



Top Ten

Ideas for Raising Funds for the Library

1. Sell bottled water. Purchase a case of water at a discount or bulk outlet and sell it to the students for a marginal profit.
 2. Go traditional – host a Bake Sale during family events and conferences.
 3. Gather gently used books donated by students, faculty and staff and sell them “on the cheap.” Set up a special display on a book cart and clearly mark prices. This is also great to set up during family events and conferences – just be sure to not overlap with a Book Fair!
 4. Sell coffee, hot chocolate and tea to faculty, staff and students (at the high school level.) Offer a “coffee club” mug for a \$5.00 purchase. Encourage use of the mug to get every fifth drink refill for free! On all other purchases, beverages cost \$1.00.
 5. Sell bracelets (such as the rubber wrist bands) that are imprinted with a library phrase or school motto.
 6. Host a “Rubber Duckie Race” in a school pool (if available) or get creative with waterways near your school. Sell each duck for a set fee. Consider allowing students to personalize and decorate their duck.
 7. Sell “Love Letters on a Lollipop from the Library.” Near Valentine’s week, encourage students to write notes of friendship and affection to others for a personal delivery on a set date. Be creative in the delivery – perhaps a school mascot or dress up as cupid.
 8. Get involved in a school carnival or fun day by hosting a dunk tank or pie-in-the-face stand. Set a reasonable price to take a shot at a member of the faculty or staff (or even the principal!)
 9. Create a “Birthday Book Club” with a shelf of previously purchased, discounted titles. Offer parents the opportunity to select a book (or the child selects) and insert a book plate and create a personalized card for the child on his or her special day.
 10. Generate a “Dollar Die Cut” campaign to sell pre-cut shapes with a theme. Think about ideas like “Help Your Library Grow” and hang leaves on a tree, or “Our Library is Blooming with Learning” and hang flowers along a wall.
- **SPECIAL NOTE:** For any fundraising efforts, be certain to check with administration prior to beginning any initiative to be sure it is district approved.
 - **HELPFUL HINT:** Be sure to determine if a “checks and balances” needs to be in place for accountability of monies in and out of the library – keep all receipts!