

Questions about the Sale

Are the Friends of the Guelph Public Library having a BIG BOOK SALE in 2026?	YES! The Friends of the Guelph Public Library 's 18 th Annual BIG Book Sale will be back, thanks to support from the Bamco Group Limited , who have provided us with a great space at a reduced cost in their Guelph warehouse at 440 Elmira Rd. N.
Where do the proceeds of the sale go?	To date, the Friends have donated more than \$1.2 million to the Guelph Public Library from the proceeds of 17 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. Most of the money raised will be used in the children's/young adult section of the new main library.
What are the dates of the BIG BOOK SALE, and what does it cost to get in?	The sale dates are October 22-25, 2026 with the following hours and admission fees: Thursday Oct 22 - 2pm to 8pm - \$10 admission Friday, Oct 23 - 2pm to 8pm - Free admission Saturday, Oct 24 - 10am to 4pm - Free admission Sunday, Oct 25 - 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 warehouse at 440 Elmira Road North, Guelph , which is at the intersection with Massey Road.
Is there parking on site?	There is limited parking at the Bamco site. Due to a nearby business closure, we have increased the number of spaces available this year for persons with accessibility needs . The lane in front of the sale site will be open for drop offs and pickups. Public parking is available along Massey Road, and where signs permit parking. Please do not park anywhere near the Bus Stops in the area – you will be ticketed if you are parked too close to them. We are grateful to several neighbouring businesses for permitting parking in their lots in the evenings and on the sale weekend. Attendants will direct you to available locations. We encourage carpooling . Closer to the sale we will add a parking map to our website.
Is there a bus I can take?	Yes, take Guelph Transit, Route 20-NW Industrial .
Is there Accessible parking available for those who need it?	There will be some limited Accessible parking available, and every effort is being made to ensure there will be spaces available near the site entrance for those who need it.
Is there a bike rack where I can safely lock up my bike?	The Backpeddling Bike Shop has loaned us bike racks for your use during the sale. Be sure to bring your own lock!

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Is this sale site accessible ?	Yes. There are ramps at the entrance and exit to facilitate individuals using mobility devices. (<i>See next question regarding washroom accessibility.</i>)
Are public washrooms available?	Washrooms inside the event are publicly available. Please note that they were not designed for persons needing accessible facilities. There will be a public portable toilet on site that is accessible.
Are there refreshments available?	Yes. Water, pop, and cookies or light snacks will be available in the café area. Payment is by voluntary donation.
Can I bring my dog to the sale?	No. We love pets but they are not always welcome in crowded places such as our sale, so no pets allowed. Service animals will be admitted.
Will WIFI or cellular service be available?	WIFI is not available. Cellular service is available.
What are the book prices ?	Hardcover books \$4, softcover \$3, small paperbacks \$1. Items in Children's, Media, and Special Books are individually priced. The full price list will be available on the website before the sale.
Will my child get a free book again at this year's sale?	Yes.
How can I pay for my purchases?	The Friends will happily accept payment by Cash, Credit, 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 resell. Is book scanning permitted at this sale?	While there is no official policy prohibiting book scanning at the sale, we kindly ask that all customers – including resellers – be mindful of others. Please avoid blocking access, and monopolizing large quantities of materials that you are not purchasing. We welcome everyone to the sale and thank all attendees for contributing to a positive and respectful shopping environment.
Can I bring a shopping cart ? I plan to buy a lot of books.	The sale 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?	Free surplus shopping bags and cardboard boxes will be available if you need more than you brought with you.

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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. From Thursday 22nd– Saturday 24th, there will be a Book Hold area where you can leave your purchases while you continue to shop. Please note that the Book Hold will not be available on Sunday, October 25.
What if I can't get parked close by and have a lot to carry?	Depending on their availability we will try to have volunteers who will help you get your purchases to your car. Customers will be able to return to the Exit Door with their vehicles to pick up large purchase orders.
Is there anything new this year?	Yes. Just in time for Halloween, we are adding a Thriller section to the Adult Fiction area.
Is there a FLOOR PLAN map?	A floor plan map will be available on our website prior to the sale, and at the sale site.

Questions about Donations

Is the book sale accepting book donations?	The sale is accepting donations until October 9th at several locations across the city: <u>At the Book Sale site (440 Elmira Road N) from Sept. 14 – Oct. 9</u> • Mondays and Tuesdays - 6pm to 8pm • NO drop off on Wednesdays and Sundays • Thursdays – 1pm – 4pm • Fridays and Saturdays – 10am-1pm <u>At these Guelph Public Library locations from Sept. 1 – Oct. 9 during their business hours:</u> • 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 October 9th .
What types of donations are the Friends of the Guelph library looking for?	The Friends of the Guelph Public Library will gratefully accept <u>gently used</u> books, DVDs, CDs, 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 [Volunteer](#) page

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.

More Questions? Contact us at info@fgpl.ca; website - <https://fgpl.ca>

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