

Job Description: Finder of book value

Donated books are sorted by other FOL volunteers and then are placed in a box labeled with my name.

Two computer sites are used in my search: bookfinder.com and eBay.com. Access to a printer is necessary for this work.

Then the books with descriptions and suggested prices go to the Friends area or to a box for eBay.

Process:

Boxes of books are in the Friends area and labeled with my name.

A librarian logs me onto the computer and opens two search sites during non-patron library hours. A librarian can also provide you with your own password.

Bookfinder.com asks for book information in their site window. Fill in all that is available. Once the title is found, scroll through the descriptions and find one that closely matches the book in hand.

- When the asking price is under \$20 and listed for about the same on eBay, determine a fair price in the \$1-5 range. The primary consideration is general book condition. You can also ask yourself, "How much would I be willing to pay for it?" Place price tag on the cover. Leave in the FOL area for another volunteer to handle.
- When the asking price is between \$20 and \$40 on both internet sites, print out the best description, reduce the listing price by 2/3, place the print-out in the book, and leave it in the Friends area. Another volunteer will place the book on the FOL shelving area as space becomes available.
- For prices listed over \$40, good judgment is needed before passing the books to the eBay boxes. For eBay, see below.

eBay: Enter book title and author. Scroll to locate any similar books. eBay provides a picture (generally) and minimal information. If a book isn't listed here but was listed on bookfinder.com for a good price, this book could become a candidate for sale on eBay. Determiners for forwarding such books to the next FOL volunteer: title is not listed on eBay; very few listings of the title on bookfinder.com; or the price is over \$45 and the book is in good/very good condition. Include a print out of the description and/or your notes on the book in hand. The book is placed in a box and labeled: For eBay sale consideration. These boxes are stored in the community room and will be processed by the FOL volunteer who lists the chosen titles on eBay.

Close the computer sites. Your work is done.

Some additional points: eyes can grow weary (looking at small print) and feel watery (from the dust that accompanies many donated books). However, being part of a team is rewarding as we help generate funds for Campbell Library.