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Friends of Helmerich Library book sale offers 'treasure hunt' this weekend

Friends of the Helmerich Library to hold its annual book sale this weekend.



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Feel like book-hunting? Take your pick when the Friends of the Helmerich Library stage their annual book sale. CORY YOUNG/Tulsa World

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Friends of the Helmerich Library Book Sale

When: 10 a.m.-5 p.m Friday and Saturday. Preview night for FOHL members 5-8 p.m.

By JIMMIE TRAMEL World Scene Writer | 0 comments

How many books have been donated for the Friends of the Helmerich Library book sale?

This should give you a mental image:

Books donated for the sale are collected throughout the year and transported to a storage facility.

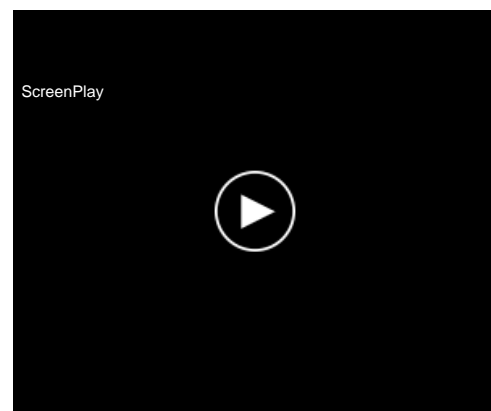
"This year we overflowed our first facility and we had to get a second facility," said Connie Largess, past president of Friends of the Helmerich Library.

The storage facilities have been emptied. Thousands of books and other items — DVDs, cassettes, videos, record albums — were organized for the annual book sale, scheduled 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday at Helmerich Library, 5131 E. 91st St.

The sale is free and open to the public, but it begins with a special preview night (5-8 p.m. Thursday) for FOHL members. Memberships

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With the exception of a few coffee table books and collectible items, book prices are as follows: \$2 for hardbacks, \$1 for trade paperbacks and 50 cents for mass-market paperbacks.

Largess said she thinks the 2014 sale generated \$10,000.

Where does the money go?

Largess said the initial intent was to raise money to help fund programs (story time, summer reading programs, guest speakers, equipment needs) at the Helmerich Library.

The first book sale was in 2004. The sale got to be such a success that enough funds were

raised to spread the wealth to other libraries.

"It's not just for Helmerich," Largess said. "It just happens to have grown over the years and it keeps getting bigger and bigger. We are happy about that."

Largess said "really, really nice books" of all types get donated for the sale and workers spend a week sorting them out for potential buyers.

"It is just kind of a treasure hunt," she said. "It's a fun community event."

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