

About the Friends

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 fundraising 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 wanted 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 fundraisers 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?

Friends get first choice at select book sales.

Friends are on the mailing list to receive library information and other announcements of special events and programs as they occur.

Friends participate in an Annual Spring and Fall Meeting with special guests and entertainment.

Friends know their support makes a difference!

Who Can Become A Friend?

People from the community,
people just like you!



Membership Application

Return to any Library location or mail to:

Friends of the Library

220 W. 5th Ave. Gary, IN 46402

Dues are payable each calendar year

(January through December)

by cash, check or money order to:

FRIENDS OF THE GARY PUBLIC LIBRARY

___ Membership Renewal

___ \$3 student

___ \$5 individual adult

___ \$7 couple

___ \$10 family

Today's Date _____

Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Telephone _____

Email address _____

I am interested in volunteering for the following Friends projects - please contact me:

___ Book Store

___ Fundraising Projects

___ Membership Drive

___ Scholarship Committee

___ Fall Meeting

___ Spring Meeting

All donations to the Friends are tax deductible.