

The Friends – Our Mission

The Friends of the Wescott Library is dedicated to the assistance of the Wescott Branch of the Dakota County Library System in its mission to support lifelong learning for county residents of all ages.

The Friends - What We Do

The Friends of the Wescott Library makes furnishings and collections purchases for the library such as major contributions to the Minnesota Collection and support for the purchase of a MN Workforce computer station. In addition, we provide funding for programs at the library such as the Summer Reading Program, Minnesota Mosaic, Library Scavenger Hunts and Book Bags for Literacy. Some of these programs are funded and coordinated by the Friends while others consist of financial support to existing programs.

Friends of the Wescott Library offers two fundraising events each year – a Fall and Spring Used Book Sale. The sales include books, CDs, videos, audio books, magazines and classic items. The items have been donated or withdrawn from library collections and include something for every interest. The proceeds from these sales provide funds for the purchases and donations the Friends make to the library. Friends members receive discount on their purchases at the book sale, excluding Members Preview Night and Bag sale Day. Volunteers assisting with the book sale also receive priority selection of items.

The Friends – We All Benefit

Funds raised by the Friends are used to purchase equipment, materials and services for the library. Past Friends' purchases include:

- ❖ Audio-Visual Equipment and Materials
- ❖ Banners
- ❖ Bookshelves and Display Cases
- ❖ Children's Books
- ❖ Electronic Books
- ❖ Events Board
- ❖ Games/Puzzles
- ❖ Book Group Kits
- ❖ Summer Reading Program Rewards
- ❖ Specialty Furniture
- ❖ Specialty Reference Books
- ❖ Teen Music CDs
- ❖ Tape Players
- ❖ Videos of each Library
- ❖ Minnesota Mosaic
- ❖ Minnesota Collection
- ❖ Book Bags for Literacy
- ❖ Library Scavenger Hunt



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The Friends – Who We Are

The Friends of the Wescott Library was formed on September 27, 1982. We are a non-profit group consisting entirely of volunteers who believe in the contribution that libraries make to our community and who are willing to contribute their efforts to further the role of the Wescott Library in Eagan.

The Wescott Library opened in 1983 and has since undergone a rapid increase in the number of items in the collection and the number of services provided. In 2004 there were 848,573 items checked out of the library, 6000+ new library cards issued and the collection size grew to about 250,000 items.

In addition, the variety and success of programs available at Wescott continues to grow with over 3000 children participating in the 2005 Summer Reading and Read To Me programs. It's a great library. It's your library and the Friends are a vital part of it.



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The Friends – Your Role

The Friends depend upon the volunteer efforts of our members to accomplish our goals. Your dues help to fund our projects. As a member you are entitled to benefits that include:

- ❖ The opportunity to make advance book sale purchases during the Member's preview Night and when you volunteer during book sale setup.
- ❖ A discount off your total purchase of books during the Book Sales, excluding Preview Night and Bag Sale times.
- ❖ Other selected benefits available from the community and library events.
- ❖ **To receive discounts and benefits you must present your membership card.**

Friends members are invited to participate in volunteer events such as booksale setup and planning and participation on the Friends Board of Directors where you can become a part of the decision making process surrounding the distribution of Friends' funds. Members are contacted prior to each book sale and asked to volunteer time for the sale. The success of our organization depends on you.

The Friends – How To Join

Fill in the form below and return it with your first year's membership dues to the Wescott Library in Eagan at the Reception Desk. You will receive your membership card in about 2 weeks. Please present your card when buying books at sale

NAME(S)
MAILING ADDRESS
CITY/ZIP
HOME PHONE
WORK PHONE
E-MAIL ADDRESS

- Youth Membership (\$5 / year)
- Single Membership (\$10 / year)
- Family Membership (\$15 / year)
(state 2 names)
- Patron (\$50 / year)
- Additional contribution included

*Please Make Checks Payable to :
"Friends of The Wescott Library"*

- Yes, I Would Like to Volunteer For Future *Friends* Events