

GOALS

Friends of the La Crosse Public Library, Inc., emerged from a citizens' organization, active in the 1963-64 promoting of a new library building. The Friends' organization was founded in 1967: its membership demonstrates belief in the importance of books and libraries for people of every age and ability level. Today the organization supports library services and the development of better reading materials and research tools.

The membership encourages the use of the library as a center for the educational and cultural life of the community by emphasizing the following goals:

- To foster closer relations between the library and the citizens of La Crosse by focusing public attention on library services, facilities, resources, and needs.
- To assist in making funds available for special needs beyond the library budget.
- To influence the gifts of books and other materials, desirable collections, endowments and bequests to the library through ways approved by the La Crosse Library Board of Trustees.
- To encourage participation of volunteers in all the activities that meets the needs of the library.

ACTIVITIES

The Friends' board meets ten times a year to maintain and execute the established goals, providing for the needs of the La Crosse Public Library in the future.

Activities of the Friends include:

- Book sales for the membership and the community held the first weekend in May and the first weekend in November. Extra one-day book sales are scheduled as needed. Watch the Friends' Newsletter for details.
- The Book Shop, founded in 1996, located at the south entrance of the Main Library, which provides for the ongoing sale of quality donated materials.
- Funding for non-budgeted library needs such as equipment, special materials, book discussion groups, library programs, Youth Services programs, and staff development.
- Hospitality needs for Friends' meetings, library functions, and library staff events.
- Publication of the Friends' Newsletter.
- Assistance in maintaining reading materials for various care centers, shelters, free food centers, jail programs, etc.

MEMBERSHIP FORM

Please join or renew your annual support of your library. Your membership provides special support resources for your library.

New Renewal Address change

Date: _____

Name: _____

Street: _____

City: _____ State: _____

Zip: _____ Tel.: _____

E-mail: _____

Enclosed is my tax-deductible contribution payable to the Friends of the La Crosse Public Library, Inc.

Individual \$10

Family \$25

*Gold Card (WI residents only) \$50
Must be renewed yearly, 10 renewals converts to platinum

*Platinum Card Life Membership \$500
(WI residents only) May be done in \$50 increments. Minimum of \$50 per year.

Special/Memorial Gift _____

*Show your support by becoming a gold/platinum card member; you will receive a gold/platinum library card to replace your current card.

Mail to/leave at:
Friends of the La Crosse Public Library, Inc.
Attn: Membership
800 Main Street
La Crosse, WI 54601

For Staff Only
Paid by Check Cash

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

- Book Sale Worker
 - Assists in the sales which are held semi-annually the first weekend in May and the first weekend in November. Special one-day book sales are held periodically. All sale dates are listed in the Friends' Newsletter.

- Bookshop Volunteer
 - Trains for working in the Bookshop.
 - Helps find the client's desired material.
 - Collects the money.

Comments/suggestions _____

BOOKSHOP & BOOK SALE SOURCES

Friends receive materials (books, magazines, CDs, VHS, DVDs, etc.) from two sources:

Gifts: As people clean out estates, closets, or trim down their collections, the library gets first choice for using this material in its collection. The Friends' Bookshop and the Friends' Collector's Corner get the second choice for selling donated items. The lower level storage area receives the remainder of the donated items for book sales.

Withdrawn materials: The La Crosse Public Library constantly weeds its collections to make room for new material that is currently and actively used. Criteria for withdrawal include age, condition, multiple copies, and usage.

All Book Shop, Collector's Corner and book sale proceeds after expenses benefit the library. Donations of materials are *tax-deductible*.

Bookshop Hours

Sunday	1-5
Monday	4-8
Tuesday	11-3
Wednesday	11-3
Thursday	11-5



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