

Subject: Friends of the Library

Purpose:

To provide support and an acknowledgement as to the importance of the Friends of the Library groups to Montgomery-Floyd Regional Library.

Policy:

A “Friends of the Library” group constitutes an important community resource for public libraries. Library Board Trustees of the Montgomery-Floyd Regional Library welcome the establishment of Friends of the Library organizations as a means of:

- promoting the Library and enhancing its image in the community
- furthering the Library’s goals/mission
- fundraising and financial support
- recruiting volunteers
- fostering goodwill and fellowship among Library patrons

There is one Friends of the Montgomery-Floyd Regional Library with two branch organizations.

- Friends of the Jessie Peterman Memorial Library
- Montgomery County Friends of the Library

Requests to form additional branches of the Friends of the Montgomery-Floyd Regional Library shall be considered by the Library Board upon receipt of a written proposal, with formation and dissolution being by motion of the Board.

The Trustees will assist and support the Friends by:

1. Providing information as requested and welcoming input.
2. Providing meeting space to support Friends’ meetings and special events.
3. Providing discards and donated books and other materials for used book sales.
4. Providing policies and regulations, when needed, to support Friends’ activities.
5. Providing staff time and administrative support as deemed appropriate by the Director.
6. Supporting those advocacy, fundraising, and promotional efforts that are done with the Trustees’ knowledge and the Director’s coordination and are specified within the framework of the library’s long range plan, goals and objectives.
7. Providing annually a “Wish List” from the Library Director to the Friends.
8. Publicly recognizing contributions by Friends organizations.
9. Encouraging them to join the national Association of Library Trustees, Advocates, Friends and Foundations (ALTAFF)

Cooperative projects for the benefit of the Library are encouraged, provided no such project compromises the Library Board's statutory responsibility for Library policy and management.

Friends' monies are not integrated with public funds.

In order to enhance communication, Friends organizations shall forward copies of the minutes of their meetings for inclusion in the Library Board's monthly information package. The Chair of each Friends organization will be invited to sit on the Board as an affiliate liaison, and will be encouraged to attend the monthly Board meetings and take information back to their boards.

Attachments: None

References: None

Approval:

Montgomery-Floyd Regional Library Board of Trustees
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Date



Ann-Margaret Shortt, Chair