



Mission:

The Friends of the Maine State Library supports the program goals and objectives as defined by the Maine State Library. In doing so, The Friends will help to increase the use of the Library through public awareness and programming; advocate for consistent and meaningful state funding of the Library; and provide private funding opportunities that advance the Library's goals and objectives.

Vision and Values:

While supporting the Maine State Library, The Friends seeks to specifically enhance access to quality library services for all Maine residents by supporting statewide library initiatives. The Friends will do so creatively and innovatively, and with inclusivity and integrity.

The Friends' core areas of support are defined as follows:

Reading and Literacy:

- Support library programs that extend literacy and reading to all Maine citizens with an emphasis on literacy and learning activities for children.
- Help support projects that link community residents to global library information sources.
- Encourage projects that extend and improve electronic access to reading devices, collections and other evolving forms of telecommunications technologies.

Historical Resources and Digitization:

- Support local and statewide projects that conserve unique community historical resources, endangered, and/or irreplaceable documents.
- Help create more efficient and effective access to historical resources through digitization projects designed to both preserve and broaden access.

Public Library Development:

- Assist in exploring funding resources for grants and consulting that support local library construction and renovation.

- Support and promote development of strategic plans that prepare public librarians for change and to meet future challenges facing tomorrow's libraries.
- Support market strategies and programs that promote the unique value of Maine's public library resources.
- Support projects that supplement economic development through universal access to world business data, and research in marketing and export strategies for Maine products.

Join the Friends of the Maine State Library, and in doing so, show your dedication to making Maine's libraries stronger. As a valued member of the Friends of the Maine State Library, you will receive a quarterly newsletter that highlights what's happening in Maine's "library world" as well as updates on news or special projects from the Maine State Library.

I wish to become a member of the Friends of the Maine State Library. (Please check one):

- \$15 (Librarians, senior citizens and students) \$50 Sponsor \$500 Corporate Sponsor Other \$ _____
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Special Donations: We can assist you with making a special donation. For example, you may wish to make a donation of stock; have your donation automatically deducted from a bank account; have your donation matched by your company; or arrange to leave a bequest to the Friends of the Maine State Library in a will. Please contact Linda Lord at 287-5620 to discuss any of these arrangements.

I don't wish to become a Member at this time but I would like to make a donation to The Friends of the Maine State Library. Amount: \$ _____

Enclosed is my membership fee/donation: \$ _____

I authorize my credit card charged in the following amount: \$ _____ (Visa, MasterCard, Discover, and American Express are accepted)

Card #: _____ Exp. Date: Month _____ Year _____ Security Code _____

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