



Make a difference . . .

Who are the Friends?

Friends believe libraries are vital to the future of an information-literate nation. We are a group of library “ambassadors” committed to the Nassau County Public Library System.

Members of the Friends of the Library believe in the importance of free and equitable access to information — and the value of books and reading — in a democratic society.

As volunteers, we learn about the issues of the library and advocate for the library with local public officials. We promote community awareness so that

all can understand the importance of the library to our community and work together to ensure that our library has the resources it needs.

The Friends of the Library organization works closely with Library staff to sponsor and help coordinate special events and programs for children and adults in our community. We offer annual scholarships to enable continued learning for High School students.

It’s been said that public libraries are the “great equalizer.” Books open minds and enhance lives. Friends of the Library members are the voice of American libraries.

Support the Value of Books & Reading

As a reader and one who values education, you know that reading opens up a world of ideas — and opportunity. You too may have had a book change your life or help you understand and explore worlds beyond your own.

We want to invite you to be a part of the Friends of the Library, Fernandina Beach and help make a difference in our community.

When you become a Friend, you’ll:

- Provide financial support for projects that support literacy and promote reading (see below).
- Be a Library “Ambassador,” advocating for Library

issues and needs to keep our Library a vital part of the community.

- Give voice to the importance of books and reading for a literate society.
- Be a part of the effort to build a new library in Fernandina Beach.
- Be invited to the Friends Annual Membership gala and receive all of the important information about your library.
- Receive special perks ... including the annual Book Sale preview party for Friends, member rates at ticketed events, and updates and advance notices for activities in the quarterly newsletter.

Will you join us in supporting these goals?

Thirst for Knowledge ... Read!

There are many ways we help support the joy and value of reading in the community:



For Adults

- ✓ **Guest Authors** join us to share their knowledge, experience, and the process of writing.
- ✓ **Guest Lecturers** help us keep learning throughout life. Whether your passion is local history or you simply want to learn more about gardening in Florida, our local experts share their expertise.
- ✓ **Organizations** like the Amelia Island Genealogical Society, the TCE/VITA Tax Assistance Program, and the Nassau County Writers & Poets Society receive our sponsorship.
- ✓ **Annual Book Sale** where you'll get first pick while supporting a critical annual Friends fundraiser.

For Children

- ✓ **Toddler Story Time** helps introduce the joy of reading and enhance pre-reading skills.
- ✓ **After School Story Time** keeps kids reading and engages them in meaningful — and fun — activities.
- ✓ **Special Events** keep books and reading a visible choice for leisure activities throughout the year.
- ✓ **Summer Reading Program** engages children in the magic of story to help use and enhance their creative skills.

Volunteer ... A Great Way to Meet Other Readers!

Would you like to become a volunteer with the Friends of the Library, Fernandina Beach? Whatever your background, whatever your gifts and talents, you are invited to become involved.

Please let us know your interests ...

- Programs/Special Events
- Advocacy/Letter Writing
- Fundraising
- Communications/Public Relations
- Member Recruitment
- Community Involvement/Outreach
- Assist Library Staff

Tell us a little about your professional background or volunteer experience.

What skills, gifts, talents or interests do you want to share with the Friends?

You may also contact Donna Paz Kaufman, Friends President, at 277-2048 or dpaz@pazbookbiz.com.



Yes, I want to be a Friend of the Library! Annual Membership

Name(s) _____
 Address _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Phone _____ Email _____

- Avid Reader \$25**
- Bookworm \$50**
- Literary Lion \$100**
- Collector \$250**
- Curator \$500**
- Patron \$750**
- Benefactor \$1000**

- As a legacy, I would like to contribute an additional amount to the capital campaign for the Nassau County Regional Library & Performance Centre: \$ _____*
- My company provides matching funds. I will notify them of my contribution to the Friends.

The Friends of Nassau County Library, Inc. d/b/a The Friends of the Library/Fernandina Beach is a 501(c)(3) corporation.

A copy of the official registration and financial information of the Friends of Nassau County Library, Inc. may be obtained from the Division of Consumer Services by calling toll free, with the state, 1-800-435-7352. Registration does not imply endorsement, approval or recommendation by the state. Registration no. CH18122. The Friends of Nassau County Library, Inc. does not retain professional fundraisers. 100% of contributions are received by The Friends of Nassau County Library.

Submit to: Friends of the Library Membership
 25 North 4th Street
 Fernandina Beach, FL 32034

What's happening at the Library?
 Visit us online at <http://read.nassau.lib.fl.us>

Thank you!