



## JOIN THE FRIENDS!

Please check the appropriate membership level:

- \$5 Individual
- \$15 Family
- \$50 Business
- \$100 Lifetime

Return to: Friends of the Archbold Community Library, 205 Stryker St., Archbold, OH 43502

Checks payable to: Friends of the Archbold Community Library (FOACL)

For more information call **419.445.9011**

**Dues payable yearly.**

**Donations and dues are tax deductible.**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

THANK YOU! A receipt will be emailed to you.

## FUNDRAISING OPPORTUNITIES

Some examples of projects which the Friends might consider for the library:

- \* Magnetic yard sign to keep the public informed about special library events
- \* Portable power hubs for recharging phones, laptops, etc.
- \* New outdoor trash receptacles
- \* Privacy fence around the cooling units; remove shrubbery

## SIGN ME UP!

When you join the Friends, you are offering your financial support by paying minimal yearly dues to an organization whose sole purpose is to support the library. You also have the opportunity to serve as a volunteer if called upon. There will not be monthly meetings--meetings will be called as needed in order to plan for Friends activities.



## WHAT IS A FRIENDS GROUP?

The Friends are a volunteer support group who give both tangible and intangible aid in the form of money, volunteer time, and support for library policies.

A Friends of the Library is able to serve as a recipient of large donations to a library as a 501(c)(3) organization, which many corporations require in order to give corporate money.

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Volunteer opportunities might include:

- Helping at Book Sales
- Helping at a fundraiser to provide funds for a special project for the library
- Helping with Christmas decorating of the library
- Helping with the preparation of materials or snacks for children's programming
- Offering a special skill you have that would assist the library in areas of technology, woodworking, crafts, etc.
- Working in support of the library during a tax levy campaign

## A WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT

A Friends of the Library (FOL) organization is a separate entity from the library. Friends have their own board of officers, financial account, and by-laws. The Library Director attends FOL meetings but is not a voting member.

The FOL works closely with the Library Board of Trustees and Library Director to determine the involvement and activities of the FOL. A Library Director always has a “wish list” of projects that must remain outside of General Fund Budget expenditures due to budget constraints. These projects are usually identified as “if there is enough money”.

Each year, the FOL leadership will consult with the Library Director on the present year’s wish list. The FOL will choose from this list a project they want to raise funds for or promote for the year.

Being a Friend will not demand a lot of your time. Even if your contribution is a few hours per year, those few hours will result in time well spent and will be very much appreciated.

Don Spohler, President



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*Our concern for  
the future can be  
tested by how well  
we support our  
libraries.*

*~Carl Sagan*