

Friends prepare for annual library

book sale and basket raffle

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*Friends of the
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It is time again for the Friends of the Cambridge Library Book Sale and Theme Basket Raffle.

The dates and times are Friday, Aug. 2 from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. and Saturday, Aug. 3 from 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

There is an advance sale open to members of The Friends on Friday from 8-9 a.m. There will be coffee and rolls available at that special members time.

As in the past there will be thousands of books available. The Friends are still collecting, so those thinning out their home libraries can bring the excess to The Friends anytime up to five days before the sale,

so there is time to sort the books and set up.

Set-up will take place on Wednesday and Thursday in the lower level of the Amundson Center and everyone is encouraged to come and help.

Book lovers love this task because it gives them a chance to see what will be on sale.

The Friends began their themed Basket Raffle five years ago and it has been such a success that they are continuing it again.

Anyone can contribute a basket.

Those wanting to make a basket are reminded to start by finding a book or books as a central theme. Put the book in the basket and build items around it that pertain to the subject of the book.

In the past there have been garden baskets, dolls, food and wine, craft supplies, toys and games, sport game tickets, etc.

The Friends then give raffle ticket buyers the option of purchasing tickets for only the baskets they hope to win. This method makes everyone happy.

This year is especially important to the Friends. They hope to have a record amount of sales so they can apply funds toward a matching grant that will help build their much anticipated new Cambridge Community Library.

"Don't forget all the ways you can help us; set up, take down, create a basket, and of course, purchase as many books as you want. See you there," said one Friends member.



Patrons of the 2012 Cambridge Library Book Sale found thousands of books to choose from, as well as many themed baskets to bid on. This year's sale will be held in conjunction with Maxwell Street Days Aug. 2-3 in the lower level of the Amundson Center.