

## HOW DO I JOIN?

It's easy. Just pick up a membership envelope from the library or at any of our events, complete the information, and return it to the library with your dues. Contributions are tax-deductible, and many corporations will match your donation upon request. Join at the level that's right for you:

### **Bookworm: \$10-\$19**

One Membership Card with ten fine waiver spaces (good for waiving 10 overdue items) and the Friends' newsletter, *Between the Pages*

### **Book Lover: \$20-\$49**

*All of the above plus...*  
an additional Membership Card (good for waiving 10 more overdue items)

### **Bibliophile: \$50-\$99**

*All of the above plus...*  
Three Free Book Choices from the Friends' on-going book sale

### **Patron: \$100-\$199**

*All of the above plus...*  
Personal Invitations and Preferred Seating to special Friends' programs

### **Benefactor: \$200 or more**

*All of the above plus...*  
A bookplate with your name in a new book in the library

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An all-volunteer, non-profit organization dedicated to supporting our community library, the Friends of the Allen Public Library help fund and provide programs that would otherwise not be possible.

## ***WHAT DO THE FRIENDS DO?***

We support our community library. You can be as active or as inactive as you wish, but all membership dues help offset the costs of bringing programs to the library that would not otherwise be possible.

As an active worker, you will help plan and discuss new ideas, and perhaps volunteer on an occasional project. As a silent partner you will support the group with your membership payment.

Either way, it's satisfying to know that membership in the Friends benefits the library and entire community of Allen.

There's a level of membership right for everyone, so turn to the back flap to choose your level. You won't regret it! Read on to learn about some of the programs sponsored by the Friends.

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### ***Waiver of fines with membership!***

*Each member receives a card with 10 fine waiver spaces. Each space clears the fine on an overdue item when punched at the check-out counter at the library.*

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### ***Bach to Books***

Bach to Books is a free arts program for the community, presented in partnership with the Allen Arts Alliance and the Allen Public Library.

Artists, writers, and musicians appear at the library and share their talents. Performance times vary so everyone can attend. Most of these events are held in the auditorium in the library.

### ***Book Sale***

Located in the hall outside the double doors of the library, the Friends' book sale offers used books, magazines, children's books, videos, DVDs, CDs, Audio Books, and tapes at bargain prices.

Donations of these items are welcome year-round and can be dropped off at the check-out desk. Along with membership dues and the sale of book bags and cookbooks, this on-going sale is the major source of funds for the Friends.

### ***ALLEN Reads***

The Friends coordinate this annual community project in which a book is chosen for the whole community to read and discuss.

Activities often include book discussion groups, an author visit, a movie, a play, and other guest speakers. The library, AISD, and all Allen's civic groups and community organizations support this effort!

### ***Recycle-a-Book Day***

Local elementary schools participate in Recycle-a-Book Day, organized by the Friends in partnership with the local PTAs and PTOs.

Students are encouraged to donate two gently-used books, and then are allowed to choose one book to take home.

### ***Special Exhibits and Programs***

Friends help plan, underwrite, and act as docents for traveling exhibitions. Each year new programs are planned.

### ***Junior Friends of the Library***

The Friends initiated the start-up of this new group comprised of youth in 4th-6th grade.

The Jr. Friends provide opportunities to youth in Allen to volunteer in the Children's Department at the library, and share in activities that encourage reading.

### ***The FOL Endowment Fund***

The Friends of the Allen Public Library Endowment Fund was created to increase the long-term financial strength of the library, enriching its capabilities and expanding its potential for the benefit of all Allen residents.

With reductions to the state and federal funding, the Endowment Fund fundraising efforts are critical to the continued excellence of the Library.