

## You Can Take an Active Role in Supporting America's Libraries

### Your First Step is Joining Authors for Libraries

# Authors for Libraries



*Our Authors, Our Advocates*

*United for Libraries: The Association of Library Trustees, Advocates, Friends and Foundations*

**"Libraries have always been there for me. Of course I'll stand up for them."**

Marilyn Johnson  
*This Book is Overdue! How Librarians and Cybrarians Can Save Us All*

## Three Simple Ways to Support Libraries Now

1. Write an op-ed for your local paper about the importance of libraries – especially in hard economic times.
2. Visit your local library and offer to do a free program for them.
3. Join Authors for Libraries.

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### Authors for Libraries

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# Just \$39 will:

## Bring Authors & Libraries Together

“Authors for Libraries” is a unique partnership to connect authors with libraries, Friends of the Library groups and library Foundations, as well as to keep authors informed about issues and concerns affecting libraries on a national level. Authors who join for \$39/year receive a subscription to *The Voice for America’s Libraries*, the United for Libraries bi-monthly newsletter and are included on the all new Authors for Libraries website at [www.authorsforlibraries.org](http://www.authorsforlibraries.org).

“A library is the home for the imagination.”

Lisa Scottoline

## Help Readers & Libraries Find You

Upon joining you will be added to the Authors for Libraries website which includes a ZIP code search as well as information about your current book, a quote you provide about libraries, and a hyperlink to your website, where libraries can find information about upcoming tours to assist with scheduling

library talks and book signings, information about forthcoming books, and resources for book groups.

In addition, your quote may be used in promotional materials and will be available

online at [www.libraryquotes.org](http://www.libraryquotes.org). Libraries and Friends groups can use the Library Quotes website to select quotes for their newsletter and promotional materials. United for Libraries will keep authors informed about opportunities to advocate for libraries. Through this partnership authors will help strengthen support for libraries, connect with libraries, stay informed, and learn how their voice can help libraries.

“I’m of a fearsome mind to throw my arms around every living librarian who crosses my path, on behalf of the souls they never knew they saved.”

Barbara Kingsolver

**Help strengthen support for libraries, connect with libraries, stay informed, and learn how your voice can help libraries throughout the country. Join today!**

## Benefits for Authors

- Subscription to *The Voice*, the United for Libraries bi-monthly newsletter with articles about issues and trends in libraries, highlights of creative programs and fundraising efforts from libraries, Friends groups, and library Foundations, and details about how you can help advocate for libraries.
- Hyperlink from the all new Authors for Libraries website to your website where you are encouraged to maintain information about your tours, reading group tips, and more to help you connect with libraries and readers. This new website features a ZIP code search to help libraries and Friends groups find you.
- Your quote added to the database at [www.libraryquotes.org](http://www.libraryquotes.org). Your quote may be used in newsletters and other library promotional materials from Friends groups and libraries, exposing readers everywhere to your name and books.
- The opportunity to stay informed about library issues and trends on a national level to help you advocate for libraries.
- “Authors and Libraries” electronic discussion group where authors, libraries, Friends groups, and Foundations connect and talk about author programs, booktalks, reading groups, advocacy, and more.
- Knowledge that you are supporting an organization dedicated to helping unite the voices of citizens for libraries to create a powerful force for libraries in the 21st century.

## Readers & Libraries Benefit When You Join

- Access to a list of authors who support libraries through United for Libraries’ unique program.
- Information about the latest books from these authors with links to the authors’ websites to locate information about author tours, reading group tips, and other resources provided by each author.
- Access to quotes about libraries for use in newsletters and on promotional materials to promote libraries in their community.

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