

WHAT ARE FRIENDS FOR?

The Friends of the Library (FOL) has been an active ally of the Port Washington Public Library and its patrons for more than 50 years. You know the FOL as one of the longest-serving library volunteer organizations on the North Shore.

The FOL is dedicated to strengthening the ties between our library and community, and to advancing the library's mission as a center for lifelong learning, information and culture. The Friends supports the library through volunteerism, programming, fundraising, outreach and advocacy.

"Friends' support helps to transform the library's activities from the ordinary to the extraordinary."

KEITH KLANG, LIBRARY DIRECTOR

The FOL is an independent, nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization with our own board of directors. We raise monies by means of an annual appeal letter and sponsorships of our spring luncheon, enabling us to respond to the library's needs.

The core group of Friends was formed in 1966 to rally the public for the construction of a new library, the building you visit today. In 1998, when the library underwent a major renovation, the Friends once again encouraged community support for the project's bond issue.

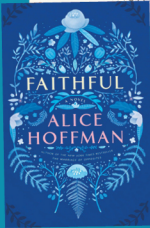
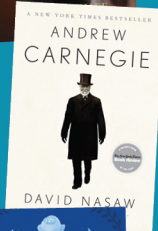
Advocating for Our Library

But the FOL's role as an informed citizen lobby on behalf of the library doesn't stop there. The Friends is the sole group that advocates for passage of the library budget and encourages voter participation.

Friends board members also meet regularly with the library director and attend meetings of library associations. The FOL is a member of the New York Library Association's Friends of Library Section, and the American Library Association's United for Libraries.

SIGNATURE FRIENDS EVENTS

In addition to providing financial support for library events, the Friends conceives and produces its own distinctive programs.



Richard D. Whittemore Book & Author Luncheon

This annual spring luncheon has been the Friends' signature event for more than 50 years. Among the impressive authors who have appeared are John Berendt, A. Scott Berg, Robert Caro, Nelson DeMille, Jules Feiffer, Arthur Golden, Mary Gordon, Alice Hoffman, Susan Isaacs, Dennis Lehane, Alice McDermott, Margaret Mead, David Nasaw, Jayne Anne Phillips, Stacy Schiff, Mimi Sheraton, Dava Sobel, Judith Thurman, George Vecsey and Meg Wolitzer.

FOL University

This program, modeled on the popular concept of a one-day university, typically features two lectures by college professors or notable scholars presented in a single afternoon in the library meeting room.

Paperback Swaps

The FOL organizes twice-yearly swaps, in fall and spring, at which hundreds of patrons share thousands of gently used paperbacks.



SPECIAL FRIENDS INITIATIVES

The Ruth D. Bogen Memorial Fund

The Ruth D. Bogen Memorial Fund was created in 2000 thanks to a substantial gift to the Friends by the family of longtime board member and volunteer Ruth Bogen. The fund's mission is to support the purchase of literary classics and other works of significance in multiple formats. The FOL manages the fund's investment and makes a periodic gift to the library from the proceeds. Since its inception, the fund has contributed more than \$65,000 to the book budget, adding thousands of works to the collection.

Friends of the Library Award

The Friends of the Library Award, established in 1991, honors individuals for their outstanding and inspired volunteer service to the library over many years. The recipients have been:

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| 1991 | Richard D. Whittemore |
| 1993 | Henry G. Salomon |
| 1995 | Ruth Wallace Feingold
Jacqueline Stark Wood |
| 2001 | Ruth D. Bogen |
| 2003 | Joyce and Robert Fieldsteel |
| 2010 | Martin Vogel |
| 2011 | Beverly Halm, Joan Gay Kent |
| 2014 | Amy G. Bass |
| 2019 | Robert Lee Aitken |

Note Cards of Old Port Washington



The FOL produces note cards featuring striking images of "Old Port Washington circa 1900" from the Local History Collection. Boxes

containing 20 cards and envelopes are available for sale at the circulation desk.

BE A FRIEND TO THE LIBRARY



WHAT FRIENDSHIP MEANS TO OUR LIBRARY

The Friends provides funding to all library departments, helping to make up the difference between the library's budget and the realities of programming and materials costs. Key programs and services that depend on FOL support include:

* **MUSEUM PASS PROGRAM** providing free admission passes to more than two dozen museums in the metropolitan area

- * **TUTOR.COM** free online homework help, and college and grad school test prep
- * **BORN TO READ** early literacy program
- * **CHILDREN'S GREAT LIBRARY CARD ADVENTURE**
- * **LIBRARY WEBSITE UPGRADES**
- * **ESOL PROGRAM** language and citizenship materials, tutor training
- * **ADULT PROGRAMS AND LECTURES** including "Sandwiched In" lunchtime series
- * **TEEN READ WEEK AND SUMMER WORKSHOPS**
- * **BOOK CLUB IN A BAG** facilitating local book clubs with more than 100 titles
- * **RIDE AND READ SUMMER "POP-UP LIBRARY" AT LIRR**

- * **EARTH DAY CELEBRATION**
- * **"SOUNDSWAP" MUSIC SERIES**
- * **CHILDREN'S CHESS PROGRAM**
- * **SPECIAL COLLECTIONS** in honor of Susan Isaacs and in memory of Edmund Epstein and Ruth Bogen
- * **LOCAL HISTORY SPECIAL PROJECTS**
- * **NEW EXHIBIT DISPLAY CASES**
- * **LITTLE FREE LIBRARIES**
- * **WORLD FESTIVAL**
- * **LOANABLE LAPTOPS FOR USE IN LIBRARY**
- * **MAJOR DONATION TO CHILDREN'S LIBRARY RENOVATION**

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Donate online at pwpl.org/fol/support or clip and mail this form. Thank you for supporting the Friends! We welcome your gift of any amount.

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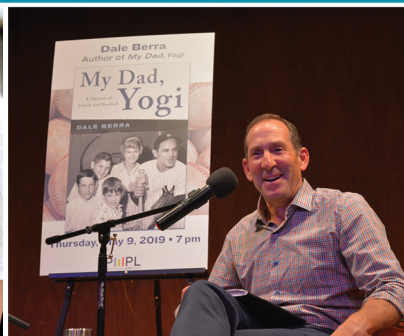
Total contribution \$ _____

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Make checks payable to FOL.

You can increase your contribution through your employer's matching gift program.

Mail to: **Friends of the Library**
One Library Drive
Port Washington, NY 11050



A Growing "Maker" Space

The Friends is the major sponsor of the library's state-of-the-art 3D printing services, part of an exciting initiative to offer patrons access to "maker" technologies as they develop. The FOL also funded the digitization station where patrons can digitize and preserve memories currently on media such as video or film; the "smart cutting" machine for projects crafted in paper, fabric, leather and vinyl; and sound recording and podcast equipment.

Loanable Experiences

The FOL is a primary sponsor of the library's loanable objects program in which patrons can borrow GoPro cameras, astronomy telescopes, e-readers loaded with books, birding kits with binoculars, Google Cardboard virtual reality kits, and an expanding list of other items for use outside the library, at home, on vacation ... wherever your curiosity takes you!

Gifts can also be made "in honor of" and "in memory of" an individual or special occasion. We actively seek donors for naming and sponsorship opportunities of FOL events and initiatives. We welcome your inquiries.