

Dear Friends of the Horseheads Free Library,

We are conducting our annual Membership Drive to support the Horseheads Free Library. Please fill out the enclosed membership card, remove the information side, and send it with your dues to the library, or drop it off on your next visit. Your support and continued participation in our fund raising is greatly appreciated. This ensures that our library is able to continue its excellent services and maintain the resources that so many of us have enjoyed.

Our main fund raising project is the **Annual Book Sale held at the Town and Country FireHall on Gardner Road. Our next book sale will take place Tuesday, September 10 to Saturday, September 14.** It continues to grow in strength and popularity, and that is reflected in continued increases in sales! So, a big thank you to our reading community! We will continue to fine tune our organization of the books based on the suggestions we got from our patrons. We have been using the Youth Bureau for volunteers to help load, unload, unpack and organize the books. The young people demonstrated such an excellent work ethic and were so enjoyable to work with. Their parents should be proud! We also have a "Mystery Volunteer" that sorts all of the donated items throughout the year! We are so grateful and could not do our sale without this generous help! The library welcomes donations of books, especially children's books, CDs, DVDs, and Audio books for the sale. Please remember that we cannot accept donations past July 1st. We also cannot accept magazines, pamphlets, encyclopedias, or dictionaries. The Friends donated \$9761 to the Horseheads Free Library as a result of the success of our sale and our membership drive! So, we hope to see many of you there again this Fall.

We would also like to thank Captain Don Fischer, of the Town and Country Fire Department for allowing us the use of the old fire hall for our sale. Please remember that the Fire Department conducts their own fund raising by collecting glass and plastic bottles and cans. The Friends made a donation to the Department as a thank you to them.

Another important part of the sale is that you know what happens to the leftover books. We recently developed some local places to donate to: The Economic Opportunity Program, the Salvation Army, Glove House. George Kormarc took several boxes of children's books to send to the Philippines. No books were thrown away.

All of that was possible because of the support our community provides. You help to make our library a jewel in our community. All of us on the Board of the Friends of the Horseheads Free Library thank you.

Sincerely,

Joanne Paulison

President