

FRIENDS SPEAK

"The Friends are a really great group of people and we have the feeling that we are doing something really worthwhile.



When you look around the library, you can really see what we have accomplished." -- Barbara Somerville

"We really got started to raise funds to obtain computers for the library. We now raise money for other important aspects of the library which might not exist if it weren't for the Friends. I have the satisfaction of being in a group that is contributing to the community." -- Dave Bell

"The library is a very important part of the community. The Friends is a volunteer organization that works hard to put together a few extras that the library can use. Besides, it's fun!" -- Ralph Hogue

"There is a friendship and comraderie with a group of people also interested in the library and we have a good time together. We aim for common goals. If not for the Friends, there would be a lot of opportunities missed." -- Sandee Matthews



"Local libraries are very important. It is rewarding working various events." -- Sue Kicul



If you don't have the time to participate, consider donating funds and/or auction items. Receipts for income tax purposes will be issued promptly.

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FRIENDS OF THE PELHAM PUBLIC LIBRARY

*Great Cause
Great People
Great Fun*



PURPOSE

The Friends of the Pelham Library and The Maple Acre Friends provide support to the Library Board and staff. They promote and stimulate the use of the libraries by all citizens of the Town of Pelham. The Friends believe the library is truly a community resource to be cherished.



Friends are recognized at the Pelham Library's Annual Volunteer Appreciation Event

Fundraising is a major focus of both Friends' groups. If you are looking for a rewarding volunteer experience, consider joining one of the Friends' groups. If you don't like attending meetings, you can still help. Consider being an associate Friend who volunteers at special events.

- *Does it cost anything to join the Friends?* No.
- *How often do they meet?* Friends of Maple Acre Branch meet monthly. Friends of the Pelham Library meet quarterly. Both groups assist library staff with fundraisers/events all year.

FONTHILL

The Pelham Library has enjoyed the enthusiastic support of its Friends' group for over four decades. Currently, the major fundraising event for the Friends of the Pelham Library is the Annual Christmas Gala and Auction.



The Annual Christmas Gala is a major fundraiser

Donations such as golf and event packages, books, and gift certificates are auctioned at this fun event, usually held in November. The Friends also volunteer their time for library fundraisers and events held by the Pelham Public Library. These include two book sales and a clothing sale each year. The Pelham Friends also coordinate an annual Bridge Club event.



Friends assist with a book sale.

"The Pelham Public Library is so fortunate to have such enthusiastic supporters. Thanks to our Friends' groups, this library has made huge strides in our services, our facilities, and our resources." -- Stephanie Stowe, Library Director

FENWICK

Maple Acre Friends hold a number of fundraisers throughout the year to support our library branch in Fenwick and system-wide projects. The Friends provide food for the Salvador Deli at the Pelham Art Festival



Library Board Chair Robert Winter recognizes the contributions of the Pelham Art Festival and Maple Acre Friends.

(Mother's Day weekend). The annual Maple Acre BBQ is held on the fourth Friday in May, in conjunction with the Fenwick Lions' Parade. On the last weekend in November, the Maple Acre Friends hold a craft sale and light lunch in Fenwick as part of Fenwick's "Country Christmas Collection."



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