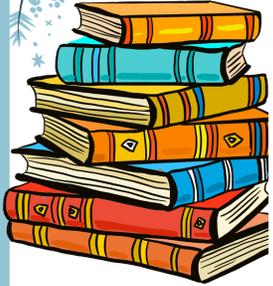


# El Segundo Friends of the Public Library Winter Newsletter



The Friends of the El Segundo Public Library is a tax-exempt, non-profit organization of volunteers committed to generating community interest and support for the library.

We rely on membership dues, used-book sales, corporate and private donations and other various fundraising activities to support the library and fund a variety of programs, including:

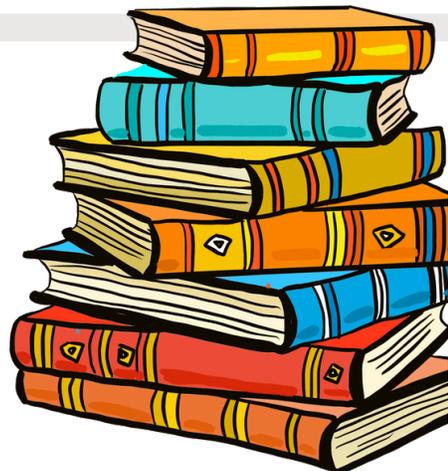
- Summer Reading Programs for all ages
- Annual Author Fair
- El Segundo History Committee
- Genealogy and local history services
- Purchase of special books and equipment for the library
- Educational scholarships for High School students

## MEMBERSHIP

The 2025 Membership drive results are in. The Friends received 15 membership renewals, 13 new member applications, and an extra \$1,645 in donations. We are excited to have 13 new members as Friends of the El Segundo Public Library. The membership drive is our primary fundraising activity and we sincerely appreciate your financial support. With your help, the Friends are able to provide books for the main library and school libraries in addition to helping support valuable programming for children, teens, and adults. Thank you again for being a Friend of the Library!

## SALES AND DONATIONS COMMITTEE

This committee is responsible for processing all incoming donations, and for sales of books, puzzles and DVDs. This is the major source of our income, and quite a few people are part of this work. Our book sales are divided into 4 areas; paperback fiction, hardcover fiction, non-fiction, and children's/young-adult. Prices are set according to the area, except some oversize books ("coffee-table" types) may have a slightly higher price tag. Books are sold anytime the library is open, with the circulation desk collecting the money for us. The chair of this committee has been known to take special requests, or save certain types of books for valued customers. We frequently have "blue cart sales", where a subject or type is displayed on the blue cart at the main entrance. This may be children's books, Christmas items, or seasonal subjects, like gardening books in the spring, or travel books before summer. Sometimes we just have too many books and will reduce prices temporarily on this cart. We advertise sales on Instagram ([friendsofesp1](#)), in NextDoor ([Friend Esp1](#)), and on various local Facebook groups, including our own page (Friends of the El Segundo Public Library). We welcome inquiries about joining The Friends and/or about volunteering. In our opinion, a public library is one of the best uses of public space, taxes, donations, and volunteer time.



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Join us!

Friends of the Library volunteers undertake fundraising and "Friend-raising" activities throughout the year to raise awareness and support the Library.

Here's what we do:

- Participate in community events to promote the Library
- Collect and maintain historical materials about El Segundo
- Organize sales of used books, games, magazines, and DVDs

Volunteers are needed and are welcome. Become a member to get started.

CLICK HERE  
"BECOME A MEMBER"  
TO JOIN



## HISTORY ROOM

The History Room at the library opened in March 1992 through the generous donation of the family of Abbie Jean Krimmel Mesak. The volunteers instrumental in establishing the room included Sue Carter, Dick Peterson, Jo Murphy, Margaret Keenan, and others.

Our goal is making all historical information accessible to the public.

We hold educational meetings the first Thursday of each month (unless it lands on a holiday) in the Sue Carter Community Room at 6:00pm. Our Speaker in February is Julie Stolnack talking about her walking every street in El Segundo and what she learned. In March we will have part II of the popular talk by Holly Lipscomb on movies and films made in El Segundo.

Visit us on Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday afternoons.

Our website: [el-segundo-history-r.com/](http://el-segundo-history-r.com/)

Email: [folhistoryroom@gmail.com](mailto:folhistoryroom@gmail.com)

Interested in volunteering?

We can use all the help we can get!

Some of the jobs:

- Sorting book donations
- Stocking books for sale on shelves
- History Room volunteer
- Finding sources to sell donated books
- Scanning books for sale
- Helping with selling books outside the library (events)
- Scanning historical documents for the history room
- Helping with social media
- Creating signs for book sales

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