

TOP TEN REASONS TO SUPPORT LIBRARIES

1. **Public libraries are partners for vibrant and educated communities.** They provide resources, services and programming that help make their communities attractive, vital places for business and residents.
2. **Libraries are places of opportunity.** They help people of all ages and backgrounds lead better, more satisfying lives.
3. **Libraries are essential for a free people.** The protect our right to know by providing access to a full spectrum of ideas, resources and services.
4. **Libraries preserve our past, inform our present and inspire our future.** Libraries connect us with books and materials that help us learn from the past and prepare us for the future.
5. **Libraries support lifelong learning.** Libraries provide books, classes and other resources to help us keep learning.
6. **Libraries are a great American bargain.** Check out a couple of novels and audio books, some picture books for the kids, some CDs and DVDs and savings quickly add up. Libraries are used by almost two-thirds of the population
7. **Libraries level the playing field.** Libraries provide resources and services that help people of all incomes learn to read, use computers and develop other skills they need to succeed.
8. **Libraries are great places for kids.** Starting with picture books and story times and continuing with summer reading and other programs, the library opens the door to learning, imagination and wonder.
9. **Libraries support a community of readers.** Libraries promote a lifelong love of reading with story times for pre-schoolers and continuing with programs for teens and adults.
10. **Libraries have librarians!** They save time and money by helping to find the best, current information for your needs. Whether you are beginning school or retired, librarians are there to help you make your life more rewarding by offering information to meet your home, work and professional needs.

FRIENDS MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Please register me as a Friend of the library:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

___ Individual \$5.00

I am not interested in membership but wish to make a donation of \$_____

Thank you for your contribution.

Check all that apply:

I would be interested in helping with:

___ Fundraising

___ Membership.

___ Publicity

___ Book Sales

Mail or bring your membership form to:

Friends of the Monroe Township Public Library

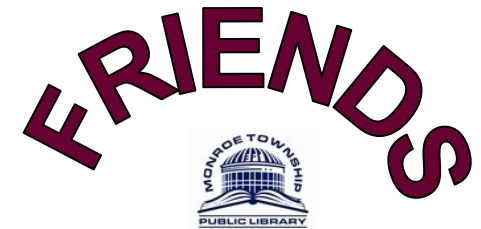
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One best book is equal to a hundred good friends but one good friend is equal to a library. Dr. A.P Abdul Kalam

OUR PURPOSE

We are a nonprofit, volunteer organization that provides supplemental funding for programs and special needs of the library not included in the budget.

We promote the library as a center for education and cultural enrichment and entertainment in the community.

We recruit and develop volunteers to serve with us as ambassadors of the library.

WHO WE ARE

Members of the Friends of the Library are local residents and businesses who like you, recognize all that the Monroe Township Public Library has to offer our community and want to support it.



HOW WE FUNDRAISE

- Memberships
- Craft and Holiday Fairs
- Books Sales
- Donations

HOW FUNDS ARE USED

The Friends Sponsor

1. Book and Bake Sales
2. Children's Educational Crafts
3. Children's Science equipment
4. Refreshments for library programs and events
5. Provide money for needed library materials that are not in the budget
6. Supplies for Friends Store
7. Author talks
8. Events for the enjoyment of the community

HOW YOU CAN HELP?



• BUY BOOKS AND OTHER MEDIA

Whether you're looking for a good book or a gift, we offer quality best sellers, non-fiction, and children's books at bargain prices.

- ***BECOME*** a Friend of the Library. Voice your ideas and suggestions at our monthly planning meetings. (Application on the back).

- ***VOLUNTEER*** and join us in helping with various activities including audio/visual materials for our book sales.
- ***DONATE ITEMS.*** We welcome donations of books and audio/visual materials for our book sales and holiday craft events
- ***DONATE CASH.*** We are currently raising money to purchase specialized educational PCs for the Children's Library. Every penny helps!
- ***MAKE NEW FRIENDS.*** We invite you to meet your neighbors, make new friends and make a difference in your community.

We invite you to become an active member and join us at our meetings, on the first Monday of the month at 2:00 pm in the library.

Please join us in this effort, and enjoy the good feeling that comes with helping the library to continue to enrich the lives of all residents in our community.

Thank You!