

Friends of the Big Rapids Community Library

Hello! As the new president of the Friends of the Big Rapids Community Library I would like to introduce you to the organization and invite you to participate in future meetings and events.

Additional officers include Lynn Anderson, Vice President; Jerena Keys, Treasurer, and Ena Dakkuri/Karen Motawi, Co-Secretaries. The organization exists to support the Library and city appointed Library Board by raising funds through book sales, soliciting donations and hosting community events. Examples include:

- Holding an annual barbeque, historically hosted by the Sawmill Saloon.
- Hosting an annual Labor Day book sale at the Library. Recently we have also held additional Saturday book sales at the Library.
- Assisting the Library with the collection, organization and dispersal of donated books and media.
- Supporting the mission of the library by providing additional financial resources beyond the support from the City of Big Rapids and other governmental support.
- Hosting additional literacy related events of interest to the community.
- Collaborating with other organizations to address literacy needs in the area.

Included in this mailing is an Annual Membership form for both potential new members to join and past members to renew. Please complete the form, include a check for your desired level of membership and mail it or drop it off to the Friends of the Big Rapids Community Library, 426 S. Michigan, Big Rapids, MI 49307.

Currently, our Board meetings are held at 4:00 on the first Wednesday of the month at the Old Jail, 225 S. Stewart Street, Big Rapids. We are definitely encouraging young community members to be involved in the Friends!

If you have interest in participating, please join us at the next meeting in November at the Old Jail. If you have questions, don't hesitate to contact me at the number listed below.

Sincerely,

Mark Vanderlist,

231-349-4800

Annual Membership Form
Friends of the Big Rapids Community Library

Name: _____ Address: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

Type of Membership:

- Individual \$15
- Family \$30
- Book Lover \$50
- Corporate \$100
- Benefactor \$150
- Lifetime \$1000

If you are interested in assisting with any of these activities, please check the appropriate line(s):

- ___ Membership
- ___ Fundraising/Used Book Sales
- ___ Summer Reading Program & Activities
- ___ Catch 'em in the Cradle
- ___ Story Times
- ___ Adult Literacy
- ___ Endowment Fund
- ___ Newsletters and Media
- ___ Outdoor Spaces

The Friends of the Big Rapids Community Library is a 501©3 organization. Your donations are tax deductible. Please return your completed form and check to the Friends of the Big Rapids Community Library, 426 S. Michigan Avenue, Big Rapids, MI 49307