Wooster Friends of the Wayne County Public Library

Fall 2026 Newsletter

Barry Romich to speak at the Friends Annual Meeting



The Wooster Friends of the Library will honor Barry Romich, recipient of the 2025 Local Library Champion Award, during the annual meeting and program on Thursday, October 22, beginning at 7 pm in the Wooster Public Library meeting room.

Through his foundation, Romich has helped Wayne County libraries fund 3D printers, laser engravers, and other hardware for their Creation Stations. The Romich Foundation has also donated solar panels for the library bookmobile, and it was instrumental in the development of the Joyful Cafe in the Wooster Public Library.

The program will follow a brief meeting of the Wooster Friends of the Library. Refreshments will be available.

Membership



Cheryl Guthrie has won the 2026 membership Basket.

Membership Chair, Nancy Martinez, reports a successful membership drive this past February. Currently, 207 individuals are members; and this year we have our highest number of $100 donations. Among donors are:

Bill & Vicki Bailey
Scott & Darcy Becker
Robert & Constance Bouchard
Kathie & Billy Clyde
Beverly Crafton
Ruth & Paul Crowley
Barb & Scott Friedhoff
Dr. Eric & Mrs. Sharon Grimes
Anita & Wayne Hammond
LeRoy Haynes
Kathy & Dennis Helmuth
Natalie Hessler
Joy Kleinhenz
Marty & Patrick LaVigne
Sara L. Patton
Becky Pratt
Ferenc & Candy Relle
Marcy Richard
Peter & Susan Roberts
Alison & Troy Schmidt
David Smailes
Elena Sokol
Blake & Cathy Stone
Christopher Stormer & Laura Burch
Jonathan & Edith Swank
David & Betty Wilkin
Stephanie Fry Wilson
Elizabeth Young

Children's Department Renovations

The Children's Department open house will be in late October. A giant tree welcomes users, new carpet and lower bookshelves brighten the area, and a junior Creation Station for children ages 12 and under will be set up. Be sure to check out the new forest decor and the reading cubby donated by FOL. Children can escape the action in the area and settle down to read. We also donated a play store for the very young patrons.

Did you know?

The Friends of the Library book sales are continuing daily at the Wooster Public Library. It looks like the public enjoys the opportunity to purchase used books every day, and not just at our two book sales. Since January, $2,512 has been earned for the Friends.

In the Book Cellar, the crew of 15 dedicated members assemble every Tuesday, sorting and shelving library discards and donations. In addition to discards from the Wooster Main Library, discards are also coming in from the Shreve Branch; so look forward to plenty of selection at the 2027 Spring Book Sale, from March 11-13.

FOL Hot Tip of the Month

CD sales in the US in the first half of 2026 have increased by 16%. Don't be left behind. Join the legions of people coming to the spring sale who realize that CDs have better sound quality than vinyl records. You won't be disappointed at the selection.

Children's Homestead

FOL co-sponsored the Children's Homestead this past summer. The program presented a series of stations in which children can explore old-fashioned living. Stations included grinding grain, washing clothes on washboards, rolling dough, combing wool, and typical games on the farm.





Website

Remember to check out the WFOL official website, woolibraryfriends.org for upcoming events, membership information and more. We will soon be adding the ability to pay membership dues and donate online.

October 4-10 is Banned Books Week!

Visit the American Library Association's website to learn more!

