

Friends of the Franklin Library

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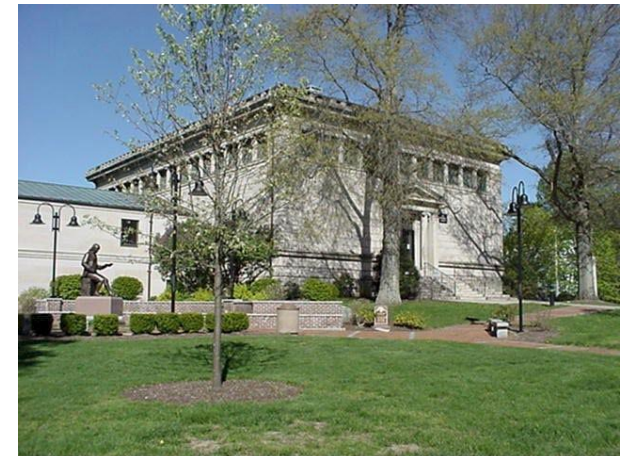


In 1786, Benjamin Franklin donated a collection of 116 volumes to the town of Franklin, MA as acknowledgement of the first locality to name itself after him. On November 20, 1790, those attending Franklin's town meeting voted to lend these books to all Franklin inhabitants free of charge. This vote established the Franklin collection as the first public lending library in the United States. Those original books are now on permanent display in the beautiful building that the daughters of Joseph and Emily Ray gave to the town in 1904. Like Franklin, our namesake; like Horace Mann, our most distinguished resident; and like the Ray family, our generous benefactors, we the Friends of the Franklin Library are proud of the vital place that the library occupies in the town's past, present, and future.



Be a Friend
&
Be a Part of History

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Supporting the
First Public Lending Library
in the United States

Who Are the Friends?

We are an all-volunteer, nonprofit organization incorporated in 1992, dedicated to supporting and promoting the Franklin Public Library. We meet monthly, typically on the first Wednesday of the month. We invite you to join us and learn more!



Friends of the Franklin Library purchased new tables and chairs for the library's main reading gallery.

What Do We Do?

We provide financial support for a variety of library-run programs, services, and initiatives, including:

- Adult, teen, and children's programs
- Passes to area museums and attractions
- Children's Summer Reading Program
- Technology and educational materials
- Book, music, and movie supplements to the library collection
- Items for *The Library of Things*

*Friends of the Franklin Library also oversee the annual **Wilma Winters Scholarship Fund** awarded to one graduating senior in the Franklin community.*

How to Be a Friend of the Franklin Library

Complete this membership form and enclose it with your contribution. Membership contributions and donations are tax deductible.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Membership Levels: **\$10 Friend**
 \$25 Sponsor
 \$50 Patron
 \$75 Institutional

Or other \$_____ Tax-Deductible Donation*

*FOFL is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization incorporated in Massachusetts. Your contribution is tax deductible. Our tax ID number is: 04-3108198. Many companies offer matching gift programs to encourage employees to contribute to charitable organizations. Some will even double or triple the amount of your gift. Please check with your company to see if they offer a matching gift program.

I am interested in volunteering for:

- Communications Committee
- Fundraising Committee
- Membership Committee
- Program Committee
- Board of Directors

Why Be a Friend?

- Be a part of history by supporting the nation's first public lending library
- Promote an important community resource to better enrich the Franklin community
- Bring your ideas and skills to the organization to help enhance the library experience
- Share your appreciation for libraries, culture, and history

Please make checks payable to:
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Thank you for your support!