

Become a Friend

The purpose of the Friends of Patten Free Library is to promote the resources and services of the Library, sponsor programs, and generate financial support.

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Individual: \$10.00 Family: \$15.00
Annual renewal in May.

New Member Renewal Donation

Please make checks payable to Friends of Patten Free Library. Drop off your application at the library, *the library bookstore*, or mail to

Friends of Patten Free Library
33 Summer Street
Bath, ME 04530

I am interested in helping with:

Bookstore Book Sales

Other Interest? _____

Supporting member only

A Short History

The Patten Library Association was founded in 1847 by George and John Patten, generous subscribers for whom the Library building was subsequently named.

In 1887, noted Bath businessman Galen Moses donated \$10,000 for the first Library building, with the stipulation that its use be free to all Bath citizens. Construction was begun in 1889 and completed in 1890 at a total cost of \$15,000. The Library was open to the public in 1891.

Children's services were offered in 1911 in the second floor tower room.

In 1961, through the generosity of Mildred Wright, a local philanthropist, a large wing was added, housing a new Children's Room, Lobby, Community Room, and Reference Room. A second major addition to the Library was completed in September 1998, expanding the children's and young adults' areas and nonfiction stacks, and adding the new Sagadahoc History & Genealogy Room. The original 1890 building has undergone restoration on a continuing basis.

The Library is centrally located in a park setting facing historic Washington Street, close to local businesses and town services. It attracts some 100,000 visits annually.

Additional information is available at www.patten.lib.me.us and in the Sagadahoc History & Genealogy Room.



Friends of Patten Free Library Bath, Maine



Supporting the Library
and its many
Services to the Community

Who Are the Friends?

Anyone Can Be a Friend!

The Friends of Patten Free Library are volunteers from the participating communities of Arrowsic, Bath, West Bath, Georgetown, and Woolwich.

The Friends' purpose is to promote the resources and services of the Library, sponsor programs of general interest, and generate financial support for the Library.

As a private, non-profit organization, the Patten Free Library is always in need of additional funding. In recent years, funds donated by the Friends have covered five percent of the Library's operating budget.

A Good Way to Make Friends

Joining the Friends not only supports the Library but provides members with many rewarding experiences.

- ◆ Work on enjoyable and worthwhile projects.
- ◆ Meet new people with shared interests.
- ◆ Support one of the jewels of the community.

Major Programs

Bookstore

Created in 2007 and staffed solely by volunteers, *the library bookstore* sells gently used donated books at affordable prices, generating significant income for the benefit of the Library.



Annual Heritage Days Book Sale

An event eagerly anticipated by visitors and community members alike, the sale is held in connection with the Bath Heritage Days celebration during the Fourth of July weekend.

Children's Book Sale

National Children's Book Week is the focus of the Friends' annual sale of books for the younger set. The sale is held in the Children's Room at the Library.

How Can I Join?

Complete the application form on the back of this page and either mail it in with your dues or drop it in the box at the front desk during your next visit to the Library or *the library bookstore*. Additional membership forms are available at the same locations.

Tax deductible dues are:

- \$10 for an individual or
- \$15 for a household membership

The Friends have a bulletin board for announcements near the circulation desk in the Library. Learn about upcoming events and opportunities to help with ongoing projects.

All members are welcome to attend the monthly meetings of the Friends as well as the Annual Meeting, which is held in October and features speakers on topics related to books and authors.

