



Annual Meeting / Book Sale: FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 1

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6:00 - 6:30 PM

Book Sale Friends Preview
6:30 - 8:00 PM

A RECORD-SETTING YEAR

Friends' volunteers gave well over 1,000 hours to the library this year. They worked special events like Ballet in the Park and the Greater Andover Days Tailgate Party; sorted, hauled and sold books for two annual book sales; shelved and repaired books; staffed the circulation desk and baked cookies.

There is a record 90 Friends members for 2013. "We've come a long way from around 20 members in 2009 to what we have today," notes Carolyn Kaplan, Friends Board President. "The fun thing about being a Friend of the Library is that you're not forced into doing anything. About 25% of the members actively volunteer and the remaining 75% support programming and the library's book budget," she adds.

Your \$25 donation supported:

- ◆ **A 15% increase or a 1,348 record number of enrollments in Summer Reading**
- ◆ **A 50% increase from last year in number of free book prizes (2,972 given away) for Summer Reading**
- ◆ **An 11% increase or 887 participants tracking reading time during Summer Reading**
- ◆ **Ten special events** like Ballet in the Park, International Talk like a Pirate Day, a Mad Science Program, magic and puppet shows, a storyteller, and more
- ◆ **Up to \$1,500 in grants to library staff** to expand or enhance programming and materials like new board books and puzzles

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ANNUAL MEETING & BOOK SALE

The Friends of the Andover Public Library will hold its annual meeting at 6:00 pm, Friday, November 1 with election of officers as the main order of business. Immediately following will be the annual fall book sale preview for Friends members only from 6:30 to 8 pm.

The book sale will open to the public on Saturday, November 2 from 8 am to 3 pm. All proceeds from the book sale go back into the library to support programming and augment the library's book budget.

Throughout the year, Friends volunteers sort through boxes of donated books for three uses:

- 1) Stock the Friends' used book sale shelves which provide an average \$175 in sales monthly.
- 2) Add to the library's bookshelves, replacing worn and lost books.
This year, some 400 books at an estimated \$17-per-book value will go on the library shelves and save the library \$6,100.
- 3) Add to inventory for the spring and fall annual books sales.

Book Sale Committee volunteers give an estimated 169 hours to sorting and hauling books. At an \$8 minimum rate, that's a \$1,352 cost savings. Twenty volunteers gave 129 hours to the spring book sale and are expected to give an equal amount to the fall book sale. At an estimated 258 volunteer hours times an \$8 per hour minimum rate, that's a \$2,064 cost savings.

Book collection, replacement and sales combined represent a total \$9,516 cost savings or benefit.



Friends members have first choice of books at a special preview party book sale November 1. Sorting books for the fall sale are Laverne Heath (seated), Carolyn Kaplan and LaRilla Combs.

FABULOUS FRIENDS



Karen Osborne has volunteered at the library for 4 years. She began shelving books and after a year moved to the circulation desk. She also puts in a couple hours a week cleaning and buffing CDs. In addition to her 8-hour volunteer work week, Karen organizes at least two yearly special events like the Pinkalicious, Imaginary Zoo, Guys & Gals and Fancy Nancy Parties and Ladies' Friendship Brunch. She averages 25 volunteer hours per event. **Karen's estimated annual volunteer hours are 480. At an \$8 per hour minimum rate, she provides a \$3,840 cost savings.**

"I love being around people and reading, and the library seemed a great place to expand my volunteer time. I am glad to have the opportunity to provide children and women of the community with parties at the library," Karen says.

When **Charlotte Kraft** moved to the Andover area in fall 2008, she looked to the library as a way of connecting with the community. She first helped shelve books and now volunteers an average of 9 hours a week at the circulation desk. She puts in another 20 hours annually as Friends Volunteer Coordinator and those hours don't include her time working the book sale or making cookies. **Charlotte's estimated annual volunteer hours are 470. At an \$8 per hour minimum rate, she provides a \$3,760 cost savings.**

"I kind of panicked and was a bit overwhelmed," she says about becoming Volunteer Coordinator. "It was all so new but I plowed through and it has all worked out," she adds noting she has an active file of volunteers she can access.



Jane Bradfield has volunteered 4 years at the library, the first 3 on the Arts Committee. She now volunteers 3 hours a week shelving books and occasionally pulls weeds. "I couldn't stand the way it looked out front so I just started pulling weeds," she says. She prefers shelving fiction books as they are not as heavy or as high on the shelves as non-fiction books. "I help out at the library because I think it is a gem for Andover. It is a beautiful facility and since I read all the time, I thought I would enjoy this," she adds.

Jane's estimated annual volunteer hours are 150. At an \$8 per hour minimum rate, she provides a \$1,200 cost savings.

Rose Gangel, who has volunteered 15 years, started out shelving and helping with the annual inventory and book sales. She now bakes cookies. But she doesn't bake just any ol' cookie; she bakes decorated sugar cookies that are sought out by children and adults alike at library events. She decorates cookies according to the theme of the occasion or the holiday and sometimes the cookie shapes simply "depend on what cookie cutters I have," Rose notes. There are 8-10 volunteer Friends cookie makers who can be called on for events like the last day of Summer Reading. At that event, eight bakers each volunteered 2 hours for a total 16 hours. **At an \$8 per hour minimum rate that's a \$128.00 cost savings and that doesn't include the cost of the ingredients.**



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