

## Happy New Year

### Meet Bonnie Bennett, FOL Director-at-Large and e-Bay Seller Extraordinaire:



A FOL volunteer since Jan. 2018, I get great satisfaction from knowing I am a part of something so dedicated to making our Mid-Columbia Libraries a valuable resource to all people in our corner of Washington state. At my first FOL meeting, selling valuable donated books online was suggested. I timidly raised my hand and said I sell books on Ebay. I have been happily partnering with them ever since.

The FOL often receives donations from the public for our library sales that raise money to benefit Mid-Columbia Libraries. Any donated book that is appraised at \$40 or more is sold by me on eBay rather than in our book sales. Some of the more valuable and/or interesting items I have sold are:

- a set of art dictionaries for \$575 (Shipped internationally in 7 boxes, they weighed a total of 181 pounds!)
- 13 volumes of an Isaac Asimov collection - \$450
- a book about designing casinos titled "To Dominate the Competition" - \$215
- an 1861 book about the best route for the transcontinental railroad - \$850
- a first edition Little Prince - \$395
- a gorgeous 10-volume set of Ian Fleming James Bond books - \$925
- a 26-volume set from the LDS Millennial Star - \$1525 (this one was only listed for half a day before it sold!)
- a set of 9 hunting books in late Dec. 2023 - \$550

I started collecting books as a personal hobby in 2015 and currently have around 1500 books in my collection. The oldest book I own is from 1622 (to give an idea of how old that is, the Mayflower sailed with the pilgrims in 1620). I enjoy decorating with my books and sharing them with anyone who will listen. I love books, reading and partnering with the wonderful people in the FOL.

### 2024-2025 FOL Elections

At our Nov. board meeting, elections were held for our 2024-2025 FOL Officers and Directors at Large. Here are the results:

#### Officers

Fernie Coe, **President**  
Christine McMahon, **Vice-President**  
Dottie Szendre, **Treasurer**  
Sarah Wright, **Secretary**

#### Directors-at-Large

Kathy Bates	Ginger Boom
Bonnie Bennett	Susan Kay
Karen Benham	Kathy Meline
Carole Bradley	Lori Russo

### Spring Book Sale - Late April

Our Spring Book Sale will be taking place in late April 2024. Renew your membership if you wish to shop on day one of the sale. And if you want to shop *really* early, we always need volunteers! Call Sarah at 509-430-3544 to sign up to help.



Join us at the Kennewick Library at 1620 S. Union St. on Thursday Jan. 18 at 7 pm for a Humanities Washington Lecture. Speaker Nancy Koppelman will present her lecture, "The Oldest Hatred: Coming to Terms With Antisemitism."

### MONTHLY MEETINGS: JOIN US AT 1 PM!

Friends of Mid-Columbia Libraries holds our regular meeting the first Monday of every month at 1 pm at the Kennewick library, at 1620 S. Union St. **The next meeting is Monday, February 5th.** Participate and enjoy the benefits of being

involved and shaping the future of our projects and our organization. Volunteers are also needed for semi-annual Giant Book sales in April and September. Hours are flexible. Please contact Fernie Coe at (509) 322-6949 or visit [midcolumbialibraries.org/FOL](http://midcolumbialibraries.org/FOL) for more information.



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