

FRIENDS OF THE NIEDERKORN LIBRARY



W.J. NIEDERKORN LIBRARY
PORT WASHINGTON, WISCONSIN

Friends OfThe Library is a non-profit organization that strives to promote and enhance library services, materials and facilities.

W.J. NIEDERKORN LIBRARY
316 West Grand Avenue
Port Washington, WI 53074
262-284-5031

Member of the Eastern Shores Library System

Library Hours

Monday - Thursday 9:00 am - 8:00 pm
Friday 9:00 am - 6:00 pm
Saturday 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

Closed Sundays and Holidays



Membership Application

Please Check One:

- _____ \$15 for a one-year Individual Membership
- _____ \$10 for a one-year Senior or Student Membership
- _____ \$30 for a one-year Family Membership
- _____ \$150 for a Lifetime Individual Membership
- _____ \$300 for a Lifetime Family Membership

Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone (Day/Evening) _____

Please make your checks payable to:

Friends of the Library and return with
this membership application to:

Friends of the Library

P.O. Box 476

Port Washington, WI 53074

Join now and get the rest of 2014 and all of 2015
for one price. You will also receive a Friends of
the Library Book Bag.

Membership dues and contributions are deductible as a personal or business expense for tax purposes.

HISTORY OF THE PORT WASHINGTON LIBRARY

Due to the Port Washington Woman's Club (PWWC) determination in 1899 to inspire the community through reading, our library has celebrated the century mark with the present W. J. Niederkorn Library.

The reading room of the PWWC became the stimulant for the first library. Its popularity made possible the donated space in the back of the Courtland Drug Store at the SW location of Franklin and Main. The first librarian was Edgar Smith, a druggist.

By 1908, the basement of the Court House provided much needed space. Six hundred borrowers frequented the public library in 1912; 294 were children. The PWWC and the city paid the librarian's salary of \$300.

After a move to the city hall in the 1920's the first library board was created. A building fund in the 1930's changed the location of the library to the Wisconsin Street School.

In 1961, donations from William James Niederkorn and additional city funds made possible an independent and thriving library on Grand Avenue open to all residents of Port Washington.

In our centennial year, 1999, the city of Port Washington announced an expansion plan for the library. The Friends of the Library group was organized to increase the involvement of the community with the library, and to raise funds.

WHAT WE DO

Organized in 1999, the Friends have raised over \$30,000 which has been used directly for items used in both the adult and children's libraries. We maintain the Used Book Store and the Coffee Service in the library and the annual Book Sale where many books find new homes. We have sponsored three visits by authors with a complimentary dinner preceding the talk. In addition to these events we have enjoyed other author talks.

We hold one annual meeting with day-to-day business conducted by the Executive Board to which any member is welcome to attend.

WE NEED YOU

Your membership will give you the opportunity to participate in the special activities and programs sponsored by the Friends of the Niederkorn Library as well as have a voice to help decide what items and services we will provide for the Library.

Our purpose is to enhance community participation and appreciation of our library. You, your family and your friends can enrich the Friends with your ideas, talents, interests, and efforts.

Please join us!

