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### Who are the Friends of the Fairfield Public Library?

The Friends of the Fairfield Public Library is a non-profit organization dedicated to enhancing the partnership between the Fairfield Public Library and the community, and advocating for quality library service for all of the people of the town of Fairfield.

We are book lovers, information seekers, readers, listeners, music and art buffs. We are all ages with varying interests and backgrounds. We all treasure ideas and value the Fairfield Public Library as a center for lifelong learning and a community hub.

To learn more about the *Friends*, visit our website at www.fairfieldpubliclibrary.org/friends.htm, or email us at friends@fplct.org, or join us on Facebook http://www.facebook.com/FFPLCT.



"We make a great library even greater"

# Be A Friend To The Library

Membership in the *Friends of the Fairfield Public Library* is open to individuals, organizations, and businesses that value the services of the Fairfield Public Library. Member benefits include receiving the *Friends* monthly newsletter, and announcements of library programs and events.

To learn more about the *Friends*, visit our website at www.fairfieldpubliclibrary.org/friends.htm.



#### What do the Friends do?

Since its formation in 2003, the *Friends* have seen the renovation and transformation of the Main Library into a state-of-the-art facility that will continue to serve the community of Fairfield and numerous other towns and cities throughout Connecticut.

The Friends also manage the Bruce S. Kershner Gallery at the Fairfield Public Library, a gallery which presents a wide variety of art to inspire the community toward creative and intellectual

growth. A new [free] exhibit is presented in the Kershner Gallery every 7-8 weeks. The public is invited to attend an opening reception featuring an intimate presentation by the artist(s), and light refreshments are served.



Since January 2006, the *Friends* have sponsored the Soundwaves Concert Series – Sunday afternoon classical music concerts held in

the Memorial Room at the Main Library. The *Friends* are

privileged and honored to have the Lions Gate Trio as their Trio in Residence They perforn classical music free of charge to Library patrons

during the annual concert series.

The *Friends* have also become the signature sponsor of the Fairfield Public Library's One Book, One Town (OBOT)

program, a community-wide event held each year in March.

Through this sponsorship, the *Friends* have enabled the Library to bring renowned and award-winning authors to Fairfield to generate discussions forums.



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Annual Literary Luncheon



Mini Golf Extravaganza



## Friends of the Fairfield Public Library:

- ☐ Support library programs
- Promote community awareness of the Fairfield Public Library
- Advocate for town funding for the Library
- Provide supplemental monies for programming and services

We raise funds, with the help of our tireless volunteers, from membership drives and sponsorships; our annual Literary Luncheon and Mini-Golf Extravaganza; and our ongoing Book Sales. The *Friends*' commitment to supporting the Fairfield Public Library extends to the children's and teen libraries as well. The *Friends* have donated educational toys, art supplies and furniture for the Main Library's Little Farm area. In addition, with a generous grant from the *Friends*, the children's library staff was able to develop thematic materials for young children (targeting ages 2-6 years). Materials are organized and stored in colorful tote bags and can be checked out for a week.



These Little Learner Circle Time Totes are filled with books, music CDs, DVDs, lists with poems or finger rhymes, crafts and activities, and are available at both the Main and Fairfield Woods Branch Libraries. The *Friends* are also very proud to have funded "downUnder," an interactive space just for teens at the Fairfield Woods Branch Library.





In the summer of 2010, the twice REaD Room was created at the Main Library to host the *Friends*\* ongoing sale of gently used books and CDs. The twice REaD room

raises additional funds that are used in further support of the Fairfield Public Library.

## How can you help?

Be a Friend to the Library and join the *Friends* organization! Complete the attached application for an annual membership and consider volunteering.

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