

THE FRIENDS OF THE PINE BUSH AREA PUBLIC LIBRARY

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GENERAL INFORMATION

The Pine Bush Area Public Library needs more than books, videos, cd's, dvd's... ... it needs **FRIENDS** whose regular meetings are held in the annex on the second Thursday of each month at 2 PM. **FRIENDS** have discussions about pertinent topics, such as fund-raising, in order to best support special needs of the library and how to best help meet them. Members are engaged in all aspects of projects to fulfill those needs.

PURPOSE

The purpose of the **FRIENDS** organization, not-for-profit and tax-exempt, is to support and promote the activities and services of the Pine Bush Area Public Library. This is accomplished through fundraising, advocacy, and volunteerism. **FRIENDS** are individuals who are interested in promoting the library by improving its services and resources to the community, by supporting the Library Board's decisions.

HISTORY

Once a very active group, **FRIENDS** disappeared some years ago as membership declined. In early 2005 it was re-established with a group of about twenty interested members.

When the property adjacent to the library became available, the Library Board was able to purchase it along with the building thereon, which first became known as "the annex" and is now the library community center. The Board and **FRIENDS** sponsor many more programs available for the community including a permanent Used Book Sales Area.

ACTIVITIES FRIENDS PROVIDE FOR LIBRARY

- Teaching Computer Training Sessions to Interested Patrons
- Registering Students as Library Members, at their Schools on Conference days, with Parental Approval.
- Preparing Mailings for the Library Board's Annual Fund Drive.
- Monitoring Used Book Sales on Saturdays at the Farmers' Market and in the annex
- Conducting Story-Times and Various other Children's Programs

SOME CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE LIBRARY BY FRIENDS

All made possible by many fundraisers (sales of home baked goods by volunteers; and sales of flower bulbs, adult and children tee shirts, note cards, tote bags, yard sale items, book lover's calendars, and handmade beaded bookmarks.)

- Rug and Six bookcases for Children's Room
- 50 books and book bags for Children's Summer Program
- Numerous books by local authors for the library's local history collection
- Equipment such as magazine and pamphlet racks, numerous book cases, and bookmarks.
- 46" Flat Screen Television
- Donation to defray Library mortgage principal
- Payment for Movie License

FRIENDS NEED AND WANT YOU....

While our library community center is an integral part of our library service, we always anticipate new needs, and hope that you will consider joining us. The only cost of membership is your presence. If that is impossible at this time, your monetary contribution will make a positive influence and it is tax deductible.

Please join us at our next meeting at 2PM on the second Thursday of the month, and/or call (845) 744-3375 for additional information.