

The St. Cloud FOL was founded in 1973 by a group of like-minded people intent on promoting the library and raising money to support its operation and programming. The FOL's constitution and by-laws were adopted in June 1973, and articles of incorporation were filed in 1985. The FOL is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. Memberships and donations are tax deductible.

The Friends started by soliciting memberships via telephone calls and mailings and then grew to sponsor semi-annual book sales that raised thousands of dollars. In 1986, a small space in the former downtown library was allocated to the FOL for use as a bookstore. Faithful volunteers spent countless hours pricing and sorting thousands of books donated by the public or culled from the library's general collection. The Friends prudently saved a large portion of bookstore sales and other fundraising revenues in order to pledge \$65,000 toward the realization of the beautiful new St. Cloud Public Library, which opened in September 2008.

The generous space designated for the Friends Bookstore in the new facility has increased our visibility and necessitated recruitment of even more volunteers in order to keep the bookstore open six days a week. All necessary functions – including staffing the store, sorting through donations, and pricing and shelving materials for sale – are undertaken by these dedicated volunteers.

Current Friends Bookstore hours are:

10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday;

10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday through Friday; and

10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday.

When the bookstore is not staffed, a drop box next to the entrance can be used for patrons to leave their payments or to submit their membership enrollment or volunteer application forms.

The FOL Executive Board meets the second Wednesday of each month (except July and August) from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at the library. The annual meeting for all current members is held the second Wednesday in February, at which time FOL members present vote for the election of Executive Board members and officers and also review the budget for the coming fiscal year.

We look forward to seeing *you* at the next FOL Annual Meeting on Wednesday, February 8, 2012!



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2012 Information & Membership Enrollment Form

An all-volunteer organization, the St. Cloud Friends of the Library (FOL) works to help expand and improve the St. Cloud Public Library – one of 32 branches in the six-county Great River Regional Library system. The St. Cloud branch serves as the headquarters for the entire system, and all enhancements to the library's holdings benefit patrons throughout the region.

By becoming a member, you help to ensure that this vital part of the community stays strong. Your membership support – combined with all proceeds from our annual Brat Sale and half of Friends Bookstore sales – is donated to the library for the purchase of new or replacement materials, sponsorship of yearly programs (such as the children's and teens' summer reading programs) as well as periodic special events, and other needs identified by library staff.

We believe that public libraries are essential to the life of every community. We also know, as evidenced by the library's circulation statistics and activity reports, that the economic recession has prompted more and more people to utilize library services in ever-increasing ways. Your library needs you!

Please join the St. Cloud FOL today ... and help us reach our goal of registering 200 new or renewing members this calendar year. *Thank you!*

Please don't delay. Begin – or renew – your 2012 membership today!

Membership level: Family \$25 Individual \$15 Senior Citizen \$10 Student \$10

Would you like to make an additional donation?

Additional contribution (for identified needs) = \$ _____

Pat Christianson fund ("Pat's Place" in the Children's Library) = \$ _____

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

PHONE: (____) _____ E-MAIL ADDRESS _____

Would you like to volunteer for the Friends? In which area(s)?

Bookstore Annual Brat Sale Friends Board Special Events

St. Cloud Friends of the Library is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. Memberships and donations are tax deductible. Each membership year runs from January through December.

Please mail your enrollment form and check to:

St. Cloud Friends of the Library
1300 West St. Germain
St. Cloud, MN 56301

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