

CONTACT INFORMATION

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Are You Interested in
Honoring a Loved One or Special
Occasion?

Donations may be made to
the library in several ways to honor
a loved one or in observance of a
special occasion.

Memorial book donations
will be given a bookplate with the
loved one and donor's name or
message.

Memorials may also be
given towards library furnishings
or programming.

Memorials on materials
will be entered into the library cat-
alog. Memorials of furnishings or
programming will be displayed
through signage or event infor-
mation.



*"A public library is the most
enduring of memorials, the
trustiest monument for the
preservation of an event or a
name or an affection; for it,
and it only, is respected by
wars and revolutions,
and survives them."*

*- Letter from Mark Twain to
the Millicent [Rogers] Library,
22 February, 1894*

**FRIENDS of the
SPIRIT LAKE PUBLIC LIBRARY**



Your Friends \$

The Friends of the Spirit Lake Public Library support the library's efforts to reach out to the community and provide programming and materials for all ages of patrons at our library.

The Friends group handles donations and memorials that are given to the library, including the library book sale.

The Friends group also sponsors many of our online databases including:

- BRIDGES (Overdrive)
- Zinio Digital Magazines,
- Chilton Automotive Database,
- PriceIt Antiques & Collectibles
- Tumblebooks/Tumble Cloud Jr.
- Cemetery Database
- Digital Newspaper Archives

BUILDING REMODELING PROJECT

We have been blessed with donations from the estates of Fran Egan, a former librarian here at the Spirit Lake Public Library, and Joan "Jo" Williams, a former teacher at Spirit Lake Community Schools.

We will be using the gift from the Fran Egan estate to create a new children's area here in the library. Work has begun in this area with some finishing touches yet to be completed. This children's area is in the northeast corner of the library. New cupboards a new circulation desk, a large window, and a mural will all be included in this project along with new seating and flooring.

The new young adult space will include a booth, comfortable seating, and a table with chairs. Charging outlets will be installed in the floor to allow for easier device charging. The library has never had a dedicated teen space and we look forward to offering this.

Friends money will be used to purchase a new circulation desk for the main area of the library. This desk will be more centrally located, allowing for easier access to library staff. Several library collections will be moved to make room for this change and allow for better traffic flow.

The current circulation desk area in the west window area will become the patrons' reading lounge with seating, periodical shelving, and natural light.

Donations will be used towards finalizing this remodeling project. Thank you for your support!

CHILDREN'S AREA NEWS

Friends of the Library provides important funding to the children's programming which endeavors to nurture a love of reading and learning for children of all ages.

Programs that benefit include Family Storytime, 1000 Books Before Kindergarten, Block Parties, Legos at the Library, Chess Club, and Summer Reading.

Early literacy encompasses what children need to experience before they learn how to read and write. With this in mind, the Friends group has purchased blocks for a new preschool age program called Block Parties. This is an hour of fun playing and building with blocks which develops vocabulary, problem solving abilities, reading readiness, motor skills, and social skills.

The Summer Reading Program is summer fun that builds early literacy and helps maintain and develop reading skills in school age children. Our Summer Reading Program relies on donations to provide entertainment, craft supplies, and incentive prizes for children from birth through eighth grade.

Legos at the Library is a new after school program this year that was made possible through Friends donations and purchase of blocks. Lego play develops math and science skills, creativity, and critical thinking.



Lego Club