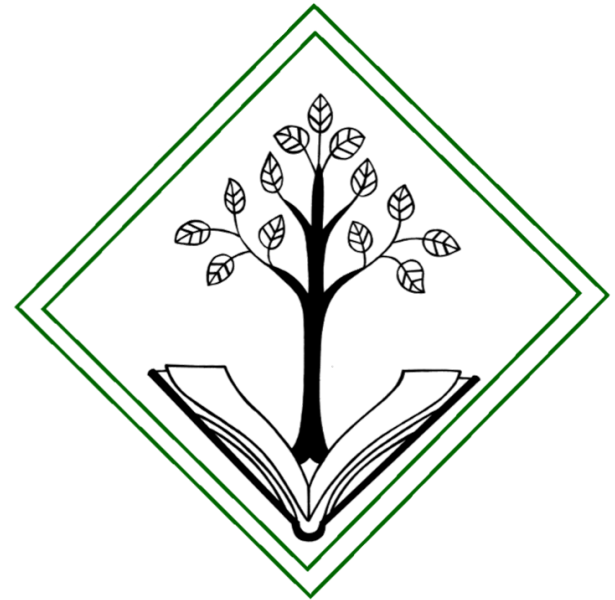


# FRIENDS of the Decatur Public Library



*Supporting wishes;  
encouraging dreams...*

## Friends of the Decatur Public Library work to:

- ◆ Encourage everyone to make full use of the resources offered by the Decatur Public Library
- ◆ Provide additional materials and equipment needed by the Decatur Public Library which may not be enabled by a current Library budget
- ◆ Foster general appreciation of the Decatur Public Library and stimulate public interest and support of the Library
- ◆ Advance enrichment and education through better reading



*Friends decorating the library for  
the 2022 Holiday Open House*

We invite you to join the Friends of the Library and help us provide the library with those special amenities and items that cannot be acquired through the library's regular budget.

Our funds are obtained through generous memberships and proceeds from the book sale room which always can use more volunteers. We need your help!

### Thank you for your membership!

Please let us know if you are interested in participating in any of the following Friends projects:

- Volunteering weekly, in the Used Book Sale Room
- Volunteering at special events, on a single occasion. Check all that interest you:
  - Decorating for the Holiday Open House
  - Event set-up/take-down (author events, Holiday Open House, and the like)
  - Serving on the Friends' Author Luncheon committee
- Serving on the Friends Board, if a vacancy opens

When volunteer opportunities are available, a member of our Friends Board will reach out to you via email.

Please enter your email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Hello Library Friends,

We are beginning our annual membership drive for the Decatur Friends of the Library. This is your opportunity to renew your membership or join the Friends to show your support for the Decatur Public Library. The Friends is a non-profit organization which offers funds for many services not included in the library's budget.

Each year we provide thousands of dollars for children and teen programming, including the popular summer reading program. Last year, as a gift for registering for summer reading, each child received a copy of the beautiful Smithsonian book *Ocean!* to complement the reading theme, "Oceans of Possibilities."

We offered matching funds for grants the library received, and we provided \$12,000 for digital media lending services and downloadable books.

We were so happy to resume author programs at the library in 2022. The Friends joined the marketing and outreach department to host the popular Huntsville author Robert Bailey once again. We are excited to be one of the hosts for noted author Beverly Jenkins at an event this June.

In addition to our membership funds, the Friends Used Book Sale Room is our main source of revenue. All sale materials are donated, and all labor is volunteer. We invite you to shop with us for great deals on books, current magazines (only ten cents!), DVDs, CDs, and jigsaw puzzles. We consistently hear from our patrons how delighted they are to find special treasures. Please consider donating to us as you clear off your bookshelves. Or perhaps you'd like to volunteer to work with us—you'll have the first chance to see the new items!

Thank you for being a Friend to the library. Happy Reading,

**Susan Thompson**  
President, Friends of the Decatur Public Library

## Children's Summer Reading Program, 2022

*Sponsored by The Friends of the Library*

Each child 12 and under received a DPL cinch backpack containing an encyclopedic, age-appropriate ocean book, community coupons, & little gifts (bookmarks, erasers, etc.). Five hundred bags were given away, starting on the day of the kick-off.



Above: Kids attending Decatur Youth Service's Camp Safe Haven (2022) with their Summer Reads backpacks.



Left: Two young patrons with their new books at the Summer Reads Kick-off Event at DPL.

*The Summer Reads backpacks & books were made possible with funds provided by the Friends.*

### NEW MEMBERSHIP

### MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Business or Club Name (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email address \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_ Senior \$ 10.00 (62+) \_\_\_ Bronze \$100-\$499 \_\_\_ Club or Organization \$30+  
 \_\_\_ Individual \$ 15.00 \_\_\_ Silver \$500-\$999 \_\_\_ Friend in Business \$ 50+  
 \_\_\_ Family \$ 25.00 \_\_\_ Gold \$1,000+  
 \_\_\_ Sustaining \$ 50.00  
 \_\_\_ Patron \$100.00

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The Friends of the Decatur Public Library is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. All gifts are tax-deductible. Please make your check payable to Friends of the Library and mail it and this form to:

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