



FOL FRIENDS OF THE
PORT WASHINGTON
PUBLIC LIBRARY
Celebrating 60 years!

Dear Friends,

FALL/WINTER 2026

For 60 years, the Friends of the Library (FOL) has helped our library thrive. As we celebrate our Diamond Anniversary, we ask you to help us continue supporting a special place that isn't just well-loved, **it is extraordinarily well-used...**

- **4,392** museum pass checkouts
- **2,000+** attendees at bandshell concerts
- **1,400+** attendees at cultural festivals
- **540+** children at Halloween Scavenger Hunt
- **924** WiFi hotspot checkouts for home use
- **1,500+** attendees at America250 programs

And that's just a snapshot of the impact your support makes.

Today, more people than ever are turning to the library for free programs, classes, technology, and resources. Last year, the library offered more than 3,000 programs and classes, attracting nearly 65,000 patrons. Many of those exceptional experiences are made possible by the FOL's annual grant, which **more than doubles the library's program-services budget**, and now tops \$135,000.

Why does your donation matter?

Tax funding covers only part of the cost of all that you enjoy in our library. Your generosity helps bridge the gap. The FOL is an all-volunteer, 501(c)(3) nonprofit that raises funds for the library through just two annual efforts—the Fall/Winter Appeal and our spring Book & Author Luncheon.

Please donate by mailing a check in the enclosed reply envelope, visiting pwpl.org/fol/support, or scanning the QR code.

Thank you for being a Friend to the Library!

Pamela O'Connell
FOL President



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60 of the Many Things Your Support Makes Possible

EVENTS / CLASSES

- 40+ America250 programs
- Bilingual Health Fair
- Women's History Month programs
- Weekly craft meet-ups
- St. Patrick's Day Celebration
- Bandshell concert series
- Lunchtime adult lectures
- Lunar New Year Festival
- Pride Month programs
- CPR in Spanish
- Earth Day Festival
- Craft classes
- Hispanic Heritage Month programs
- Citizenship classes
- Black History Month programs
- Classes for adults with IDD
- Spanish Language classes

FOR READERS

- Author appearances
- Revolutionary Reads Book Club (extended through 2027!)
- Kindle Paperwhites to borrow
- Summer reading programs for all ages
- Schreiber HS Book Club
- Adventures in Classics Book Club
- Banned Books Week programs
- Poetry Readers Circle
- Book Club 101 meetup
- FOL University lectures
- Winter Book Bingo
- Paperback Swaps

TECH / LIBRARY OF GAMES & GADGETS

- 3D printers
- MacBook Neos for use in Lab
- Podcast/recording equipment
- 100+ hotspots for home WiFi use
- Large format printer
- Thermal imaging camera
- Cricut craft machine to lend
- Osmo digital action cameras
- Portable DVD player
- Nintendo Switch to lend
- Embroidery machine
- Baseball hat heat-press
- Portable laser engraver
- Electric bass and amp

CHILDREN / TEENS / FAMILIES

- Expanded chess program
- Great Library Card Adventure
- Circulating puzzles and board games
- Free passes to LI Children's Museum and 30 other museums
- Halloween Scavenger Hunt
- SAT and College Readiness Classes
- K-12 online homework help
- Children's nutrition and cooking classes
- Online test prep and live college counseling
- Discounted tickets to American Museum of Natural History and LI Aquarium
- TeenSpace Mini Make Station

LOCAL HISTORY

- Digitized Schreiber HS yearbooks (1916-2000)
- Mason on Main photo exhibit
- Online access to historic *Port News* (1903-1987)
- Digitized historic phone books (1924-1970)
- Flatbed document scanner
- Digitized oral history transcripts



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