



FRIENDS OF HORSEHEADS FREE LIBRARY SUMMER 2023

The Friends group currently has eleven members. We have developed a very helpful relationship with students that are completing community service hours. Their energy and commitment has been inspiring to see. So, we give a big thank you to last year's students and welcome this year's students. Their participation makes putting on this book sale possible.

We are in the midst of planning our next sale for September 19 to September 23 at the Town and Country Fire Department at 130 Gardner Road, Horseheads, NY 14845. Watch for our signs throughout the community. If you are interested in volunteering to help please contact the Horseheads Free Library at 607-739-4581.

Our Annual Book Sale was conducted last September and was a great success! Thanks to the generosity of the Horseheads and surrounding communities we made over \$9,000! We have been able to fund Summer Reading Programs for children and adults. We provided funding for the purchase of Nintendo Switch games which are very popular and have a high rate of circulation. The Friends have provided money for Empire State Passes which allow patrons passes to enter New York State Parks, We are continuing to support VOX books which combine a printed book with a built in MP3 audio book that allows the new reader to follow along as the book is read to them.

The Friends support many forms of literacy that the library provides. Our Branch Supervisor, Owen Frank shared with me, "The library provides access to books in print and electronic format, DVDs, Magazines in print and electronic format, audio books in CD and Downloadable format, FREE WI-FI ACCESS with a wide range that reaches Teal Park and is available even when the library is closed!"

I write this to all of you every year because you are part of the community that understands the importance of libraries. Those of us that serve on the board of the Friends of Horseheads Free Library are extremely proud of our library. It is part of what makes Horseheads a wonderful place to live. This letter also serves as a way for us to conduct our Membership Drive, which is our other source of income. You will find the membership card enclosed that you may fill out and return to the Library. Please fill out the left side of the card to return with your check made out to "Friends of Horseheads Free library".

**Return it by mail to:
Horseheads Free Library
405 South Main Street
Horseheads, NY 14845.**

Please remember to donate your plastic and glass bottles and cans to the Fire Department, as they allow us to use their building for no charge.

**Sincerely,
Joanne Paulison, President**