



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
- Hot Reads collection

Facility Improvements:

- Reference Area tables
- New furniture for children and teens

Events in 2024:

- Beyond the Page with Rich Gaynor, author of “How Our Hearts were Stollen”
- Used Book Sale—over \$1,500 raised!
- Hosted members of the creative team from The Repertory Theatre of St. Louis as speakers for the Friends Annual Meeting

Summer reading program incentives:

- Over 220 adults and over 550 youth participated—additional funds were allocated to purchase books as prizes in 2024

Ongoing community contributions:

- BookPage Magazine at the circulation desk
- Library on Ice (free books at the Bennie Gordon Recreation Center)
- Articles in “Neighbors of Webster Groves”

Friends of the Library Board

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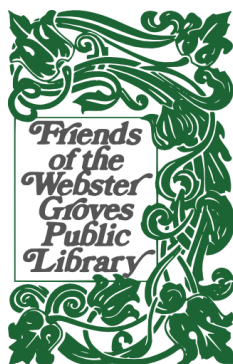
Debra Knox Deiermann Sara Fitzpatrick
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Lockwood Society

The Lockwood Society honors individuals who have been Friends for the most recent five consecutive years.

More than 80 members of the Lockwood Society were recognized at the Annual Meeting in December 2024.

We are grateful for their ongoing commitment to the library.



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Join the FRIENDS OF THE WEBSTER GROVES PUBLIC LIBRARY

Celebrating 50 Years
1975—2025

“The library is an area of possibility, opening both a window into the soul and a door onto the world.”

- Rita Dove

U.S. Poet Laureate Consultant in Poetry to the Library of Congress, 1993-1995

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:

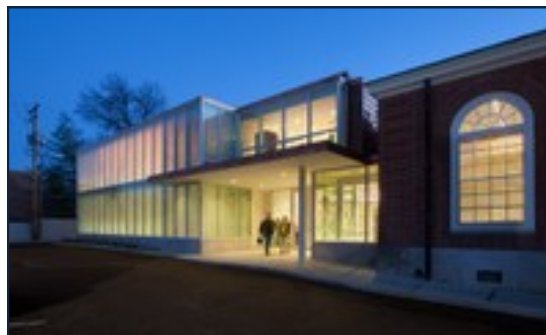


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Message from the Director

2024 was a great year at the Webster Groves Public Library. Our Summer Reading Program was a huge success with many participants, fun and interesting programs, lots of reading, and exciting prizes which were funded by the Friends of the Library. The Friends also helped the Library update the lower level of the building by purchasing new furniture which has made the space more welcoming and user friendly. They enabled the Reference Department to expand the Library's news and research collection by funding two additional NewsBank services: America's News and Life in America and they have continued to fund Hot Reads, large print books and book club kits that are beloved by the community. The Friends of the Library is an incredibly supportive and passionate group and their contributions help the Library to better serve the Webster Groves community every day. I am grateful for the positive impact their support creates.

- Madison Morris



NewsBank Resources

This year, the Friends funded two additions to the Library's NewsBank collection, a popular online reference resource. The Life in America series documents the experiences of the Asian, Black, and Hispanic communities from the 1700s through current day as reported in news media and historical sources. America's News provides access to over 3,000 publications across the U.S. covering topics such as health, business, education, and political and social issues. NewsBank is accessible from anywhere by using your library card number.



Reference Area Furniture

At the request of Library staff, the reference area in the lower level got a new look with the Friends' purchase of three new round tables which provide built-in power outlets. They have proven popular with library patrons who appreciate their size and functionality.