

The Friends of the Hopkinton Town Library (FHTL) and the HTL staff have agreed not to proceed with the annual used book sale this June. A number of factors have informed this difficult decision:

- Although we are making good progress on the building reconstruction, the Library's reopening date is still uncertain. HTL staff, with the support of the FHTL Board, are focusing on the details of the reopening, and we do not believe we are capable of giving appropriate time and attention to planning a successful June book sale.*
- Along with libraries across New Hampshire, we are now unable to find an organization to take the thousands of books that are left over at the end of the sale. Our two major outlets for book discards have gone out of business and we do not have the capability to manage these leftovers on our own.*
- It has become increasingly difficult to find volunteers with the time to work on overall book sale management. While each year many wonderful members of the community volunteer to help with sorting and sale day assistance, we do not currently have a team who is able to take on the large task of planning and coordination of the sale.*
- If you would like to support the Friends of the Hopkinton Town Library this year, please consider becoming a member or making an additional gift. Membership forms can be found [here](#) and gifts may be sent to PO Box 217 in Contoocook, NH.*

We understand that the book sale is a popular annual tradition, and we fully support the idea of a local used book sale as a way of building community, facilitating recycling and promoting the love of books. For this year, however, the Friends Board recognizes the need to take a step back to focus on library reopening, review our priorities, and complete a cost/benefit analysis. In the meantime, we urge you to consider donating books to Goodwill Industries, the PTA Fun Fair or to the Lions Club for its annual sale.

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