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The most important asset of any library goes home at night—the library staff.

-Timothy Healy

Even the Smallest Purchases Add Up!

In January the store brought in \$1288.01. The top selling category of merchandise was DVDs, Audio Books and CDs, with \$292.52 in sales. It was a GREAT month due to your hard work and dedication! Thanks to every one of you for a job well done.

News You Can Use

The sale of DVDs, Audio Books and CDs spurred sales in the month of January. The DVD sales helped increase book sales as well. Congratulations!

Note that there are a number of 2017/18 books on the "New" shelf for \$3. They are in great shape and by well-known authors.

Please remember the FOSL Membership buttons on the sales screen on Square as well. If you sell a membership, please use the appropriate button on the point of sale screen and place the membership application in your envelope to turn in.

Making Room

Someone has agreed to help the Library find new homes for discards and books FOSL doesn't want for either the bookstore or the book sale.

1) She is looking for a few volunteers to help sort the books we have already accumulated and stored in the back room. If you are interested in helping out, please let Lori Girard know.

2) If you see books (particularly novels) that have been on the shelf a very long time (3 months or more), please pull them and place in the box just inside the back room next to the restock shelves. There will be a clearly marked sign on the wall.

Libraries: The
medicine chest
of the soul.

—*Library at
Thebes,
inscription over
the door*

Coffee Care

It appears that our newest bookstore fixture is gaining popularity! We appreciate you all ensuring the cart is kept clean and well stocked. Please wipe down the cart and the coffee maker periodically, as well as checking the drip tray to see if it needs a rinse out. There are supplies under the cart to refill the coffee pods, creamers, napkins, stirrers and lids if need be. Please remember to empty the Keurig coffee pot's water reservoir if you are the final shift of the day.

Scheduling

As you've probably noticed, once the schedule is filled with the regulars, there are few shifts left to fill. If you are a floater volunteer without a regular shift and would desire more volunteer time, please let Lori Girard know at gehrigsmommy@gmail.com. There are many opportunities available to help out with other duties relating to the bookstore. Please don't hesitate to ask to do more if that is your desire.

Volunteers

Volunteer applications are prominently displayed at the store counter. Encourage any interested patron to fill one out and take it to the library circulation desk. The application is also available on the [FOSL](#) and [library](#) websites. Please consider that word of mouth is often the best method of volunteer recruitment. If you know anyone who is interested but has questions, invite them to contact Joan Richardson at 540-636-3352 or at joankr@centurylink.net.

Thoughts, Concerns, Ideas?

Please don't hesitate to pass on any suggestions you might have regarding ways to make the bookstore more successful and your experience more enjoyable. You work in the store and see the day-to-day operation; therefore, you have the opportunity to observe problems or complications. Contact Joan Richardson at 540-636-3352 or joankr@centurylink.net to pass on any ideas. **We welcome suggestions and all suggestions will be brought to the FOSL Board's Bookstore Committee for consideration.** You will see this paragraph in every newsletter because your ideas are important to us!

