



Friends of the Library

Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to outline the relationship between the Nippersink Public Library District (“Library”) and the Friends of Nippersink Library (FONL), an independent volunteer organization that supports and enhances the Library’s mission, programs, and services.

Policy Statement

The Board of Trustees recognizes the Friends of Nippersink Library as a valued community partner whose efforts strengthen public support and engagement with the Library. The Board views the establishment and continuation of the Friends group as a worthwhile community endeavor that benefits all Library users.

The Friends of Nippersink Library operates as an independent, nonprofit organization and manages its own governance, membership, and finances. While separate from the Library and its Board, the Friends and the Library work cooperatively to promote shared goals and community engagement.

Roles and Responsibilities

The Friends of Nippersink Library aims to:

- Advocate for and promote public awareness of the Library’s resources, services, and programs;
- Raise funds to support Library initiatives, special projects, and programs not included in the Library’s operating budget;
- Encourage volunteer participation and foster community engagement; and
- Strengthen the Library’s connection with the residents it serves.

Coordination and Communication

- The Library Director, or their designee, shall serve as the primary liaison between the Library and the Friends organization to coordinate activities, share information, and encourage collaboration.
- All Friends activities, fundraisers, or publicity that use the Library’s name, logo, or facilities must receive prior approval from the Library Director or, when appropriate, the Board of Trustees.
- The Friends group may request the use of Library meeting or program spaces for approved activities consistent with Library policies.

Financial and Operational Independence

- The Friends organization maintains its own bank accounts, financial records, and nonprofit status.
- The Library shall not assume responsibility for the financial obligations, contracts, or activities of the Friends.

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- Donations intended for the Friends group must be made directly to that organization, not to the Library.