

FRIENDS OF THE SALEM LIBRARY



*Proudly serving Salem
Library since 1990!*

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The History of the Friends of Salem Free Public Library

The Friends of Salem Free Public Library was founded in a Salem living room in 1990. Originally started as a support organization, the group soon adopted the goal of building a new library. What seemed like an impossible dream in the early 1990's became a reality when the new building opened on December 13, 2004. Along that journey, The Friends made a \$15,000 direct donation, ran a fund raising drive that collected over \$120,000, and worked to get the referendum passed.

The Friends members continue to support the library with contributions of funding and time. In 2009 alone, The Friends provided nearly \$10,000, and volunteered more than 1,300 hours to our library.

*Join us and make a
difference!*

Awards and Recognition for The Friends of the Salem Library and its Volunteers.

2007-Friends of Connecticut Libraries
Outstanding Individual Award (2)

2006-Salem Unsung Heroes (3)

2004-Friends of Connecticut Libraries
Outstanding Individual Award (2)

2003-Friends of Connecticut Libraries
Group award for towns under
10,000 (Honorable Mention)

Friends of Salem Free Public Library Membership and/or Donation Form

(Remember, membership dues may be deductible from your federal income tax)

Name _____

Address _____

Phone Number _____

Email _____

Annual Membership Dues (check one)

- Benefactor (\$100) Patron (\$75) Donor (\$50) Family (\$20) Individual (\$10) Senior (\$5)
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- I may be willing to help with programs, events, or the annual used book sale.
- I am unable to help, however I will support the Friends through the enclosed membership dues.
- I do not wish to join at this time, but please accept my donation of \$ _____.

The Friends of Salem Library:

Who are we and what do we do??

The Friends of Salem Library is a non-profit volunteer organization devoted to supporting Salem's library. We achieve our goals in these ways:

- Funding Library programs
- Financing collection development and staff education
- Raising the community's awareness of how the library enriches the quality of life in Salem

Library Programs

The Friends fund a number of free programs that are open to the public, throughout the year. Programs include:

- Musical Groups
- Speakers and lecturers
- Storytime for preschoolers
- Summer reading
- TAG Teen Advisory Group

Financial Support

The Friends provide financial support to the library in many ways, including:

- Building the library collection
- Purchasing the library's selection of museum passes, which include: The Mystic Seaport, Museum of Natural History NYC, and The Eric Carle Museum, and many others
- Promoting staff education
- Administering donated funds

Community Awareness

The Friends want people to enjoy using the library, recognize and acknowledge its value to our community, and support it. We continually seek opportunities to work with other town organizations. Some initiatives include:

- Presenting awards to two graduating Salem School students
- Reaching out to groups such as seniors and school teachers
- Working on programs with Scouts, Salem School, Salem Land Trust & others
- Supporting the Salem Library Board

Fundraising

We are extremely proud of our annual Used Book Sale, held the last weekend in October at Salem School. With over 20,000 sorted and categorized books, the sale is the primary funding source for The Friends.

Other funding sources include membership dues and direct donations. The Friends of Salem Library has over 150 members and continues to grow!

Volunteerism

For those who wish to lend a hand, The Friends offer many opportunities, small and large, to help out one can:

- Work in the Library
 - Shelve and cover books
 - Help with School visits
 - Help with Summer Reading
- Help with Used Book Sale
 - Sort books
 - Help the weekend of the sale

If you are interested in volunteering
Attend the Quarterly meetings or
Call Jackie Hemond at
860-859-1130

Other Correspondence to
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Join us.....It's great to be among Friends.