

Friends Facts

Mission

- To increase public awareness, understanding, and use of the Anoka County Library (ACL) system
- To organize public support for the eight Anoka County libraries through special events and programs, membership development, and fundraising.

How the Friends help

- Annual Friends donation
- Plans and provides assistance at author talks and other library events
- Supports the Summer Reading Program for kids
- Buys *Books in a Bag* kits for reading and discussion groups
- Supports the Teen Bookmark Contest
- Promotes the ACL libraries – some of the county's most used assets!

Questions?

Contact us!

- Call (763) 785-3695
- Email: friendsoflibrary@comcast.net
- www.anoka.lib.mn.us

Why be a member of the Friends?

- Your membership dues help Anoka County libraries make purchases above and beyond their annual budget. Every membership helps.
- Anoka County libraries want *your input* on what a library should be to the community. Being a Friends member gives you a stronger voice for suggestions.
- Anoka County libraries work hard to be valuable to every Anoka County citizen, regardless of age. This takes lots of time, money, and effort – and *you can help!*

How you can help ...

- **Become a member** of the Friends of the Anoka County Library. We are a nonprofit organization and your membership dues are tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law.
- **Become a volunteer** to help at library events, making others aware of the Friends, and assist library staff as needed. Get involved and meet new people!
- **Become a Director** of the Friends Board. This dynamic body works with library administration to plan events and programs, serves as a conduit to the Friends membership, interacts with civic groups, and conducts fundraising activities.

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Who can be a Friends member?

Anyone who **loves** their library!

- Parents
- Students
- Grandparents
- Pre-scholars
- Community members



Volunteer Opportunities

The Friends Board is always looking for citizens with experience in community building, public advocacy, fundraising or membership services.

Just check a box on the attached form, and a Board member will contact you.

Join us!

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Anoka County Library Services

Anoka County Library is a system of eight libraries located throughout Anoka County. It also partners with the Columbia Heights Public Library.

Services include:

- Online catalog and free electronic databases at www.anoka.lib.mn.us.
- Internet access in library buildings.
- Reference and research assistance using print and premium electronic resources. Email a librarian at acoref@anoka.lib.mn.us, or phone (763) 717-3267, option 3.
- Interlibrary loan; librarians will help locate materials from other libraries.
- Summer Reading Programs for kids from preschool through high school age.
- Storytimes for children of all ages.
- Meeting rooms at most ACL libraries.
- Homebound services – ill or disabled county residents may have materials mailed to them. Call the Outreach Librarian, (763) 576-4695, option 4.

Friends of the Anoka County Library Membership Form

Please clip and mail with payment to Friends of Anoka County Libraries
707 County Rd. 10 N.E., Blaine, MN 55434

Name _____ Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home phone _____ Cell phone _____ E-mail _____

Kids - \$5 Basic - \$10 Contributor - \$25 Sponsor - \$50

Patron - \$100 Benefactor - \$200 True Friend - \$500

Anonymous Donation \$ _____ (I want to contribute but decline official membership)

I am interested in helping with:

Membership Events & Programs Communications Fundraising

Serving on the ACL Friends' Board