Friends of the Redwood City Public Library

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Friends Bookstore

Friends of the Redwood City Public Library generates revenue to support the Redwood City Libraries through books sales, online sales, monetary donations, and honey sales.

For our recently concluded fiscal year, 50% of Friends revenue was derived from book sales at our Bookstore at the Downtown Library, Book Kiosk at Redwood Shores, and special sale events. Another 27% of revenue was derived from online (Amazon and eBay) sales.

Many library visitors are unaware of the Friends variety of store/kiosk offerings.

Take a few minutes next time you visit the **Downtown Library or Redwood Shores Library** to check out our selection. In addition to books starting at only 50¢, there are always theme sales, puzzles, DVDs, CDs, board games, and many new or collectible items suitable for gifting. There also may be vinyl records, video games, collectible plates, art supplies, notebooks, and other fun items. You will find high-quality, budget-friendly gems!

Currently, the Bookstore is filled with **holiday items** that Friends saves up all year for its annual sale. There are **Thanksgiving, Christmas, Hanukkah, and winter-themed** books and puzzles plus many items for gift giving. You will likely find several treasures for a very low price. As someone recently commented, “I bought a Mother’s Day gift from your store. My mom did not know it only cost $2.”

More Holiday Ideas:
While visiting the Bookstore, consider buying a stack of children’s books to donate to **Toys for Tots** (bin conveniently in the lobby). And do not forget perhaps the most fun holiday gift of all, a jar of **Library Honey**! Inside the Bookstore, we sell jars of library honey wrapped for the holidays. The bees live on the roof of the Downtown Library and make delicious honey, a wonderful gift!



Monthly Material Donation Events

Friends sale items are dependent on the material donations we receive from the community. To facilitate donations, Friends offers drive-up and drop-off events on the third Saturday of the month behind the Downtown Library (10 a.m. to 12 p.m.) and in the Redwood Shores Library parking lot (10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.).

So easy! No parking and hauling boxes into the library. Plus, volunteers are there to assist!

Wanted - Items in Good Condition: Books, CDs, DVDs, Vinyl Records, and Puzzles/Video Games/Board Games (if complete)

Please bring items in bags or boxes that you will leave.

Note: November 21 is the final event for 2026 and will be held only at the Redwood Shores location. Donation events will resume at both locations on January 16, 2027. Make a New Year’s resolution to clean out your closets to prepare for all your new reading for 2027 and bring your items to Friends!



Holidays at the Library

Holidays Celebrated Around Redwood City, November 30 to January 10 – Visit the Family Place at the Downtown Library for an interactive display celebrating the December holidays around the world.

Art & Tradition / Casitas Navideñas: Arte y Tradición, December 12 at 10 a.m. Downtown – Discover the colorful architecture and festive traditions of Latin American communities.

Winter Tradition Storytimes, December 14-18 – All storytimes will feature books about holiday celebrations around the world. Learn about neighbors who celebrate Hanukkah, Christmas, Kwanzaa, Las Posadas and more.

Teen Finals Week Celebration, December 14-18 between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. Downtown – Take a study break and celebrate the end of finals week with holiday games and activities at the Teen Center for grades 6 to 12.

Nutcracker Puppet Show, December 22 at 6 p.m. Redwood Shores – A special performance of *The Nutcracker* by master puppeteer Randal Metz of The Puppet Company.

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Join the Friends of the Redwood City Public Library

- ☐ Junior member, under 18 years old - $10
- ☐ Friends - $15
- ☐ Patrons - $25
- ☐ Librarian's Circle - $50
- ☐ Benefactors - $100 or more

If you wish to make the gift in honor of a friend or loved one:

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We will acknowledge 2026 Librarian's Circle and Benefactor levels in our spring 2027 Newsletter.

☐ Check this box if you wish for your donation to be listed as Anonymous.

Please make checks payable to Friends of the Redwood City Public Library, or **donate at our website:** www.friendsofrwclibrary.org

A Membership Card will be sent.

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Will your New Year's Resolutions include "Read More Books"?

If yes, here are three ways to facilitate success:

1 – Download the **Hoopla** app to access audiobooks - a great way to increase your book completion rate since you can listen when driving, exercising, cooking, cleaning, etc.!

Hoopla also offers ebooks, comics, movies, and TV shows. Hoopla is free with your library card and very easy to set up. Access grants you five items per month, free!

2 – Join the new **Third Thursday Book Club** at the Downtown Library at 6 p.m. All adults are welcome to join for lively book conversation and light refreshments. See the Library's website for the current book selection.

3 – **Shop at the Friends Bookstore and Kiosk!**

Winter MakerClub

Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays
from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
December 21 – December 30

Children ages 3 to 13 are invited to drop in and get creative with **fun, winter-themed projects**. Each day will include crafts for a variety of skill levels.

Bring your imagination and enjoy some hands-on fun while school's out for winter break.

Project examples include handprint penguins, snowy animals paper chains, polar bear puppets, and so much more!

All children must be accompanied by an adult.

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