

Message from Library Director Nancy Crowell

Thank you for considering becoming a member of the Friends of the Scarborough Library. The Friends is an active and important part of the Library family and our community. The money raised by the Friends enables us to purchase items that deepen the Library's print and AV collections for children and adults.

The Friends make other contributions throughout the year that support Library needs that fall outside normal operations. We look forward to the Friends enthusiastic financial support of the annual Children's Summer Reading Program.

The Friends also helps the Library in many other ways: volunteering at the library when extra help is needed, holding informative and fun programs for adults and children, and raising community awareness of library services.

On behalf of the entire Library staff, we thank the Friends for their energy, dedication, and love for our Library. I hope you will consider joining them: their work is fun and rewarding!

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Online Membership Form

www.scarboroughlibraryfriends.org/pdf/

Become a Member! The cost is minimal—the benefits are many. Choose the level that fits your budget and meets your needs.

Clip this form and return it with your check to the Library circulation desk or mail to:

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48 Gorham Road
Scarborough, ME 04074

Name(s) _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

Phone or Cell _____

E-mail: _____

Categories: Please check your choice(s)

Individual:	\$15.00
Family:	\$25.00
Business:	\$75.00
Additional Donation:	\$ _____

Ways to Support the Friends

In addition to becoming a member, there are other ways to give support. For example:

- Volunteer to help a committee
- Attend a program
- Serve on the Friends Board
- Bring books from library lobby to Scarborough Public Works for sorting
- Sorting books for book sale (Jan-June)
- Help at the book sale in June
- Donate used books, etc.

Drop off your book sale donations in the library foyer. **Please do not donate encyclopedias, comics, textbooks, magazines, bibles, and condensed books. Goodwill is a better choice for these kinds of books. Computer and travel books should be no older than 3 years.**

The Friends - Background

For over 45 years, members of the Friends have supported the Library, not only through their advocacy but through their commitment to provide supplemental funding in support of the Library's endowment, programming, and collection. In the past 15 years alone, the Friends have donated over \$65,000 to the Scarborough Public Library.

The Friends was founded in 1970 as the Friends of the Scarborough Public Library. Since then, it has grown from 22 members to over 100 in 2016. It is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization; donations are tax deductible to the extent allowable by law.

Its mission remains unchanged—provide financial support and service to the Scarborough Public Library and to provide fellowship among its members. Members of the Scarborough community have helped the Friends achieve its mission through membership dues, attending programs, volunteering their time, donating used books, and attending the annual book sale.

How Do the Friends Support the Library?

The Friend donations are used by the Library to purchase books and other materials for its collection. The Friends also funds an annual Summer Reading Program for children. By working closely with the Library Director, the Board can respond quickly to requests for volunteer assistance and for funds to cover unbudgeted Library expenses. Our work is coordinated with the Library's Board of Trustees, primarily through a Friends board member who serves as liaison.

The Friends Annual Book Sale

Many Scarborough residents know the Friends best for the annual used book sale in late June. Each year thousands of books, DVDs, puzzles, and other printed material are collected, sorted, and sold at the June sale. The proceeds from the sale are used to purchase books and other material for the Library's adult and children's collection. But the book sale does more than just raise money: it also helps save the environment! Instead of winding up in a landfill, thousands of used books are recycled and find new readers.

The Friends take great pride in the success of the book sale: it combines volunteer time, donated material, and the purchases of the books by hundreds of individuals and organizations.

Its success, however, is not solely dependent on the people who buy the books. It could not succeed without book donors, the volunteers who handle the books, the Library staff, and Scarborough Public Works which provides space to store and sort books. The book sale is a true community effort with broad benefits.

Other Support

Each year, the Friends provide funds to help the library and community in a variety of ways.

Examples include:

- Subscription to Book Page
- Annual movie license fee (partial)
- Library staff welfare
- Support for Cloud Library eBook collection
- Free or discounted passes to parks/museums



Check with Library for pass details.

Friends Programs

The Friends organize and fund free events for the community that will appeal to adults and children.

Some of Our Programs for Adults:

Talks by Maine authors: Monica Wood, Bill Roorbach, Steve Bither, John Ford, Jim Nelson, and columnist Bill Nemitz.

Farm to Table: Healthy Eating

Some of Our Children's and Family Programs:

Wind Over Wings: Birds of Prey
Murder Mystery @ the Library
Frogtown Mountain Puppeteers
Wildlife Encounters

For the Community:

"One Book, One Community": a community read and discussion program.

Highlights of the Library History

The Library Corporation was founded in 1899 on Black Point Road. The first library, built in 1900, lacked heat until a stove was installed in 1907. It was open every Friday from 1-5 p.m. Kerosene lamps provided light until the Black Point Church supplied power for electric lights.

The library expanded three times between 1937 and 1976 and in 1976 underwent extensive renovation. By 1978, the library employed six people, served several hundred people per month, and was open every afternoon, one morning, and two evenings during the week.

A new library building, located in the central Oak Hill area, opened in 1990 after a successful community-wide fundraising drive.

In June 2006, voters narrowly defeated a proposed expansion and renovation of the existing library. Expansion planning continues.



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Library Hours

Mon & Fri: 10:00 am-5:00 pm
Tues-Weds-Thurs: 10:00 am-8:00 pm
Sat: 10:00 am-5:00 pm (10 am-2 pm July-August)
Sun: 1:00 -5:00 pm (closed July & Aug)