

## **WHAT WE DO**

- Coordinate annual book sales
- Sponsor library events
- Host annual meeting
- Volunteer at library programs and events
- Support the library in educating, entertaining, and enriching the community

## **HOW WE SUPPORT THE LIBRARY**

- Supplement purchases of books, computers, furniture and other items
- Provide summer reading prizes
- Maintain aquarium and dollhouse
- Volunteer time to assist staff
- Donate proceeds from book sales
- Sell book bags

These and other projects are limited only by the inventiveness, creativity, and enthusiasm of the people involved. If you have any ideas or simply want to help, please join us. You'll be among FRIENDS.

## **OUR HISTORY**

Founded in 1984, the Friends of the Galesburg Public Library is a service organization that supplements the work of the library. Elections are held at the annual meeting on the third Thursday in June. The fiscal year for the Friends runs from January 1 to December 31. A neutral, qualified professional performs annual audits.

## **OUR STRUCTURE**

The Friends of the Library is a nonprofit organization open to everyone, governed by a board of volunteers. Yearly elections are held and terms are limited to two consecutive two-year terms in the same position. The Friends of the Library operates under the guidance and supervision of the Library Board and does not involve itself in library policy.

## **MISSION STATEMENT**

The purpose of the Friends of the Library shall be, in cooperation with the Library Board of Trustees, as follows:

- Provide an opportunity for interested persons to become a part of a library service organization.
- Develop a broad base of community support for the library.
- Provide a means of utilizing the interests, talents, and services of volunteers in library-related activities.
- Serve as a resource to be drawn upon by library staff in ways it deems appropriate through volunteer projects.
- Serve as a means for disseminating information about the library to the community.

## **BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP**

- Preview Night at semi-annual book sales
- Invitation to annual meeting
- Volunteer opportunities
- Association with people interested in libraries
- Financial support of the library

## HOW TO JOIN US

First name \_\_\_\_\_  
Last name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_  
State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip code \_\_\_\_\_  
Email \_\_\_\_\_

New Member \_\_\_\_\_ Renewal \_\_\_\_\_

### ANNUAL DUES:

___ Pal (age 17 or under)	\$ 5
___ Golden Friend (60 or over)	\$ 10
___ Good Friend	\$ 15
___ Family of Friends	\$ 25
___ Best Friend	\$ 50
___ Benevolent Friend	\$ 75
___ True Blue Friend	\$100
___ Friend for Life	\$500
___ Other _____	

Make checks payable to Friends of the Library  
and send this form to:

Friends of the Library  
Galesburg Public Library  
40 East Simmons Street  
Galesburg, IL 61401

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