
Questions about the Sale

Are the Friends of the Guelph Public Library having a BIG BOOK SALE in 2024? YES! The Friends of the Guelph Public Library’s 16th Annual Book Sale will be back, thanks to support from the [Bamco Group Limited!](#)

What are the dates of the Book Sale? The sale dates are **September 19 to 22nd, 2024** with the following hours:

- Thursday Sept 19 - 2pm to 8pm (\$10 admission)
- Friday, Sept 20 - 2pm to 8pm (Free admission)
- Saturday, Sept 21 - 10am to 4pm (Free admission)
- Sunday, Sept 22 - 10am to 4pm (Free admission)

Where is the BIG BOOK SALE going to be held? This year’s Book Sale will be held at the BAMCO Group premises at **440 Elmira Road North, Guelph**, which is at the intersection with Massey Road.

Is there **parking** on site? Is there a bus I can take? There is limited parking on-site. Public Parking is available along Massey Road, where signs permit parking. We encourage carpooling or take Guelph Transit, Route 20-NW Industrial. See our [PARKING MAP](#) for details.

What are book **prices**? Hardcover books \$4, softcover \$3, mass market paperbacks still \$1. Items in Children’s, Media, and Special sections are individually priced. See [PRICE LIST](#) for details.

Where do the proceeds of the sale go? To date, the Friends have donated **\$1 million** to the Guelph Public Library, from the proceeds of 14 previous sales. The money raised has been used to support a variety of Library initiatives, such as children’s reading programs, the installation of a charging station at the main library, and outfitting the new bookmobile.

Is this site accessible? While most of the site is accessible, the absence of accessible washrooms may present challenges for individuals with mobility impairments or other disabilities. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause and are committed to making future events more inclusive.

Are public washrooms available? Yes, but please note that accessible washrooms are not available at this event. We apologize for any inconvenience.

Will WIFI or cellular service be available? WIFI is not available. Cellular service is available.

How can I pay for my purchases?	The Friends will happily accept payment by Cash or Debit.
I am a Book Dealer – is there a contact person for Dealers at this sale?	Please send your questions by email to info@fgpl.ca and indicate that you are a Book Dealer.
I am an Antiquarian Book Dealer – is there a contact person for Antiquarian Book Dealers?	Please send your questions by email to info@fgpl.ca and indicate that you are an Antiquarian Book Dealer.
I am a Book Reseller who scans book barcodes to find books to re-sell on Amazon. Is book scanning permitted at this sale?	In response to customer feedback regarding scanning at recent sales, book scanning is prohibited at this year's sale.
Can I bring a shopping cart? I plan to buy a lot of books.	While the premises are larger, the space cannot accommodate wagons or traditional-sized grocery carts. If you are planning to purchase in volume, bring a small folding shopping cart, or extra cloth grocery bags.
What if I don't have a cart or didn't bring enough shopping bags?	Depending on supply, free surplus shopping bags and cardboard boxes will be available if you need more than you brought with you.
Will the larger space mean some of my favourite subject categories will be back?	Yes. Religion and Spirituality, Languages other than English and French, and Music are all back!
If I end up with too much to carry but want to keep shopping is there a place where I can leave my purchases temporarily?	Yes. The Book Hold area is coming back this year!
Is there a FLOOR PLAN map?	Yes. See FLOOR PLAN map.

Questions about Donations

Is the book sale accepting book donations?

The sale is accepting donations until **September 9** at several locations across the city:

At the Book Sale site (440 Elmira Road N):

- Monday, Friday & Saturday 10am to 1pm
- Tuesday & Thursday evenings 6pm to 9pm
- NO drop on Wednesday and Sunday

At these Guelph Public Library locations during business hours:

- The Main Library – 100 Norfolk Street.
- The Westminster Square branch – 31 Farley Drive
- The East Side Branch – 1 Starwood Road.

Is there a cut-off date to drop off my donations?

Yes, in order to prepare the site for the sale, donations will not be accepted after **September 9th**.

What types of donations are the Friends of the Guelph library looking for?

The Friends of the Guelph Public Library will gratefully accept *gently used* books, DVDs, vinyl records, sheet music, puzzles and games in good, sellable condition. For more about what will be accepted visit the [Book Sale Donations](#) page on the Friends' website.

Questions about Volunteering

How can I volunteer to help with this book sale?

Go to the website for the Friends of the Guelph Public library at fgpl.ca, and look for the button that says:



We are really eager for more volunteers in these areas:

- Working at the book sale on the sale days
- Helping to tidy up and remove everything from Bamco after the sale is over.

Will there be a special event to show Appreciation to our Volunteers?

Yes. All volunteers working in support of the sale will be invited to a volunteer appreciation event prior to the sale. With limited on-site parking, please consider carpooling to this event.