from the library. The dates for next year's sales have been reserved at this time. They are continuing to be quarterly.

This change of venue will result in some adjustments for our volunteers. For example:

- Set up day (Friday) will start later, since the room is in use until 10 a.m. on each Friday.
- We will need to rent a truck with a ramp to move the books from the book room to the community center for each sale. We will reverse the process and bring back what we don't sell, along with empty boxes, after each sale.
- We will probably opt for new signs.
- The extra costs involved in renting a space and paying for a truck with a ramp will be part of next year's budget, to be considered at our November meeting. However, we are talking about an approximate cost of \$2000-\$3000. This will reduce the net amount of money coming in to buy library materials and support library programs.

Things to consider:

1. In the new location there will be a small kitchen (free) for us to use if we want to sell coffee, cookies, doughnuts, etc.
2. Is there anything we could 'add' to make the event better or to increase attendance? One idea: a children's art contest, with books as prizes, to be voted on by people attending the sale?
3. Any other ideas that might include another group joining us?
4. For a truly inspirational idea, take a look at this:
<http://blog.wlbooks.com/2010/06/argentine-book-tank-bookmobile-for-21st.html>

The biggest problem right now is finding someone for the book room who can pack boxes from the shelves and lift and stack them. This person (or persons) is a must, since I cannot do this job.

I know this is a difficult time for us, with many changes happening at once. I encourage all of us to see the book sale changes as an opportunity to start new traditions, to possibly expand the sale and make it more handicapped-accessible, and to volunteer at first few sales.

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