

## Volunteering

There are many volunteer opportunities during which you can help with the Friends' projects. Consider donating your time and talents and enjoying the fun while supporting our activities. Help us by indicating your interests below. See our website for news and pictures of recent activities.

[www.cotuitlibrary.org/friends-1](http://www.cotuitlibrary.org/friends-1)

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I would be happy to help with one or more of the checked activities: Please call me!

- Friends Board of Directors
- Book Nook & Little Free Library
- Luncheons (six sponsored annually)
  - Set-up or Clean-up
  - Baking or Cooking
  - Greeter at Check-in
- Speaker Program
- May Plant, Bake & Treasure Sale
- July Book Sale
- Fall Fashion Show, Auction & Raffle
- Fund-raising Committee
- General Projects
- Publicity
- Mailings
- Website Management

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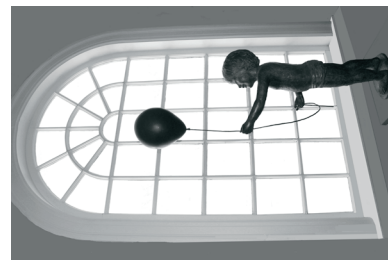
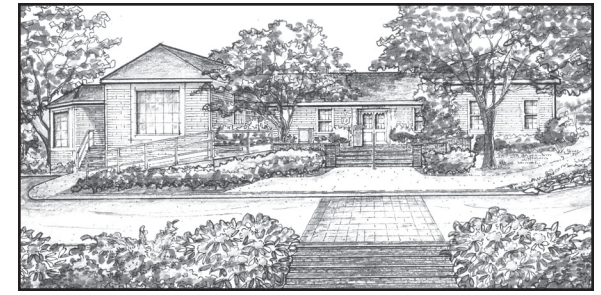


Photo by Paul Rifkin



# Friends of the Cotuit Library

**Join today!**

Your annual membership benefits the Cotuit Library!

## About the Friends

We are a non-profit 501c(3) tax exempt organization made up of individuals and families passionate about preserving the Cotuit Library as a vital community resource. The Town of Barnstable and State fund only one half of the Library's annual budget. Additional funding comes from grants, supporters in response to the Library's own Annual Appeal, other private contributions and memorial donations. The financial help the Friends contribute grows ever more important!

## Fund-Raising

Our funds are raised through annual membership fees, ongoing sales of used books in our Book Nook, and our *Cotuit Cooks* cookbook and *Artists of Cotuit* book, and these familiar community-wide fund-raisers:

- *Plant, Bake and Treasure Sale* in May,
- *Fall Fashion Show, Raffle & Silent Auction*,
- *Friendship Soup Sale* in December.

Other events include the used jewelry sale, bake sales and raffles.

## Contributions

The Friends :

- contribute \$10,000 each year to offset the Library's operating costs.
- underwrite some of the expenses for selected childrens' summer programs.
- subsidize the costs for museum passes offered to the community.
- replaced the circulation desk and paid for some computers and the telescope.
- provided monies toward the new lift from Memorial Donations.

## Community Service

The Friends devote time and resources to providing community services.

- A *Speaker and Luncheon Program* is sponsored by volunteers six times a year. Local guests have included authors, decorators, yoga instructors, gardeners, current events reporters, executive directors of arts and other cultural centers...a diverse group of speakers to appeal to many.
- The *Little Free Library* is stocked weekly for those interested in taking a free used book for their reading pleasure.
- The *Annual Book Sale* is organized and staffed by the Friends' volunteers.
- Childrens' books are selected and delivered to the Hyannis West Elementary School as a component of the Friends' literary outreach.

## Keeping You Informed

As a Member, you will be kept informed about events, activities and volunteer opportunities by email, postal mail, and posters, and via the updates made to our Calendar and News Section on the Library website. Refer to and bookmark,

[www.cotuitlibrary.org.friends-1](http://www.cotuitlibrary.org.friends-1)

## We Need You!

Please become a member to help us with our mission and goals. It is only with the help of our members and volunteers that we can continue and expand our fund-raising efforts and community services.

The Friends of the Cotuit Library is a 501c(3) non-profit organization. Tax ID #900 742 638. Contributions are tax deductible.

## Membership Form

Detach and submit this form with your "new membership" or "renewal" payment. Make checks payable to FOCL. Mail to:

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Cotuit, MA 02635

Membership payment is for the fiscal year July 1 – June 30. Renewal reminders are sent in June. Members receive a \$3 discount off the luncheon fees.

### Select Your Membership Type:

- New  Renewal  
 Individual = \$20  Family = \$30

Additional donations are gratefully accepted.

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

Town \_\_\_\_\_

State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

(We do not share this personal information.)

Indicate areas of interest on the other side if you are able to donate your time and talents as a volunteer for a specific or general project.