



Greetings,

Once again it is springtime which brings the annual membership drive for the Friends of the Decatur Public Library. The Friends is a non-profit organization which exists to provide support for our wonderful library.

The financial support comes from two main sources: proceeds from the Used Book Sale Room and annual memberships. Joining costs as little as \$10 - \$15 and can run as high as you would like! Paying dues is the only requirement of membership; there are no meetings to attend. Volunteer opportunities are available for those folks who are interested.

Monies raised go directly to the needs of the library to provide for important services not covered in the library budget. Some of the major ones include the digital media lending service hoopla (\$4,000), downloadable books/Overdrive (\$8,000), local matching funds for grants (\$3,800), and funds for children's programming and the very popular Summer Reading Program (over \$5,000).

The pandemic continues to impact what happens at the library. We were not able to host author events last year, and though we have not scheduled Friends programs yet we are hopeful that we can arrange some events later this year.

If you haven't visited our Used Book Sale Room lately, drop by to see what treasures you can discover. We have regular shoppers waiting at the doors when we re-open after stocking the shelves with new offerings on Mondays and Wednesdays. Come join the crowd! We always welcome donations of books, current magazines, DVD's, CD's and jigsaw puzzles. The Used Book Sale Room operates solely from donated materials and volunteer labor; labor is too strong a word – we have fun!

Thank you for your support. See you at the bookshelves!

Sincerely,

*Susan Thompson, President*