

FUNDRAISING IDEAS / INFO
9/4/2025 Fundraising Committee Meeting

Review of Completed / Ongoing Fundraisers:

- Clothing Drop-Off Box - The library has received \$327.65 since mid-November 2024.
- The Great Puzzle Race (3/22/25) raised \$749.00 for library programs.
- Extra yearbooks sale - has raised \$773.17 thru 8/25/2025 for library programs.
- Table rentals during Collinsville's City-Wide Garage Sale - raised \$45.00
- Legacy planning brochure - see included brochure. Brochure was distributed to local funeral homes and is available at MVLD libraries.
- Conversations with individual potential donors - so far have received one \$20,000 designated donation

Upcoming Events & Events Being Planned/Considered:

- Second Great Puzzle Race on 9/6/2025 - \$60/table
- Trivia night
 - Tentative date in March 2026
 - Location: Collinsville VFW's large hall
 - \$25/person & up to 10 people/table
 - Mulligans - 10 for \$10, one per round
 - Games between rounds - Dead or Alive, Heads or Tails - \$1.00/person to enter each game
 - Door prizes - include books from Friends' book sale items
 - Prizes - 1st place: \$300, 2nd place: \$150, 3rd place: \$100
 - Friends of the Library assisting
 - Need help from Fundraising Committee with silent auction
- "Swag" sales (t-shirts, bags, etc.)
 - New designs for the online store are created
 - New and prior designs will be available

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- Received info from IHLS & RAILS about their online store platforms;
working on selecting a platform
- “Spring for a Book” fundraiser (Joplin Friends of the Library) - see included news release
- Dine-out fundraisers with Bert’s Chuckwagon / Sloan’s Pub House / other
- “Taste of Collinsville” event
- Silent auction at the Blum House during Tunes at Blum



Collinsville Memorial Library

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Collinsville, IL 62234

Fairmont City Library

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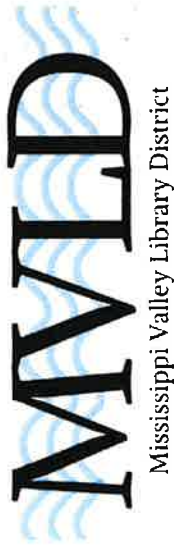
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Mississippi Valley Library District



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Our Mission

The Mississippi Valley Library District provides materials and services to meet the personal, intellectual, educational, and recreational needs and interest of its communities.



Our Services



Access to Resources

From books to fishing poles and movies to video games, the library offers access to millions of physical and electronic items.



Activities

The library offers free activities for all ages. Some of what you'll find are preschool story times, STEM activities for teens, and wellness classes for adults.



Other Services

Other services offered include:

- Public wifi and computers
- Copying and printing *
- Faxing *
- Notary service *
- Voter registration

Asterisk denotes a nominal fee

How You Can Help

Donations to the library help to ensure that services remain free and available to everyone we serve.

You can help by:

- Donating your time, talents, and other types of in-kind donations
- Making a monetary donation on a one-time or recurring basis
- Including the Mississippi Valley Library District as a beneficiary in your estate plan, will, or other legacy documents

Donations may be tax-deductible. Please speak with a tax professional about this.

Contact the library at 618-344-1112 or contact@mvld.org to get started.

Thank you for your support!

Friends of the Joplin Public Library plan annual “Spring for a Book” fundraiser

👤 Steve Smith • March 26, 2025



JOPLIN, Mo. – In celebration of National Library Week, the Friends of the Joplin Public Library will once again host a Spring for a Book fundraiser from Tuesday, April 1, through Saturday, April 12.

The funds raised during the event will go toward purchasing new books to add to the circulation. Here's how it works:

- Donate \$25 for the Friends group to purchase a single book.
- Donate \$100 to purchase a stack of books.
- Donate \$250 or more to purchase a shelf of books.
- Donors can elect to put their name on a special recognition decal to be displayed in the library.

The fundraiser focuses on adding more books to the Lucky Day collection – a selection of popular books that are in high demand.

“Through the generosity of Friends of the Library supporters, we were able to raise \$2,500 during last year’s Spring for a Book fundraiser,” says Jeana Gockley, director of the Joplin Public Library. “The average hardcover fiction book costs \$25, so with the generously donated funds, the library was able to add around 100 books.”

Donations can be made at the library’s circulation desk or on the Friends group’s website – <https://friendsofthejpl.org>.

Located at 1901 E. 20th St., library hours are 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday, Wednesday, and Friday; 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday; 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday; and 1 to 5 p.m. Sunday.

National Library Week was established in 1958. The observance is sponsored by the American Library Association and libraries around the country each April. This year, the observance will be held April 6-12.

A nonprofit organization, the Friends of the Joplin Public Library was founded to provide financial support beyond the library’s operating budget. Membership is open to individuals, families, businesses and other organizations regardless of card-holder status or city of residence.