

HOW DO I JOIN?

It's easy to join the Friends. Just pick up a membership envelope from the library, complete the information, and return it to the library with your dues. Contributions are tax-deductible, and many corporations will match your donation upon request. Join at the level that's right for you:

Bookworm: \$10-\$19

One Membership Card with ten fine waiver spaces (good for waiving 10 overdue items) and the Friends' newsletter, *Between the Pages*

Book Lover: \$20-\$49

All of the above plus... an additional Membership Card (good for waiving 10 more overdue items)

Bibliophile: \$50-\$99

All of the above plus... Three Free Book Choices from the Friends' on-going book sale

Patron: \$100-\$199

All of the above plus... Personal Invitations and Preferred Seating to special Friends' programs

Benefactor: \$200 or more

All of the above plus... A Bookplate with your name in a new book in the library



The Friends of the Allen Public Library is an all-volunteer, non-profit organization dedicated to supporting the Allen Public Library by providing funds and programs that would not otherwise be possible.



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WHAT DO FRIENDS DO?

The Friends of the Allen Public Library is dedicated to supporting the library in our community. There's a level of membership right for everyone, ranging from Bookworm to Benefactor.

A Friend can be an active worker assisting in planning and discussion of new ideas, attending meetings, or just helping out on an occasional project.

Or a Friend can be a silent partner who is not involved with plans and projects but supports the group with membership payment. Either way, it is satisfying to know that membership in the Friends benefits the library and entire community of Allen.

Read on to learn about some of the many programs sponsored by the Friends.

Waive Overdue Fines!

Every membership receives a card with 10 fine waiver spaces. Each space may be punched at the library to clear the fine for one overdue item.

Bach to Books

Bach to Books is a free arts program for the community presented in partnership with the Allen Arts Alliance. Artists, writers, and musicians appear at the library and share their talents with an enthusiastic audience. Performance times vary to allow everyone an opportunity to attend.

Recycle-a-Book Day

Allen and Lovejoy elementary schools annually participate in Recycle-a-Book Day organized by the Friends in partnership with the Allen/Lovejoy Council of PTAs. Students are encouraged to bring two gently-used books to donate and then are allowed to choose one book to take home. More than 8,000 books are collected each year with over half donated to agencies and schools in need in Collin County.

On-Going Book Sale

Located at the library, the Friends' book sale offers used paperback and hardback books, magazines, children's books, videos, DVDs, CDs, records, and tapes at bargain prices. Donations of these items are welcome year-round and can be dropped off at the circulation desk. Along with membership dues and book bag and cookbook sales, the on-going book sale is the major source of funds for the Friends.

ALLEN Reads

The Friends are coordinators for this community project in which a book is chosen each year for the whole community to read and discuss. In addition to book discussion groups, related activities might include an author visit, a play, a movie, and other guest speakers or activities. The library, AISD, and all Allen's civic groups and community organizations have gotten on board for this!

Junior Friends of the Library

The Friends initiated the start-up of this new group comprised of over 20 youth in 4th-6th grade. The Jr. Friends provide youth in Allen with opportunities to volunteer in the Children's Department at the library and share in activities that encourage reading.

Special Exhibits and Programs

Friends help plan, underwrite, and act as docents for traveling exhibitions such as "Dinosaurs of Texas" and "Listening to the Prairie." Each year new programs are planned, such as a visit and exhibit by famed children's artist/writer Robert Sabuda in 2005; the DaVinci Code Symposium in 2006; and the Alexander Hamilton exhibit and related programs in 2007.

For more information, log on to:

www.allenfriends.com