

Art & BookFair 2019

Starting with a “Book Mart” in October 1961, AAFSW has held a book sale every year at the State Department. This October, the Art & BookFair will once again offer books, CDs, DVDs, jewelry, stamps and coins, and art treasures from all over the world. Our donors from the Foreign Service community have lived everywhere, and customers come to this sale knowing that they can find truly unique international items. This sale has raised \$60,000 to \$100,000 annually. Over the years that has added up to more than a million dollars. AAFSW uses Art & BookFair funds to finance scholarships and many other projects in support of the Foreign Affairs community, from our website to informational programs and events of all types. Some of the proceeds, as well as in-kind donations, are given to DC-area community organizations. Just as the family members of the Foreign Service depend on AAFSW to advocate for their interests, AAFSW itself depends on the income from the Art & BookFair to function. And we depend on our members to help make this event a success!

How can you help?

Donate books, CDs, and DVDs, as well as items acquired from overseas. We take art, textiles, jewelry, pottery, wooden carved creations, and paintings--anything from the countries that you have visited or posts in which you have lived. We also accept foreign and domestic stamps, paper money, medals, and coins. We can also use good packing paper (if you are moving back to the DC area). Small items can be sent in the mail (contact office@aafsw.org for our mailing address), but we also pick up donations in the Washington, DC

area. Remind your friends and co-workers to donate, especially those who are retiring, downsizing or moving. Pick-ups or drop-offs can be arranged by calling Martine Nakhil in the BookRoom, 202-223-5796, or by emailing bookroom@aafsw.org or office@aafsw.org.

Volunteer your time during the year. If you have expertise in local art from a particular region of the world, such as South America, or knowledge of languages, we could really use help in pricing books and artifacts. You can get into the Dept. of State with your diplomatic passport. Do you work in the Department? State employees could volunteer at lunch time and, of course, during the Art and BookFair. (AAFSW membership is open to Foreign Service and Civil Service employees, active and retired, and/or spouses.)

Volunteer during the Art & BookFair. Even if you are only here for a short time, we can use your help. Volunteer to help set up October 7-11, clean up October 21-22, or work during the Art & BookFair (A&BF), October 11-21! We can also use help the week of September 30. We need cashiers, baggers, shelvers and others to help customers during this major event. Use the volunteer form in this issue of the Global Link, or sign up online at www.aafsw.org. You can also email office@aafsw.org or call the AAFSW office (703-820-5420) to volunteer. The volunteers have a lot of fun! Art & BookFair is a unique experience, with its interesting books and artifacts, enthusiastic customers, and the old friends and colleagues that we run into from a former post!

AAFSW Art & BookFair Committee
bookfair@aafsw.org



Art & BookFair Hours of Operation

Friday, October 11: Opening Day.
11 a.m.–3 p.m.

Open to building pass holders and their guests.*

October 12–13: 11 a.m.–3 p.m.

Open to the general public.
(Closed Columbus Day, October 14.)

October 15–18: 11 a.m.–3 p.m.

Open to building pass holders and their guests.*

October 19–20: 11 a.m.–3 p.m.

Open to the general public. On Sunday, October 20, books are half price!

October 21: 9:00 a.m.–12 noon.

Building pass holders and their guests.
Books half price!

** Foreign Service spouses/partners are invited to attend the A&BF on both public and non-public days. Volunteers who sign up by September 6 will be given a special A&BF badge that allows entry into the State Department without an escort for the duration of the Art & BookFair.*

Diplomatic passport holders can simply enter at the C Street entrance (state that you are attending the A&BF). If you do not have a diplomatic passport, you may enter with your employee spouse/ partner or with a volunteer holding an escort badge. If you need to be escorted, please contact us at least a day in advance, if possible, at office@aafsw.org, 703-820-5420 or 202-223-5796, and we will be happy to help.

Yes, I want to help at Art & BookFair 2019!

September 30–October 22, 2018

Please sign up no later than Sept. 6 in order to have a special badge prepared for you. Later volunteers may also enter with a State ID, diplomatic passport or visitor badge, but please submit this form as soon as possible so we can schedule volunteer shifts.

Thanks for any support you can provide! We can't do it without you!

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone number(s): _____

Email: _____

Do you have a Department of State badge?

Yes No

If you do not have a Department of State badge, please provide the following information:

Date of birth: _____

Driver's License (with state) or Passport #: _____

This information is required by Department of State Security.

Please circle the shifts that you are willing to work.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29	30 Preparing for Art & BookFair 10-3	1 Preparing for Art & BookFair 10-3	2 Preparing for Art & BookFair 10-3	3 Preparing for Art & BookFair 10-3	4 Preparing for Art & BookFair 10-3	5
6	7 Early Shift 6-9 Set-Up 9-12 12-3	8 Early Shift 6-9 Set-Up 9-12 12-3	9 Early Shift 6-9 Set-Up 9-12 12-3	10 Early Shift 6-9 Set-Up 9-12 12-3	11 Early Shift 6-9 Building Pass Holders and Guests 9-12:30 12-3:30	12 Open to Public 10-1 12:30-3:30
13 Open to Public 10-1 12:30-3:30	14 Columbus Day Closed	15 Early Shift 6-9 Building Pass Holders and Guests 10-3:30	16 Early Shift 6-9 Building Pass Holders and Guests 10-3:30	17 Early Shift 6-9 Building Pass Holders and Guests 10-3:30	18 Early Shift 6-9 Building Pass Holders and Guests 10-3:30	19 Open to Public 10-1 12:30-3:30
20 Open to Public 10-1 12:30-3:30 Books half price!	21 Open to DOS Employees 9-12 Books half price! Clean Up Day 9-12 11-3	22 Clean Up Day 9-12 11-3	<p>I would like to assist:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Cashiering <input type="checkbox"/> Need a seated job</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> General duties as assigned <input type="checkbox"/> Van Driver—public days</p> <p><i>Please note: The times given are for periods when volunteer work is scheduled, not for hours when the Art & BookFair is open to customers.</i></p> <p><i>Early morning volunteers are also needed to watch over A&BF from 6:00–9:00 a.m. (Oct 7–11 and 15–18) when the thruway must be open for employees. If you have a State Dept. badge, please consider volunteering for this early shift.</i></p>			

Please mail this form to AAFSW, 4001 North Ninth Street, Suite 214, Arlington, VA 22203. You may also email your name, volunteer days, and hours to office@aafsw.org. Thank you for volunteering! We appreciate your commitment to AAFSW and look forward to seeing you in October.