What Do the Friends of the Longwood Public Library Do?

The Friends work in cooperation with the library to provide financial support for programs and special projects that enhance our library services to the community. New York State Law prohibits the library from engaging in commerce, thus limiting the institution to available State funds and voted budget propositions. There are several programs offered at the Longwood Public Library that are totally or partially supported by the Friends membership dues and fundraising activities. We endeavor to act as a liaison between the library and the community we serve.

Even the Best Libraries Need Friends. Please Ask Your Friends to Become One!

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Friends of THE OF THE OF THE Nake checks payable Friends of the Longwood Public Library, Inc.		 Individual / \$10.00 Family / \$20.00 I might like to volunteer from time to time. How can I help? Phone All contributions are tax deductible.

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A Not-For-Profit Organization

Friends Since 1985

Striving to increase the awareness of the library, its resources, and its roles in our communities Lending support to the library through advocacy, fundraising programs and projects

Friends General Meeting & Election Luncheon Saturday, June 1 See more details inside



Thank you Friends volunteers





Thank You Barbara & Carol The Friends Board expresses our sincere gratitude to Barbara Senter and Carol Eastman for serving on the Friends Board.



EXECUTIVE BOARD		
President	Chris Hanley	
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Visit the Friends Foyer whenever the library is open!



Friends Booksales

Used Book Prices	
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Hardcovers	\$1
Paperbacks	50¢
Children's books	25¢
DVDs	50¢

The Friends would appreciate your donation of gently-used books, CDs, and DVDs.

We especially need donations of children's books to stock the Little Free Libraries.

Friends General Meeting & Election Luncheon

The election of the Board of the Friends of the Longwood Public Library will be held at our general meeting on Saturday, June 1. Lunch will be served. Registration for the Luncheon will begin on May 1.

Presently, all Board members are up for election except for Recording Secretary. The current President, 1st Vice President, Corresponding Secretary, and Treasurer are all running for the respective positions. Candidates are also welcome to run for these positions. The 2nd and 3rd Vice President positions are vacant.

To place your name on the ballot, please provide your contact information and position you are interested in to Joann DiBrizzi, Nominating Committee Chairperson. She can be reached at (631) 697-5344 or by email at **nanajo44@ optonline.net**. Deadline for submission is March 31, 2019.

Help Support the Friends

The bags provide additional means to raise money for various projects for the library. So do not forget your friends and family... they make great gifts!

A redesigned Friends tote bag is now available for purchase for \$2.00

Annual Library Budget Vote & Trustee Election

The Longwood Public Library Budget Vote & Trustee Election for 2019-2020 will take place on Tuesday, April 2 – 8:00 am to 9:00 pm in the Library Community Room

The proposed budget is available at the library and on the library website **longwoodlibrary.org.** The Library Board of Trustees are pleased to announce that there will be no override of the state tax cap this year. For more information see your library newsletter for March/April. If you have any questions about the budget or the library, please contact library director, Lisa Jacobs at **(631) 924-6400 x275** or by email at **lisa@longwoodlibrary.org**.

A lot happened at the library last budget year! The library launched the extremely popular Equipment & Gadgets collection in July which includes such varied items as Wi-Fi hotspots, drones, lawn games, telescopes, sewing machines and so much more! The library also continued the new annual Kovarik Author program with a visit from bestselling author Sara Paretsky. LPL introduced a new, accessible, and mobile-friendly website at **longwoodibrary.org**, and opened an incredibly popular Learn & Play children's garden located near the terrace.

This year the library plans to expand the eBook collection by 35%, add new features to the children's garden, add more equipment & gadgets, quadruple the library Internet bandwidth to improve access, and phase in a makerspace.

With all the services the library provides to the community, the Friends Executive Board respectfully urges our members to get out and vote yes.

Chris Hanley President, Friends of LPI

Projects Supported by the Friends

- Summer & Winter Reading Clubs
- Bringing in the New Year
- Children's Learn & Play Garden musical instruments & water wall
- Staff Recognition Brunch
- Battle of the Books
- iPad cases for Teen Department
- Little Free Libraries





Volunteers Needed! The Friends are expanding our volunteer opportunities. Stay tuned for more info! Thank you to all the volunteers!

Celebrating Our Community The Community Cookbooks are for sale for \$5 each.

You can purchase them at the Circulation Desk.



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