

We Need More Volunteers!

Please consider volunteering with Friends of the Library!

Call 352-375-1676 to leave a message for the Volunteer Coordinator or e-mail us at folacld430@gmail.com. Specify whether you would like to work year-round at the Bookhouse or be on the list to work just at the sales. We have 500,000 items to sort and price during each sale period, and we need 150-200 extra volunteers for each sale. We need more volunteers!

Year-round volunteers work at least one shift a week, the same day and time each week, at the Bookhouse, 430 N. Main Street in Gainesville. A shift is 9:00-12:00 or 12:00-3:00. Year-round volunteers attend a three-hour training workshop to learn to sort books into 65 categories. In addition to sorting, they take the books back to the various category tables. They also answer the phone and take in donations. The Bookhouse is open Mon-Thurs, 9:00-3:00, and Friday and Saturday, 9:00-noon. We schedule training workshops as needed during the year. Year-round volunteers also work at the booksale.

Other volunteers work the booksale only. **Booksale volunteers** call prices, use adding machines, and give change. They also restock books and straighten the tables. We have two sales a year, in April and October, for five days each sale. The commitment is a three-hour shift once or twice a year. There is no training beforehand. The sale volunteer coordinator contacts workers about a month before the sale to find out when they are available and what job they would like to do.

Potential Volunteers need to know that the Bookhouse does not have heat or AC in the working area and that the jobs are physical. We do have an air-conditioned/heated office that is available for breaks and snacks. Volunteers get plenty of exercise and enjoy working with each other and with books! Please join us for a fun and fulfilling experience!