



Supported by the Friends

Special materials:

- Large Print Books—More than 300 new titles purchased each year
- Book Club Kits—More than 100 titles available
- Adult Kitchen Kits for trying new tools
- Hot Reads collection

Children's library:

- Smart TV and rolling cart
- New furniture for children and teens

Events in 2023:

- Co-hosted farewell reception for Tom Cooper
- Beyond the Page with Madison Morris
- Used Book Sale—nearly 300 bags sold!
- Hosted Bill McClellan as our Annual Meeting speaker

Summer reading program incentives:

- 101 adult and over 550 youth participants

Ongoing community contributions:

- BookPage Magazine at the circulation desk
- Library on Ice (books at the ice rink and fitness center)
- Ear buds sold at the Reference Desk

Friends of the Library Board

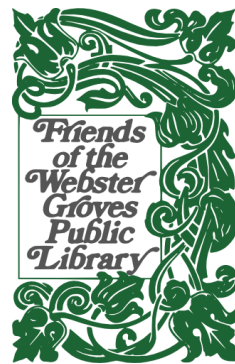
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Lockwood Society

In 2023, the Friends established the Lockwood Society to honor members who have been WGPL Friends for five consecutive years. At our annual meeting in November, we recognized 80 inaugural members of the Lockwood Society.



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JOIN THE FRIENDS OF THE WEBSTER GROVES PUBLIC LIBRARY

2024

“Libraries allow children to ask questions about the world and find the answers. And the wonderful thing is that once a child learns to use a library, the doors to learning are always open.”

- Laura Bush

Our Mission

We are dedicated to community outreach through expanded use of the Library and its resources.

Our Goals

- **HELP** the library increase and extend its collections and services
- **ENCOURAGE** community members to volunteer to support the library/community
- **PROVIDE** financial support for current and future library needs
- **PROMOTE** community enthusiasm about the library and its resources, services and needs

Thank you for supporting the Friends!

With your membership contribution, you will join more than 300 community residents supporting library programs.

Online Giving

Membership gifts and donations can now be made online through PayPal. Scan the QR code or use the donate button on the Library website:



www.wgpl.org/about-the-library/friends-of-wgpl/

Message from the Director

While I have not yet been the director of Webster Groves Public Library for a full year, I am already thoroughly impressed with the Friends group here. The Friends of the Library is an incredibly supportive, creative, and involved group that goes above and beyond to make the Webster Groves Public Library a better and more successful place. In the last year alone, the Friends have added new large print items to our collection, helped fund our summer reading program, enabled us to add Hot Reads to our collection, refreshed some of the furniture in our children's room and much more. Each one of these things positively impacts the library and the patrons the library serves. As a new director, I could not ask for a better group of people to work with and I am so appreciative for the Friends of the Webster Groves Public Library.

- Madison Morris



Hot Reads

The Hot Reads program was established in the fall of 2023 and initially funded by the Friends. Extra copies of popular books are purchased and made available to library patrons coming to the library. You might find just the book that you've been waiting to read right there on the Hot Reads bookshelf by the circulation desk. Hot Reads books are not renewable and due back in two weeks so that everyone has the chance to discover a special find.



Hot Reads Bookshelf

*Added
Nov 2023*

Reading Garden Pavers

Celebrate a special person or family in your life and support the library at the same time with the enduring gift of a paving stone for the WGPL Reading Garden. Engraved bricks are available in three sizes. You can stop by the library for a brochure or visit the Friends page on the library website.