Fw: FOHL Every Day/Ongoing Book Sale

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Subject: FOHL Every Day/Ongoing Book Sale

Dear Debra,

First and foremost, TCCL is very appreciative of all that FOHL provides for programming at our 24 branch locations. We have reviewed the group's proposal to continue the ongoing book sale, and I want to provide an update. At the FOHL February meeting, it was communicated by the South Region Manager, Kelly Bayles, that we need to discontinue the ongoing sale. As noted in your proposal, the ongoing sale provides a fraction of what the yearly big sale generates in income, about $5,000 versus $25,000 in 2025.

I also want to note that the original decision to move forward with the ongoing sale was approved during the pandemic when the annual book sale was not allowed. Here is the language from that email sent to the president of at that time from the previous COO:

> In the meantime, we do think that we can find some space inside the library to do a temporary on-going book sale until the main sale can once again resume. Once it is safe to begin the original sale again, we would need to stop the temporary on-going sale to align with the rest of our library locations.

I understand that the manager and regional manager at that time allowed the sale to continue, however, for the following reasons communicated to your board at the February 2026 meeting, we need to move forward with ceasing the daily book sale.

- Ongoing sale was initiated when the annual sale was not possible
- Systemwide consistency - TCCL branches are cashless and no longer have year-round sales
- Returning Peggy Helmerich Library meeting room use by FOHL to one day per week opens more opportunities for programs and community groups
- Future Peggy Helmerich Library building improvements will require the use of the full library floorspace

Again, we are grateful for all your support, and we want to support your group with the annual book sale, but the deadline will be September 14th for the end of the daily sale within the library.

Sincerely,

Ellen Cummings

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