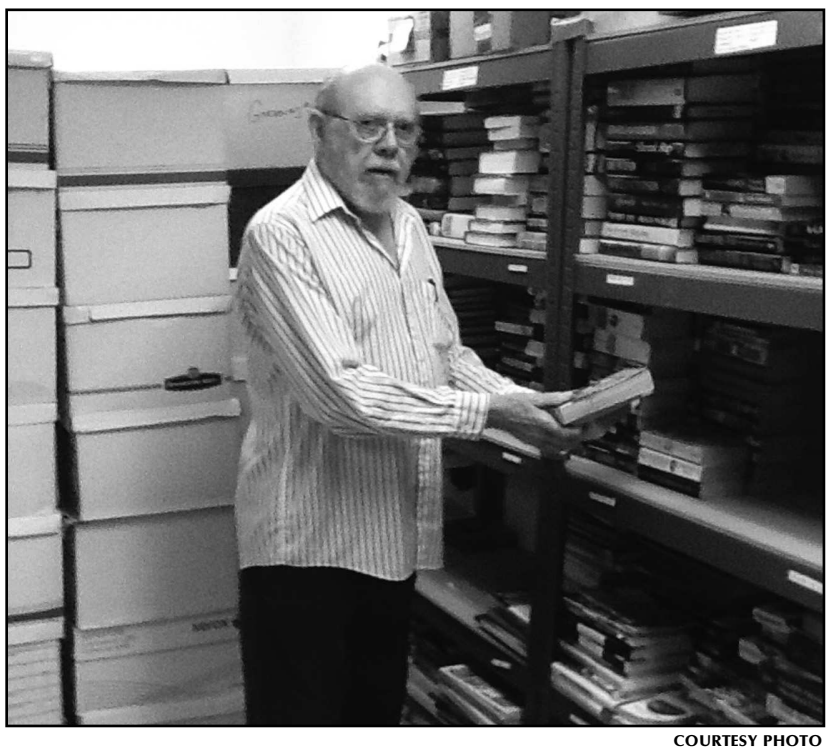
Friends of the Library prepare for Labor Day weekend book sale

Literally hundreds of hours will have been put in by Library Friends by the time the doors open for the annual Labor Day Weekend book sale.

More than 200 boxes of books are ready for the Friends of the Siuslaw Library to put out on tables in the Bromley Room. They are equally divided between fiction and non-fiction. As always there are some audio visual materials and children's books.

"This year, a real surprise is eight boxes of cookbooks," said Duane Flower, head book sorter at the library.

It all begins with the library staff culling books that have reached the end of their shelf life. Maybe they aren't checked out much any more; maybe they've been loved to death and are looking for just one more avid reader to take them home; or, as most often happens, people are running out of room for their own books at home and want to pass them on to the Library Friends to sell in support the library.



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Duane Fowler, head of the book sorters, is surrounded by boxes and shelves of books destined for the Labor Day weekend book sale.

The second step is the sorting that the Friends do to prepare the books for display at the sale; this continues throughout the year.

Next are meetings of the Book Sale Committee to assign tasks, such as publicity; sign and banner placement after permission has been asked and the city has approved hanging the banner; soliciting volunteers for set up, cashiering and wrap up.

Then comes the actual set-up in the Bromley Room: tables brought in and set up; boxes of books wheeled into the room and arranged by author for fiction and subject matter for non-fiction.

Special books are given a table and priced separately by Friend member Geraldine McMahon.

"This year, we've got some really interesting fiction," she said. "Prices for these range from $2 to $10."

The treasurer, currently Akiko Marsh, arranges for cash boxes and change. Once it's all over, the breakdown begins.

Left over books are boxed up, tables are taken down and signs are brought back to the library.

Book sales are the most lucrative project that the Friends undertake and, over the years, thousands of dollars have been given to the library to purchase extras that the budget can't always cover.

Sherry Curran, past president of the Friends, said, "This is even more amazing when considering the prices: pocketbooks are .50 cents and hardbacks and trade books are $1."

This year's book sale opens Saturday, Sept. 2, at 10 a.m.. and closes at 4 p.m., then reopens Sunday, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The event is in the Bromley Room in the Siuslaw Public Library on Ninth Street in Florence.

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A: We are an all volunteer shopping style food pantry serving Mapleton and the surrounding areas. We provide basic pantry staples, meat, canned food and produce. We furnish toilet paper and laundry soap along with personal care items.

Q: What are your greatest accomplishments so far, this year?

A: We are supplying sack lunches for kids this summer since there is no food program in Mapleton. We have lunches Mon., Weds., and Fri. at Mapleton Food Share, Mapleton Library, Mapleton High School and the Deadwood Store.

Q: Do you have a personal story that describes the impact your organization has had in the community?

A:Our volunteer that delivers to Deadwood feels like Santa Claus when he gets to the store and the kids are waiting for lunches.

Q: What is your current greatest need?

A:Our greatest need is now and always, funding. We are on our own out here and can only do what we do with financial assistance.

Q: Describe your organizations personality in three words.

A: Dedicated, energetic and loving.

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