

Friends of the Willimantic Public Library
905 Main Street
Willimantic, Ct. 06226
Supporting your local library

Newsletter – October 2020

Dear Friends,

Congratulations! You have made this a very successful first year for the revived Friends of the Willimantic Public Library.

Accomplishments

1. We now have 100 members of the Friends and have raised \$3000 this year to support the library.
2. The Executive Board authorized the following expenditures-
 - a. a check for \$1000 to the library to support their acquisition of up-to-date medical/science/ and technology books, ebooks, and large print books.
 - b. \$300 to fund a storyteller or other performer for a December celebration the library Bd. Of Directors is planning.
 - c. \$1000 to the improvement of the exhibition/event space at the front of the library.

Even after fulfilling these commitments, we will have a balance of \$1400.

3. We have established a new Fundraising Committee.
4. We have met the four goals for 2020 set by the Bd of Directors.
 - a. Publicize the Friends of the Library and hold membership drive.
 - b. Participate in the Open House for the new director.
 - c. Conduct advocacy campaign to support the library budget.
 - d. Finalize legal status of organization with state of Ct. and obtain 501 C) (3) tax exempt status with the federal Internal Revenue Service (IRS).

Please read on to learn of ways you can make our 2nd year even more successful.

Library Annual Report to Town Council – Oct. 20 at 7 P.M.

Please attend the virtual meeting of the Town Council on Oct. 20. Dan Paquette will give a report of his first year at the library and outline the Strategic Plan. You can support the library by speaking at the Public Comment times and mention your use and support of the library.

Board of Directors

The existing Board of Directors will meet this month to review our accomplishments and suggest goals for next year. They will also slate of candidates for the Board of Directors for next year.

If you would like to join the Board of Directors for 2021, (which will meet once in Dec. or January and once in the fall) please contact us at:

willimanticlibfriends@gmail.com

Annual Meeting – November 12 at 7:00 P.M. through Google Meets

Please join us for a virtual annual meeting on November 12. We will discuss goals for next year, vote for the new Board of Directors members, and brainstorm ways to advocate for the library's budget.

You are Invited! – Meet the new Children's Librarian – Francis McGrath

As a special treat for the Friends of the Library, Francis McGrath will join us at the Annual Meeting. She will introduce herself, talk about her vision for children's programming, listen to your suggestions, and answer questions you may have.

Membership Drive – Encourage your friends to join!

We are starting another membership drive to encourage others to join our organization before the Annual Meeting on November 12. Please talk to friends and family that you know use the library and encourage them to join by going to the Friends' page on the Willimantic Public Library website. There, they can download a membership form which can be filled out and mailed to us. They can also pay their membership fee and make a donation using Paypal or Square.

<https://www.willimanticlibrary.org/about-library/friends.shtml>

Annual Renewal Letter

Annual renewal letters will be sent out at the end of October. Watch for yours in the mail.