

## *Spring is Here!*

**Meet Christine McMahon, FOL Vice-President and Membership Director**



My love of libraries began in childhood and as a result, I spent my career as a librarian. When I retired and moved to the Tri-Cities, volunteering was a goal. I also knew I wanted to continue to support libraries. I walked into the Kennewick branch one afternoon and asked if there was a need for volunteers. The President of the Friends of the Libraries (FOL) greeted me. With a quick rundown of my background and a whirlwind tour, I was welcomed.

Since that day six years ago, I have been elected Vice President and Membership Director. It has been my pleasure to continue to help the FOL continue the mission of providing funds which are raised via book sales, donations and membership. Various children activities, e.g. Summer Reading Program, interactive games and children’s play structures in our branches are just a few examples of the support provided by FOL. I plan to continue serving the Mid-Columbia Libraries and the community for many years to come.

**Did you know that Mid-Columbia Libraries ranked first in program attendance per capita among the 12 largest library systems in the state, including King County Library System and Seattle Public Library, in the most recent Washington Public Library Statistics Report? Your membership and donation support MCL’s programs with books, incentives and prizes. THANK YOU!**

**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, May 6th.** 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.

**Dia del niño y los libros**  
Celebration of Children and Books

- Saturday, April 13**  
1 pm - 3 pm | Benton City Library
- Saturday, April 20**  
11 am - 1 pm | Othello Library
- Saturday, April 27**  
11 am - 1 pm | Memorial Park in Pasco
- Friday, May 3**  
5:30 pm - 7 pm | City Park in Prosser
- Saturday, May 4**  
12 pm - 2 pm | Pioneer Park in Connell

FRIENDS OF MID-COLUMBIA LIBRARIES  
**SPRING BOOK SALE**  
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24 - SUNDAY, APRIL 28

- Wednesday**  
12 pm - 4 pm
- Thursday**  
10 am - 6 pm
- Friday - Sunday**  
10 am - 4 pm

Books and materials added daily!  
Kennewick Library | 1620 S. Union St.

**April 24**  
9 am - 12 pm  
FOL members only

### Do You Want Early Book Sale Access?

Imagine looking over all the sale books before the sale even opens...This could be you, shopping the selection before all it opens to the public! On April 22 & 23, we will be setting up for the sale and are in need of volunteers to help. We are also in great need of volunteers to help during the actual sale and afterwards for clean up. Please call Sarah Wright at 509-430-3544 to inquire about volunteering. You can also reach out to Fernie Coe at 509-322-6949

As a reminder, we are unable to accept book donations before, during, and after our sales. Please wait to drop off your donations until May 6. Thank you kindly!



1620 S. Union  
Kennewick, WA 99338

**Support Friends of Mid-Columbia Libraries!**  
*All funds raised by Friends of Mid-Columbia Libraries provide valuable support for library programs and resources.*  
**Have a friend who's not a friend yet? Encourage your friends to sign up today!**

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home, Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Friend \$5/year     Really Good Friend     I'd like to volunteer! Contact me.

Please make checks payable to FOL (Friends of the Libraries).    TAX ID: 91-6050122.

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