



FRIENDS OF THE DECATUR PUBLIC LIBRARY

SUPPORTING WISHES; ENCOURAGING DREAMS...

Greetings library friends,

The annual membership drive for the Friends of the Decatur Public Library is underway. Thank you to our past members for your support, and we invite all you library lovers to renew your membership or to become a member for the first time. All that is necessary is payment of dues; there are no meetings to attend. Throughout the year we sponsor author events and other wonderful programs at no cost to the public. There are various volunteer opportunities at the library for those who wish to become involved.

The Friends provide much-needed funds for library services and items not included in the library's budget. Last year for the first time the library began offering the very popular hoopla, the digital media lending service, for which the Friends provide partial funding. We will continue to pay \$8,000 for downloadable books as well as thousands of dollars for the Youth Services programs, including the much-loved and well-attended Summer Reading Program. Those are just some of the ways your dollars help the Decatur Public Library.

The two major sources of funds for the Friends are memberships and proceeds from the used book sale room which operates solely on donated materials and volunteer labor (1358 hours in 2019). Donations of books, recent magazines, DVDs and even games and jigsaw puzzles can be dropped off at the library any time during library hours.

Know that we are extremely grateful for all that you do to support our excellent Decatur Public Library. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Susan Thompson, President