**Who We Are**

The Friends are devoted supporters of The Library who supplement and strengthen the public’s investment.

The Friends stretch the dollars they make during the annual spring and fall book sales to provide necessities at the 10 library branches, and the “extras” that make The Library an exciting destination.

Membership dues fund the operations of this all-volunteer army of Library supporters. Our members and volunteers promote library services and resources while sharing their love of books with the community.

The Friends is a 501(c)3 nonprofit group organized to support the Springfield-Greene County Library District.

**How You Can Help**

Joining the Friends offers a way for people to serve and grow the library they love.

The modest yearly membership dues help support the organization. Book sale proceeds are placed in the Friends Grant Fund and are used to buy books, computers, equipment and furnishings, and capital projects; and help fund the children’s Summer Reading Program, one-of-a-kind author events and concerts so they’re free for the public.

**How You Benefit**

Friends members enjoy the camaraderie of working toward a goal that builds a lively library and a vibrant community. There are added benefits!

Your membership entitles you to 10% off all items in the Between Friends Gift Shops.

Your membership allows you to attend the book sale Friends Night Preview Sale for first access to thousands of books.

Volunteering with the Friends of the Library is a great way to give back to the Springfield-Greene County Library District.
What We Do for the Library
Through memberships and the colossal spring and fall book sales, the Friends of the Library provides supplemental funding for enriching, exciting library programs and services for all ages. Here are just some of the things the Friends do for The Library community.

Ongoing funding:
- Summer Reading Program performers
- Music concerts at the branches: Holiday Horns, Geezerfest, Second Sunday Concert Series
- General Fund grants for all library branches

Special programs
- Big Read and One Read
- Author visits

Award-winning projects
- “Missouri and the Great War” World War I Missouri-wide traveling exhibit

Major gifts
- Renew Brentwood Branch Campaign
- Mobile Library bookmobile
- Picture book bins at all 10 branches
- Library Express West 24/7 library kiosk

Join Friends of the Library Today!

**Spring and Fall Book Sales — Our Signature Fundraisers**
The annual Fall Book Sale and Spring Book Sale in Springfield are the Friends’ signature fundraisers. Since our founding in 1985, the Friends have contributed over $3 million in net proceeds to support library projects and programs.

Some 450 Friends members make up the volunteer army that runs the three-hour Friends Night Preview Sale and the five-day public sale.

And it’s not just books! The Friends sales also include used, donated DVDs, CDs, audiobooks, vinyl records, VHS and cassette tapes, puzzles and games. Works of art, rare books and special collections make their way to the sales, too.

**Wee Read**

Wee Read is a program designed by the Friends to promote the importance of reading to infants and children by providing new books to families enrolled in area Parents as Teachers programs.

**Join Friends of the Library Today!**

**Membership Category**
- Junior $2 (up to 18 years old)
- Family $8 (includes parents & children less than 18 years old)
- Family $12 (includes parents & children less than 18 years old)
- Contributor $25
- Special Friend $50
- Donor $100
- Supporter $250
- Sustainer $500

I can help with:
- Spring Sale
- Fall Sale
- Newsletter
- Book Sorting
- Mailings
- Refreshments
- Telephoning
- Wee Read
- Social Media

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