Dear Friends Members,

How quickly a year passes. Programs for adults and youths were enjoyed by all and our successful book sale will fund future activities. Volunteers have again given a huge amount of valuable time and expertise to support the CPL. Thank you to all who support our library with your help and donations. Friends Board meetings take place on the third Wednesday of the month. Please join us.

Anne Smith, President

Annual Meeting, September 18, 2019 at 6:30

Poor Houses and Town Farms: The Hard Row for Paupers--Steve Taylor will examine how paupers were treated during this dark chapter in New Hampshire history and how reformers eventually succeeded in closing them down.

Directors’ Annual Meeting at 6:00. The public is welcome to attend.

Civil Liberties vs. National Security, October 9 at 6:30

Richard Hesse considers the trade-offs and considerations facing citizens and non-citizens alike, as the federal government continues to address new national security issues in the wake of September 11.

One Book One Valley: October 24th, Kennett High School. Friends support this multi-library author event. Your tax-deductible donation will help support One Book One Valley. Friends of Conway Public Library, a 501(c)3 not-for-profit, acts as OBOV fiscal agent. 2019 features the author of Becoming Nicole.

Black Cap Grille in North Conway has generously offered to donate 10% of each participating dining party’s check to One Book One Valley on October 24th.

August 21st:  Dine to Donate: proceeds donated to Friends of Conway Public Library.

Summer 2019 Youth Programs and Teen Programs, funded by The Friends

This year’s theme is: Space: A universe of Stories; a community challenge for all ages together. We want to read to the moon in minutes - that's over 239,000 minutes! There will be nine events held at the library to celebrate this theme; information will be on the library website.

Agnes Kimball Memorial Gift to the Friends, designated for children’s literature. The Friends purchased bilingual story books for Youth Services--this memorial is a gift that keeps on giving!

The Friends provided funding for these and more.........

From 2018: ‘Libraries Rock’ * Henna workshop * We love our new chairs * New games and puzzles * Library gardens

Membership Dues Provide Many Library Services

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$50 Supporting ___ $100 Benefactor ___ Agnes Kimball Children’s Fund
Make check to: Friends of the Conway Public Library. Membership is tax deductible.
The Friends of the Conway Library are able to provide materials, events and other services to the library because of the generous donations of our patrons. Please consider a tax deductible donation to The Friends. Our library needs your support to continue to provide you with services that enrich your community and you.
The “First Ladies” of the Friends of the Conway Public Library

“Ellen W. Burham, Lowell, Mass., with her husband, donor of the first special lot of books to the new institution.”

“Miss Louise S. Hamblen Organist at the corner-stone laying, also the first and very efficient librarian of the institution.”

“Mrs. Ellen McRoberts Mason Compiler of a history of the several libraries of Conway, prepared with special reference for deposit in the copper box under the corner-stone of the edifice.”

The First Friends of the Conway Public Library:

Our present Friends group began as the Ladies Literary Club in 1894, with a dozen members. “The Conway Public Library began as the Conway Village Library Association. The Conway Woman’s Club created this Association in 1895, providing library services to the community….The group established a small library in a room in the Christopher Wilder home at the corner of Main and Pleasant Streets. By the time the present building was dedicated in 1901 the club had some thousand books and magazines to contribute.” In 1932 The Conway Woman’s Club became a member of the General Federation of Women’s Clubs(national). In 1994 the club commemorated its Golden Anniversary, and in 1999 The Friends of the Conway Public Library became a non-profit 501c3. From the earliest days, fundraising and volunteer assistance from the Friends have contributed to the library; the Friends support the children’s and teen library programs, purchases of books and other materials, maintain the gardens and offer presentations to the community free of charge.


From CPL Director, David Smolen: As a 501c3 non-profit organization, the Friends are able to apply for grants that the Conway Public Library, as a municipal entity, is not eligible for. In the last year the Friends received a $4,000 grant from the Goldberg Foundation for conservation treatment on three works of art in the Library collection. The Friends also received a $3,600 grant from the Henney Historical Fund for the purpose of digitizing a portion of the North Conway Reporter newspaper collection. These projects have helped the library carry out a portion of its mission, which is to preserve and provide access to materials that document the people, places, and events of Conway history.

April Book Sale Basket Raffle The Bluebirds Karen McCarthy: Behind the Veil

Fundraising Friends: