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Welcome to the Friends of the Dobbs Ferry Public Library

The Friends is a non-profit organization whose members support the Dobbs Ferry Library through volunteer services, fundraising and advocacy. We are community residents like you who share a commitment to promoting and preserving a strong local library.

Please Join Us
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General Business Meeting
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