

## Welcome to the Friends' Book Nook

For three days each week nine volunteers spend seventeen to twenty hours a week sorting donated books to the library. This process consists of checking each book for water damage, writing, dirt and even musty smells. If the book is deemed clean and gently used, it is wiped clean. The date of publication is then verified so that books can be placed in the lobby from most recent to earlier publications. Lastly, books are placed on holding carts and organized according to genre. Finally ready for the Book Nook, the donations are organized to provide easy access to the public. The children's section includes books for elementary age and our blue bins include books for preschool age children. Visitors to the Book Nook will find a variety of sales throughout the year. Watch for our sale of antique books.

You can see why it is very important to donate books that are clean and gently used. Books that don't meet our criteria add more time and frustration to the process. The library is not a recycling facility. We do appreciate very much all donated books that do meet our criteria. Proceeds from Book Nook sales support free library programs, which includes the innovative examples of outreach that was offered during this past year. Money from sales also support garden maintenance, technology and programs across all ages and interest levels.



On October 14, 2020, the library opened its doors with limited access. The Book Nook opened that same day! Our treasurer has recently reported that "Sales have fully recovered to their pre-pandemic levels." Also, in comparing the sales for April in the last five years, this April 2021, surpassed sales of the previous four years! The Friends could not have accomplished this without your support and the commitment of our volunteers. Thank you for helping to keep our library a dynamic and evolving community center for the people of North Kingstown.

### What we do and do not accept

#### DO Accept

Books

DVDs & CDs (original disk)

CD audio Books

Jigsaw Puzzles

Graphic Novels

#### DO NOT Accept

Textbooks

VHS or cassettes

Magazines

Atlases

Encyclopedia Sets