

# What do the Friends do?

We support our community library. You can be as active or as inactive as you wish, but all membership dues help offset the costs of bringing programs to the library that would not otherwise be possible.

As an active member, you will help plan and discuss new ideas, and perhaps volunteer on an occasional project. As a silent partner, you will support the group with your membership payment.

Either way, it's satisfying to know that membership in the Friends benefits the library and the Allen community.

There's a level of membership for everyone, so turn to the back flap to choose your level. You won't regret it!

Read on to learn about some of the programs sponsored by the Friends.

*Members receive our monthly newsletter, **Between the Pages**, and coupons for our book sale.*

## Book Sale

Located in the hall outside the double doors of the library, the Friends' book sale offers used books, magazines, children's books, videos, DVDs, CDs, and audio books at bargain prices.

Donations of these items are welcome year-round and can be dropped off at the check-out desk. This sale is the primary source of funds for the Friends.

## Adult Reading Clubs

The Friends supports the annual Summer Reading Program and several other adult reading groups at the library.

Visit [allenlibrary.org/events/book\\_clubs](http://allenlibrary.org/events/book_clubs) to learn more about events at the library.

## Art with Friends

The Friends sponsors free art education programs that are held in the library and teach small groups to do various forms of visual arts, such as knitting, painting, calligraphy, soap making, and more!



## VolunTeens

Friends of the Allen Library supports the VolunTeen program by providing funds to help honor all of the VolunTeens at the end of the program year. We also provide scholarships for graduating VolunTeens.

## Allen Endowment

The Friends of the Allen Public Library Endowment Fund was created to increase the long-term financial strength of the library, enriching its capabilities and expanding its ability to benefit Allen. With reductions to state and federal contributions, fundraising efforts by Allen Endowment Fund (ALEF) are critical to the continued excellence of the Library.

## Bach to Books

Bach to Books is a free arts program for the community, presented in partnership with the Allen Arts Alliance and the Allen Public Library. Artists, writers and musicians perform at the library to share their talents. Performances are free and times vary so everyone can attend.