
MISSION STATEMENT

FRIENDS OF WADSWORTH LIBRARY is a volunteer group dedicated to enhancing Wadsworth Library's services to its patrons and to encouraging community use of Library facilities.

Funded by annual membership dues and fund-raising activities, we use our financial resources to support programs for all ages and to provide special materials and equipment not covered by the Library's annual operating budget. We also seek to use the time, talents, and assets of our community to promote the welfare and growth of a valuable local resource—our Library.

Wadsworth Library receives supplementary financial support from its community in two ways: the Library's Annual Giving Campaign in the fall and FRIENDS OF WADSWORTH LIBRARY.

Donations to the Annual Giving Campaign are added to the tax dollars that support the Library's operating budget and pay for essential services. FRIENDS OF WADSWORTH LIBRARY uses membership dues and donations to pay for special programs and items that the Library could not otherwise afford.

We encourage community members to support the Library through both channels.

Questions? Contact Meredith Drake,
mdrake@geneseo.edu or 585.243.1628.



AS A FRIEND OF WADSWORTH LIBRARY YOU CAN:

- Enhance the quality of your Library.
 - Share your skills and interests with your community.
 - Preview Library book sales.
 - Receive priority notification by e-mail of new materials and programs.
 - Meet other Library enthusiasts.
 - Support a Library that has a long history of community service.
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In our second year, FRIENDS OF WADSWORTH LIBRARY:

- Added to the Library facilities
Digital Projector System
- Volunteered for Library activities
Refreshments for many Library events
Book cleaning & maintenance sessions
Homebound Book Delivery Service
- Provided financial support for Library events
"Rochester Reads" author Alison Smith
Library Lobby Day bus trip to Albany
Various children's programs
- Organized Library-related programs
Author reading by Aaron Lazar
Book Club
Gardening, Tax Assiatance,
& Healthy Eating Programs
- Offered FRIENDS special benefits
FRIENDS-only book sale preview

There are nearly 3,000 Friends of Library organizations in the United States. They offer community members a way to be directly involved with their Library. We encourage our members to take an active role by volunteering for Friends programs.

Yes, I would like to be a FRIEND OF WADSWORTH LIBRARY.

Name(s) _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

E-mail _____

(Updates and newsletters may be sent by e-mail. If you do not wish to receive these by e-mail, please check here [])

Annual Membership Dues

- ___ \$100. Patron
- ___ \$50. Sponsor
- ___ \$25. Family
- ___ \$15. Adult (18 – 61)
- ___ \$10. Senior (62+)
- ___ \$5. College Student
- ___ \$3. Young Adult (12 – 17)
- ___ \$1. Child (through age 11)

The membership year runs September through August. Memberships received after July 1 will be applied to the following membership year.

Please make checks payable to: Wadsworth Library and write FRIENDS on the memo line.

As Wadsworth Library is a not-for-profit organization, your member dues are tax deductible.

Please indicate your level of involvement:

[] I would like to be an Active FRIEND.
Please indicate your interests on the reverse side.

[] I would like to be a Contributing FRIEND.
I am not available to volunteer at this time.

*This form may be returned to Wadsworth Library,
24 Center Street, Geneseo, NY 14454.*

You may call me when these volunteer opportunities arise:

VOLUNTEERING

- Prepare mailings
- Provide refreshments for events
- Deliver books to house-bound library patrons
- Assist with book maintenance
- Assist at the Library's spring Book Sale
- Provide outdoor plant care
- As needed
- Other _____

COMMITTEES

- Program Committee
- Newsletter Committee
- Membership Committee
- Publicity Committee
- Fundraising Committee
- Nominating Committee

I would like information about serving on the FRIENDS Executive Committee (elected positions)

I may be available for Volunteer activities at the following times:

- Weekdays
- Evenings
- Weekends

Do you have any comments, suggestions, or questions concerning either FRIENDS or Wadsworth Library? We will attempt to respond personally or in the newsletter, as appropriate.

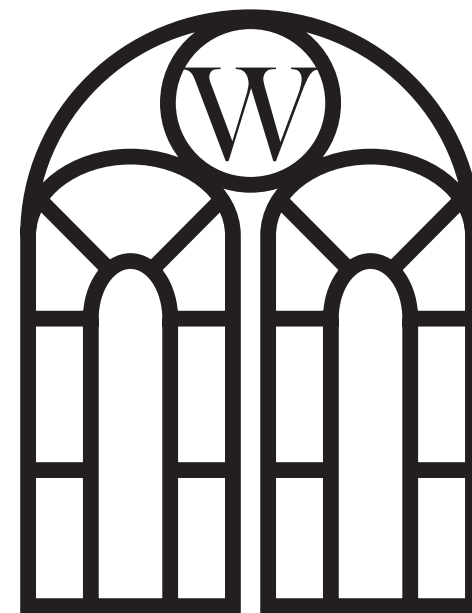
WADSWORTH LIBRARY


Until the mid-nineteenth century, the public had access to reading collections only through subscription libraries. In 1842, local landowner James Wadsworth, an advocate for public, tax-supported state libraries, established an athenaeum for students at the Livingston County High School (later Temple Hill Academy) and then opened the collection free-of-charge to the residents of Livingston County. The Geneseo Athenaeum was one of the first free libraries in the United States.

By the Civil War, the Athenaeum had outgrown its space and the Wadsworth Library was constructed at its present location in 1867. In 1869, the New York State legislature established the facility as a public library in the Village of Geneseo to serve the residents and schools of Livingston County. The library expanded with an addition in 1996. Originally funded solely from an endowment created by the Wadsworth family, the library now also receives support from the Village and Town of Geneseo and the Geneseo Central School District.

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