

# Friends of the Library

2024 NEWSLETTER



Our membership drive provides the majority of the annual donations to the Library. Contributions from the Friends (FOL) allow the library to enhance the collection and provide more programs for the community.

## Why Support The Friends of the Library?



In 2024, we were able to add 583 books, 61 large-print books, and 60 movies to our collection.



The library was able to host 20 events, attended by 400+ people, including artist receptions, cooking classes, and children's programs.



We had 84 new patrons join our library in the last year by signing up for a new library card.

### Return of the Library Book Sale



This year, we held our Book Sale for the first time since the pandemic. Because of our volunteers' hard work and friendly smiles, the sale brought many new faces into the library, found new homes for secondhand books, and made \$787 for the FOL!



## New Cozy Corner in the Library



If you've visited the library this summer, you may have noticed a few changes! We moved the computers to a quieter part of the library and transformed this corner into a multipurpose community area. Thanks to the furniture contributed by the FOL, it now serves as a comfortable spot to read, relax, or talk to a friend.

# Ways to Get Involved



Volunteering for the Library isn't limited to just shelving books - there are many ways to get involved with the Friends, whether it's sorting donated books, baking a dessert, moving chairs, selling tickets, or even helping to produce this newsletter!

### **Community Events**

# FOL's funding, planning, promotion, and volunteer efforts enable the library to hold events for the community throughout the year.



Ken Middleton, longtime library volunteer, was honored with a plaque recognizing his years of dedication to the garden.



In weekly programs, children enjoyed learning all about loons, wildflowers, river otters, and monarch butterflies.



This workshop on needle-felted wool coasters offered a fun and creative learning opportunity.



Book lovers meet regularly to discuss short stories and novels in the library.



Music by Warren Nelson, Ed Willett, and Rowan Nelson-Ferris filled the Community Center.

#### Please join us in 2025 by completing the enclosed membership form!

#### The Friends of the Presque Isle Community Library thank you for your support.

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