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## Friends of Library to host first-ever summer book sale

*By popular demand, non-profit group adds more sales and locations*

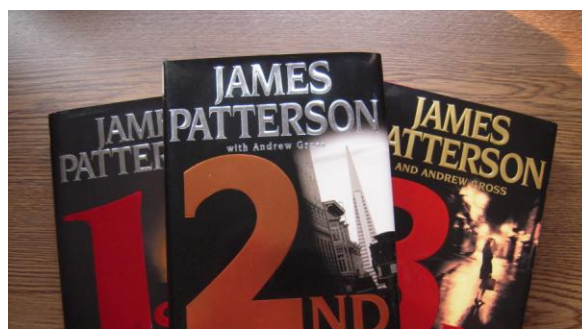
**Cumming, July 4, 2011:** Just in time for you to pick up a stack of books for your last beach vacation of the summer, FCPL Friends & Advocates will hold its first-ever summer book sale at the Hampton Park Library July 23-24.

"Our last few sales at the Cumming Library have been wildly successful," says FCPL Friends & Advocates President Jennifer Dugan. "We've received a lot of feedback from patrons at those sales and we're eager to show that we've been listening and taking those comments to heart."

One major change is that there are now three sales in a year, instead of just two. "We've previously done sales only in the fall and spring," says Treasurer Ramona Stoner. "But that results in stocking up so many donations that it's hard for our patrons to sort through and find the books and materials they want most." By expanding to three sales in 2011 – winter, summer and fall – the group hopes to keep the inventory manageable and easier to browse.

The second major change is the group's effort to try a new time for the Member Preview sale. "Traditionally we've given our members access to the sale on Friday, one day earlier than the general public," says Dugan. But, that only works if most of your members are available during business hours on a weekday. "Our membership has changed over the last few years to include more working professionals that simply can't take a day off to shop, much less volunteer, at the Preview sale. Plus, we started hearing more of our patrons say 'I'd become a member just to shop early, but I can't come on a Friday.'"

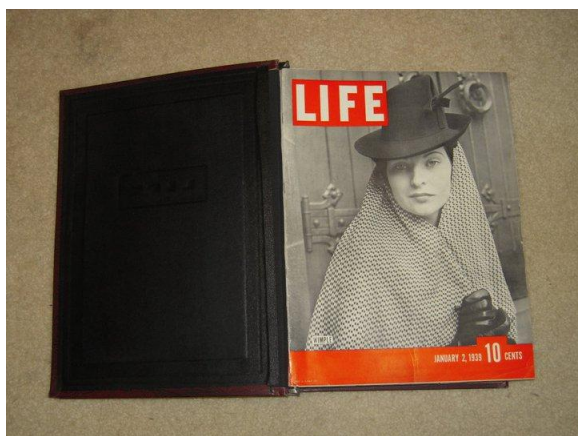
The Member Preview sale has been moved to Saturday morning for the summer Book Sale. "We're giving it a try and we'll see how our members and patrons like it," says Publicity Coordinator Paula Glover. The Member Preview will be open to current members of the FCPL Friends & Advocates on Saturday, July 23



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from 10:00am to 1:00pm in the community room at the Hampton Park Library. "If you're not a current member of our group and want to shop early, we'll have membership applications at the door," says Glover. Individual annual memberships are \$10 and family memberships are \$15.

The Book Sale will be open to the public on Saturday, July 23 from 1:30pm to 5:00pm and Sunday, July 24 from 1:30pm to 4:30pm. "Even though we've shuffled the timing of the Member Preview, the Book Sale is still open the same number of hours as it has been in the past, so there's still plenty of opportunity for everyone to shop," says Dugan.



**A set of bound LIFE magazines from the 1930s will also be available in the Special Collections area.**

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Aside from having an opportunity to add to your stack of summer reading with about 7500 books, audio books and DVDs, there's another reason to mark your calendars for the summer Book Sale at Hampton Park Library. If you're into collecting autographed books, first editions or antique books, you should check out the Special Collections area.

Donations Coordinator Greg Childers reports that the group has received several interesting materials through donations this spring. "We've got first edition and first printings of James Patterson murder mystery novels, copies of LIFE magazine from the 30s and 40s,

and first editions of several children's books, including Meet Samantha from the American Girl series," says Childers.

Volunteers are still needed to help with sorting and displaying books before the sale, helping patrons during the sale, and cleaning up after the sale ends. Generally, volunteer shifts run about 3 hours, but you can request a different schedule, if your time is limited. Go to [ForsythFOL.org](http://ForsythFOL.org) and click the Volunteer link to sign up. Proceeds from the FCPL Friends & Advocates Book Sale benefit expanded programming for children and adults at all branches of the Library. Recent programs include Forsyth Reads Together, FCPL Family Cinema, Teen Nights, and Book Discussions for children and adults. To donate your gently used books, please visit [ForsythFOL.org](http://ForsythFOL.org). FCPL Friends & Advocates will volunteers will gladly pick-up your donations.

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## About FCPL Friends & Advocates

Forsyth County Public Library (FCPL) Friends & Advocates exist to support the programs, resources and staff of each branch of the Forsyth County Public Library in its efforts to promote literacy in our community and to encourage residents to visit the library and make full use of its resources. FCPL Friends & Advocates is an independent not-for-profit organization registered in the State of Georgia and has supported the Library since 1995. Used book sales are our primary source of funds. Other funding sources for the FCPL Friends & Advocates include membership fees, monetary and in-kind donations, and community events.