

FRIENDS & TRUSTEES & LIBRARY STAFF

Working together to serve our public library and our community

FRIENDS are citizens who value public library service and who volunteer to help their library. Friends usually operate with a self-elected board of directors who represent the community served by the library.

TRUSTEES are created by law to act as the governing or advisory body of the library in its role as a public institution.

THE LIBRARY DIRECTOR & STAFF represent the administration and management of the library.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY:

- serve as connecting links between the library and the community, interpreting one to the other
- are informed about the library's plans, progress, and problems
- recognize that they do not perform a policy-making role for the library but know that their opinions are valued by the trustees
- support trustee decisions
- supplement what is not provided by the library budget with funds for materials, equipment, programs, etc.
- raise funds with the knowledge of the trustees and in coordination with the library director
- decide how to allocate their funds after conferring with the library administration
- supply volunteers to administer their organization and to carry out their projects
- use their influence—individually and collectively—as advocates for the library, representing the library point of view to local and state political representatives and to the media

TRUSTEES MAY ASSIST FRIENDS BY:

- fostering a spirit of cooperation that stems from a mutual interest in the library
- keeping Friends informed regarding library policies and procedures
- being informed about and supporting Friends projects, activities, and concerns
- having a written policy regarding the relationship between Friends and Trustees

LIBRARY STAFF MAY ASSIST FRIENDS BY:

- suggesting projects and library needs (developing a “wish list”)
- providing pertinent materials and information
- explaining library policies and regulations as they relate to Friends
- participating in activities with Friends
- serving as a liaison between Friends and Trustees

**FRIENDS PROMOTE
THE USE OF LIBRARIES**

THEY SPONSOR:

book sales
membership drives
author events
special programs
and much more!!!

THEY RAISE MONEY FOR:

books
special programs
equipment
and much more!!!

**FRIENDS ARE THE
LIBRARY’S #1 ADVOCATES**

Friends can learn more by joining:
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