

Friends of the Library
7204 Northumberland Hwy.
Heathsville, VA 22473

Dear Northumberland Library Supporter:

“Get on board.” That is the nautical theme for the Friends of the Library 2006 Membership Drive. As a current member, it’s time to renew your commitment to the Library by renewing your membership in the Friends. “Get on Board” your library. If you are not already a member of the Friends, now is the time to “Get on Board.” In the past there has been some confusion about how to join the Friends of the Library.

Each year the Library Trustees mount a massive fund-raising drive by mail. Many people respond by contributing to the Library’s operating account. Many of these donors mistakenly believe that their donation means automatic membership in the Friends. Not so. “Friends of the Library” is a separate organization devoted to supporting the Library with programs such as the Books Alive reviews. Our support includes acquiring books, tapes, and DVDs for the Library and other items outside the normal Library budget. Friends of the Library contributed to the purchase of computers as well. Very soon the Library will have a new, outdoor bulletin board in front to announce events such as the Children’s programs and the after school homework programs. Guess who paid for the new bulletin board? Right, Friends of the Library stepped up to the plate to get this important addition installed.

Where does Friends get its funding...from people like you with your membership fees. By now anyone who has ever attended a Farmers Market or the Strawberry Festival knows that the Friends raises money with a quilt raffle. The raffle brings in almost \$3,000. In addition, the Friends sponsored the BluesWorks concert for the last two years. It was both entertainment and a fund-raiser that brought in \$850. The English Tea is another annual event that is both entertaining and a fund-raiser.

This June, Friends will offer a boat ride and lunch excursion on the Rappahannock exclusively for our members. The boat ride includes eagle watching along the river, lunch at Ingleside Winery, and a tour of the winery. So, friends, “Get on Board.”

Please fill in the Membership form below and either mail it along with your check to the address above or bring it to the Library the next time you drop by.

Many thanks from the Friends of the Library.

Jay Walker, President

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY MEMBERSHIP FORM

NAME(S) _____

ADDRESS _____

TELEPHONE _____ EMAIL _____

Single Annual Membership \$10 _____

Family Annual Membership \$15 _____

Lifetime Membership \$150 _____

Checks should be made out to Friends of the Library