

# Membership Application

New Membership  
 Renewal

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Yes, I would like to receive bi-monthly newsletters via email.

## Membership categories (please circle one)

- Individual \$5
- Family \$10
- Sponsor \$25
- Contributor \$50
- Benefactor \$100
- Business \$250

(The Friends are a 501(c)3 organization; membership is tax deductible)

**Please mail completed form with payment to:**

Friends of Marshall Public Library  
612 Archer Avenue  
Marshall, IL 62441

*Please make checks payable to:  
Friends of Marshall Public Library*

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Marshall, IL 62441  
Phone: 217-826-2535  
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[www.marshalllibrary.com](http://www.marshalllibrary.com)

Friends of the Library meeting schedule for 2019 and 2020. Meetings are held at 5:00 pm in the library's Dale McConchie Meeting Room.

### 2022

January 6  
March 3  
May 5  
July 7  
September 1  
November 3

### 2023

January 5  
March 2  
May 4  
July 6  
September 7  
November 2



# Friends of Marshall Public Library



## Will you be our Friend?

## Friends help preserve local history & support library services

### Friends provide funding for:

MPL programs and events

Digitization of Microfilm

GED Scholarships

Annual School Programs

High School Scholarship

Summer Reading Programs

### How do the Friends help?

Raise funds for the library through memberships and grants

Help fund pilot programs, services and technology

Advocate and promote the library within the community

## HISTORY OF FRIENDS

The Friends of Marshall Public Library have a long history of helping make the library a better, more spacious place.

In 1964, a Friends of the Library group was organized and a campaign began to “work toward relocating the library to a downstairs” from the upstairs of what is currently the Chamber of Commerce. Funds were raised and in 1968 the Friends were able to make a down payment to purchase the former Willfond Clothing Store located at 612 Archer Avenue. Upon purchase, the group dissolved but then in 1995 they re-organized to secure funds to purchase the adjoining building formerly known as C.A. Dixon Farm Implements, Ford Auto and Kroger. The purchase of this building tripled the library’s building size.

Since the purchase of the Dixon building the Friends have been able to support the library in a variety of ways. Most recently they funded the digitization of local microfilm newspapers dating as far back as the Civil War. These newspapers are now available in a searchable format on the library’s website. In addition, the Friends have been working to preserve local history with their Oral History Project which now boasts more than 200 local interviews available online.



**YES! I WANT TO BE A FRIEND!**  
(SEE MEMBERSHIP FORM ON REVERSE SIDE)

Friends are an important part to helping the library succeed! There are several opportunities to be involved with the Friends.

Please check as many volunteer opportunities as you like.

- Help set-up and tear down for programs and/or special events
- Serve on Friends board and/or committees
- Interview local people for Friends Oral History Project
- Help recycle ink cartridges
- Other: Please share what special talent you have with us!

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