

New Book Sale Tables

By George Cline

Steve, a long time book sale setup volunteer and table carrier, complained of the old particle board tables being too heavy for old men to carry, and besides, most were damaged. He donated \$500 to be matched by FOL for new plastic top tables. Done. He noted at this carrying experience, "It's worth every penny."

Rick Dixon, owner of Clark Office Supply, sold these tables to FOL at a price we couldn't refuse. And we did business locally with one of the many folks who are the source of all our funds.

Thank you Steve and Rick!!!



Steve Christ, carrying and setting up one of the new tables he helped FOL purchase.

Did you know? Library Hall in Philadelphia was the first library open to the public in the United States. Founded in 1731 by Benjamin Franklin and friends as the Library Company, the books were available for use on the premises and off by interested members of the community. Before this, books were owned by the wealthy and kept in private collections. During Colonial Days, the delegates to the Continental Convention were encouraged to use the resources at the Library, and as such, it can be correctly considered the forerunner of the Library of Congress. In the Library's holdings: the original journals of the Lewis and Clark expedition, a copy of the Declaration of Independence in Jefferson's own handwriting, a first edition of Sir Isaac Newton's *Principia* and a first edition of Charles Darwin's *Origin of Species*.