

# The FRIENDS

## David & Joyce Milne Public Library



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Dear Neighbors,

Our library is so much more than just a repository for books. It is a home away from home for our entire town and beyond: a meeting place, a study spot and a resource for the curious: children and seniors and all of us in between. We hope that our library truly reflects who we are as a community.

Many of the aspects that make the David and Joyce Milne Public Library such a special place exist because of The Friends; a group of community volunteers and supporters who partner with the library's Board of Trustees to promote the interests of the library.

Through your help, The Friends help our expert library staff make the library the wonderful place that it is. In recent years, Friends support has allowed the library to:

- Expand computer, catalog and database access for our community
- Enhance our heavily used children's room
- Provide crucial professional development for the friendly staff who help you find what you need at the library
- In addition, the Friends have continued to support Williamstown Elementary School's Word are Wonderful program.

You probably know that our annual book sale in April is an important source of support for these efforts. **But we are also so grateful for members like you who choose to support the public library with a donation.** Such tax-deductible donations can help us to cover non-operational expenses that are not covered by town, state, or Trustee Funding.

With a variety of membership levels starting at \$5.00, I hope you will find a level of support that is right for you and your family.

Finally, regardless of whether you can make a membership donation, I hope you will join us! Whether you are an 'Old Friend' or a 'New Friend,' come learn more at our Annual Meeting and board election — 7pm on Wednesday, December 13th at the Library, and also consider signing up to help make the Book Sale happen. We need all the help we can get!

We look forward to seeing you!

Our best to you and your family in this holiday season.

Sincerely,

*Michael Sussman*

# Friends Contributions

## Technology/Equipment

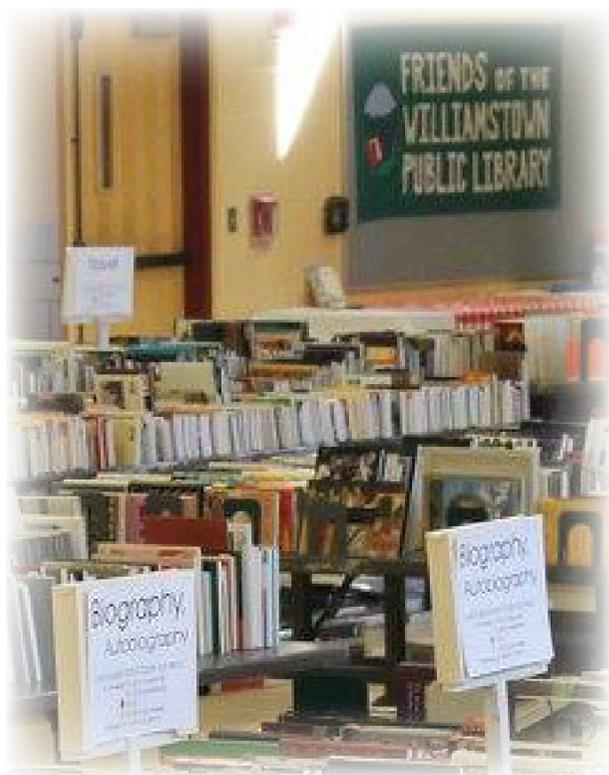
Ancestry.com subscription (renewal).....	\$1,335
48-inch Smart TV.....	\$500
Replace two computers (circulation desk).....	\$1,350
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$3,330</b>

## Children's Room

Crafts supplies.....	\$500
Summer Reading program.....	\$2,500
Three seasonal programs.....	\$1,500
Young Adult programs.....	\$1,500
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$6,000</b>

## Did you know?

The two-day Book Sale in April is an eight-month endeavor that requires thousands of volunteer hours



that culminate with sale week. Starting the Tuesday after Patriot's Day, dozens of volunteers move books from the Milne and set them up in Williamstown Elementary School gymnasium while others set up the Silent Auction and bake treats

or do kitchen prep work for the Café. On Saturday afternoon, still more volunteer labor is needed to break it all down. And this does not begin to include the team of volunteers who spend September through April sorting and pricing items for the sale.

In addition, the Book Sale benefits from the financial or in-kind contributions of a number of community partners, starting with our hosts at WES and including the continued support of Williams College.

## Library Development

Staff attendance at two regional/national conferences.....	\$1,600
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$1,600</b>

## Collections

Adult and Children's Collections.....	\$6,000
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$6,000</b>

**2017 commitment to the Milne: \$16,930 \***  
**\* up to \$80,000 in additional funds committed to support infrastructure improvements at the library**



Your financial support of the Friends of the Milne helps the Friends support programs in the children's room, including the acquisition of craft supplies.

## About the Friends

The Friends of Milne Public Library is a 501c3 charitable organization which raises funds through memberships and used book sales, while the Library Trustees raise funds through their Annual Appeal. The Trustees fund operational needs; the Friends support non-operational needs. Your support of both the Friends and the Trustees helps the library thrive.

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