

Yes, I do want to join! Please add my name to the Friends of Russell Library. My dues are enclosed.

**Membership Categories**

- Children (under 12)..... \$1.00
- Students and Seniors ..... \$3.00
- Friend ..... \$7.00
- Family..... \$15.00
- Contributing ..... \$25.00
- Sustaining ..... \$50.00
- Life ..... \$100.00

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- Supporting .....\$50.00
- Contributing .....\$100.00
- Sustaining .....\$250.00

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Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_  
Email \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to Friends of Russell Library.

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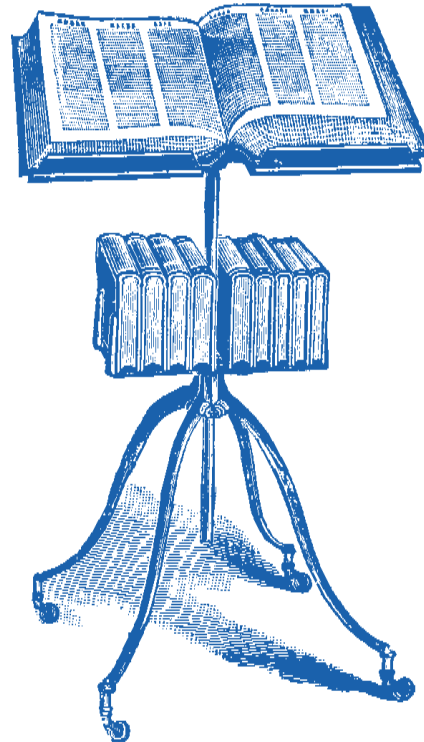
The purpose of the Friends of Russell Library, a non-profit group, is to promote and assist the library. The Friends believe an excellent library is essential to the community. Individuals, families, and local businesses are all encouraged to join and make a difference.

The Friends raise and receive funds for books, equipment, programs and other needs not covered by the library budget. Every dollar raised is used directly to support the library. Some members support the Friends simply by paying their annual dues, while others become more involved by donating their time.

Since its founding in 1983, the Friends have made significant contributions to the life and work of Russell Library. More than \$100,000 has been allocated for specific programs and materials. Each year the Friends purchase museum passes for the community to enjoy, books and audiovisual materials, and prizes for the Summer Reading Program for children. Among the equipment purchased is everything from computer workstations to the piano in the Hubbard Room and the audiovisual equipment for public lectures. A special fund encourages staff members to seek the latest training in cutting-edge technology and the changing library field. The Friends offer funding for special programs of community interest, from forums to concerts, and it is the Friends that make it possible to enjoy refreshments at Great Sunday performances. Ideas are always welcome. Joining the Friends is your chance to take part in supporting the library in the future.

For the future, the Friends hope to:

- ✦ Encourage the community to use and enjoy the library
- ✦ Advocate for an excellent library, one equipped with staff, collections and facilities to serve the needs of our expanding community
- ✦ Raise funds for materials and programs the library recognizes as needs that are not in the budget
- ✦ Promote, through our various book sales, the continued enjoyment of reading high quality books made available at low prices
- ✦ Increase membership in the Friends to bring together concerned citizens who appreciate the value of the library and are willing to devote time, energy and thought to accomplish these goals.



You can support the library by:

- ✦ Becoming a member of the Friends
- ✦ Volunteering your time
- ✦ Supporting a special project, with your time, talent or funds
- ✦ Donating books for the library collection or Friends book sales
- ✦ Making an endowment as part of your estate plan

It is easy to join!

Three ways to become involved:

1. Become a member. Simply fill out the application in this brochure and send it, along with your check to cover the membership level you desire, to the address given. Applications sent to Russell Library are forwarded to the Friends. All memberships (excluding Life) are renewable annually. Memberships may be tax deductible.
2. Through your gift or endowment, you can help support this work. Gifts in any amount are gratefully accepted by the Friends and disbursed with other funds to support the library. Those who might want to contribute to the Russell Library endowment fund are encouraged to contact us for more information. All gifts to the Friends or Russell Library are tax deductible.
3. Volunteer your time and energy. Friends assist the library in many ways, from book sales to homebound service. We appreciate your support.

For more information call 347-2528, ext. 135.