

## About The Friends

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The primary mission of the Friends of the Gary Public Library is to provide funds, volunteer services, public relations assistance and advocacy for the Library system.

In support of this, they are committed to:

**SERVING** as an agent for the Library to fulfill desired programs.

**SPONSORING** book sales and other fund-raising projects.

**PROVIDING** volunteer services for Library programs and related community activities.

**ENCOURAGING** citizen awareness, participation, and involvement in Library activities.

**PROVIDING** programs and services for the Library system.

The Friends were organized in 1958 for everyone interested in advancing the interests and community services of the Gary Public Library.

The Friends act as a sort of "citizen's advisory board" and provide things for the Library which tax funds may not allow. They also strive to better acquaint the citizens with their Library, its facilities, their services and needs.

Throughout the years, the Friends have purchased equipment and provided services to enrich and enhance the Gary Public Library system, including public sculpture, books and other materials, typewriters, and copy machines. They have also provided scholarships for staff members working toward their degree in Library Science, or those who would like to enrich their professional development at Gary Public Library.

Your membership is only one way you'll be helping your Library to serve the community! Friends' fund-raisers contribute to services, programs, fine arts and equipment to benefit us all.

The GPL Friends are members of the state network FOIL (Friends of Indiana Libraries) and the National FOLUSA (Friends of Libraries U.S.A.)

### What Are The Benefits Of Being A Friend?

1. Friends get first choice at our Annual Book Bazaar Book Sale.
2. Friends are on the mailing list for the Calendar of Events (a bi-monthly listing of daily Library programs, events and specials) and other special library events.
3. Friends participate in an Annual Spring and Fall Meeting with special guests and entertainment.
4. Friends know their support makes a difference.

### Who Can Become A Friend?

PEOPLE FROM THE COMMUNITY...

Housewives   Educators   Ministers  
Students   Senior Citizens   Doctors

**PEOPLE, JUST LIKE YOU!**

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## Membership Application

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Return to any Library unit or mail to:  
Friends of the Library 220 W. 5th Ave. Gary, IN 46402  
Dues are payable each calendar year by check  
or money order to: FRIENDS OF THE GARY PUBLIC  
LIBRARY

\_\_\_ Membership Renewal

\_\_\_ \$3 student     \_\_\_ \$5 individual adult

\_\_\_ \$7 couple     \_\_\_ \$10 family

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

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*I Am Interested in Volunteering for the Following  
Friends Projects - Please Contact Me:*

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\_\_\_ Book Bazaar  
\_\_\_ Fall Meeting  
\_\_\_ Fund-raising Projects  
\_\_\_ Membership Drive  
\_\_\_ Scholarship Committee  
\_\_\_ Spring Meeting  
\_\_\_ SummerFest