

Thank You to the Friends of the Scarborough Library!

Thank you for considering becoming a member of the Friends! The Friends of the Scarborough Library is an active, important part of the Scarborough Public Library family and our community. The money the Friends raise through the annual used book sale enables us to purchase dozens of items that deepen the Library's print and audiovisual collections for children and adults. The Friends make additional contributions throughout the year, purchasing equipment and supporting needs that fall outside of normal operations. We always look forward to the Friends' enthusiastic financial support of our Children's Summer Reading Program.

The Friends help the Library in many other ways, too: volunteering at the library when we need extra help, holding informative and fun programs that bring people together, and raising community awareness of library services.

I and the library staff 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!

Nancy Crowell, Library Director

Volunteer with the Friends!

Please e-mail us at friends@scarborough.lib.me.us OR complete the form below and return it to the Library desk or mail to:

Friends of the Scarborough Library
48 Gorham Road
Scarborough, ME 04074

Name _____

Phone _____

E-mail _____

What types of volunteer opportunities interest you? Please check any/all that fit your interests:

DVD/CD repair

Handling interlibrary loan materials

Speaking at a Friends program _____ (topic)

Helping at a Friends program

Sorting books for annual sale (weekdays, Feb.-June)

Working at annual book sale (mid-June)

Scarborough Public Library History Highlights

- Founded in 1899 on Black Point Road. The first library, built in 1900, did not have heat until a stove was installed in 1907. Kerosene lamps provided light until the Black Point Church supplied power for electric lights. The library was open every Friday from 1-5 p.m.
- The library was expanded in 1937, 1951, and 1976. In 1978, the library employed six people and was open every afternoon, one morning, and two evenings a week.
- The current library building, at Oak Hill, opened in 1990. The library's print and audiovisual collection contains over 72,000 titles.

Scarborough Public Library

LibraryHours:

Monday, Friday, Saturday 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 10 a.m. – 8 p.m.

Sunday 1 p.m. – 5 p.m.

Between July 4 and Labor Day

Saturdays 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Sundays - Closed

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Friends: <http://www.scarboroughcrossroads.org/libraryfriends>

The Scarborough Library's Friends

The Friends of the Scarborough Library is a nonprofit organization committed to supporting the Scarborough Public Library. Hundreds of members of the Scarborough community contribute to the Friends by paying membership fees, volunteering time, and donating used books for our annual book sale.

How the Friends Support the Library

The Friends support the Scarborough Public Library with donations that purchase books and other materials for the Library's collection. We also provide funding for the Children's Summer Reading Program.

We work closely with the Library Director, responding to requests for volunteer assistance and funding for nonbudgetary Library expenses. The Friends Board of Directors reviews all requests. We also coordinate our work with the Library's Board of Trustees and advocate for Library budget requests presented to the Town Council.

History of the Scarborough Friends

The Friends of the Library organization was founded in 1970 as the Friends of the Scarborough Public Library. Over the years, the organization has grown from 22 members at the start to 200 in 2009. The Friends are now a 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation. Donations to the Friends are tax deductible.

The Friends Annual Book Sale

Many members of the Scarborough community know the Friends best for our annual used book sale in June. Each year we collect, sort, and sell thousands of books. The proceeds help fund the purchase of books for the Library's adult and children's collections. The book sale does more than just raise money: it also helps used books find new readers.

The Friends take particular pride in the book sale because it combines the time, donations, and purchases of hundreds of individuals and organizations. The success of the book sale does not depend solely on the people who buy our books. The book sale could not succeed without our innumerable book donors, volunteers who handle the books, the library staff, and Scarborough Public Works, where we sort and store books year-round. The book sale is truly a community effort with broad benefits.

Friends of the Library Programs

The Friends organize and fund events that we offer, free-of-charge, to the community. We attempt to present programming that reflects the interests of adults and children. Past events have included a panel discussion about nutrition, a puppet show with humor for all ages, a wizard festival, and the "One Book, One Community" reading program. We also provide discount passes to the Children's Museum of Maine, the Maine Wildlife Park, the Southworth Planetarium, and the Portland Museum of Art. Eligible cardholders may borrow passes at the Library circulation desk.

Supporting the Friends

The Friends organization welcomes your participation in our activities! There are numerous ways you can help the Friends and support the Scarborough Public Library:

Become a member of the Friends. We have membership levels that fit varied budgets and needs.

Volunteer. Whether you want to speak at a Friends program, spend a few hours preparing for the book sale, become a regular volunteer, or help in another way, we'd love to hear from you.

Donate used books. We collect books all year for our annual sale. (No encyclopedias, comics, textbooks, condensed books, computer manuals, or magazines, please.)

We invite you to join us:

The costs are minimal. The benefits are many!

Join the Friends!

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Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

E-mail _____

Membership categories (valid through May 2012):

Individual	\$15.00	<input type="checkbox"/>
Family	\$25.00	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sustaining	\$50.00	<input type="checkbox"/>
Business	\$75.00	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sponsor	\$100.00	<input type="checkbox"/>