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Friends of the Library are members of the community just like you—individuals who value the Library and its role in the community. The Friends advocates for the Library and supports collections, services, programs, and staff development, including:

- Supporting award-winning programming for all ages
- Building the collection—books, movies, music, and digital creativity tools
- Preparing children and teens for success with early literacy initiatives, summer reading games, homework help, and access to technology
- Strengthening the community and enriching lives by providing free access to information and opportunities to read, learn, connect, and create

The Friends collects and administers the grants, gifts, bequests, and other funds (outside of local tax receipts) that help make the Library such an integral part of this community. The Friends is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. All memberships and donations are tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law.

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Opportunities to Give

You may donate to address the Library's immediate needs or designate your donation to one of the Friends endowments to provide perpetual support.

- Where the Need is Greatest: Contribute to the Friends efforts to support and supplement the Library's books, music, movies, programs, and services. 90% of your donation will help the Friends respond in a timely manner and address the library's immediate needs, while 10% will be invested in the general endowment.
- Guest Author: [The Power of Words: Changing Our World One Author at a Time](#) is a biennial community event featuring guest authors whose literary talent, imagery, and eloquence provide an insight into local issues and concerns - authors whose writing and speaking styles capture the hearts and minds of our community.
- General Endowment: Guarantees perpetual funds for an annual grant to the Library for programs, special needs, and staff development.
- Diane Breeden Lee Children's Endowment: Ensures support for the Library's innovative and outstanding children's services.
- Ruthmarion Becker Endowment for VITAL: Supports reading and literacy for adults through the library's Volunteers In Tutoring Adult Learners (VITAL) programs.
- Build the Collection Endowment: Assures that the Library's book, media, and research collections remain current and dynamic, enriching lives and meeting the evolving needs of the community.
- Judith Serebnik Endowment for Adult Services: Funds programs and services at the Library for adults.
- Paula B. Anderson Endowment for the Power of Words: Provides perpetual support to bring a nationally-known author to Bloomington as a gift to the community for The Power of Words: Changing Our World One Author at a Time.
- Sara Laughlin Endowment for Library Staff Development: Provides funds to inspire and support Library information specialists to be trusted resources for information.
- Marian Armstrong Fund for Special Exhibits: Funds special exhibits in the Library for all in the community to enjoy.

Estate and Investment Gifts

Planned giving can be a legacy of enduring support. The Friends can work with you to create a planned gift agreement to provide for the future of Library resources of importance to you. Call the Friends office at (812) 349-3050, ext. 1080.

[Dine Out for the Library](#)

Thanks to the generosity of participating local restaurants, you can enjoy a meal, show your flyer when you dine, and the Friends of the Library will receive a portion of your purchase. [View upcoming Dine Out opportunities.](#)

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