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Meetings every second Wednesday of the month  
At 7pm - All are welcome  
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The Friends of the Heermance Memorial Library formed in 1991 to fundraise for books and were the primary source of book funding for almost 10 years. The Library began receiving tax support in 2000 when the public voted to create a Special Library District. Use of the library has grown in that time and the Friends group has expanded its role. Today, as volunteers, we continue to raise needed funds and develop and sponsor events. In 2014 and 2015 we were able to raise \$16,000 for renovations and furniture. The renovations to the back

**Who are  
The Friends of Heermance Memorial Library  
and what do they do?**

**Programs paid for by  
The Friends:**

- Summer Reading Program
- Baby Bundles for Newborns
- Passes to Local Museums
- T-Shirts for "Battle of the Books" Team
- The Carol Martin Scholarship for a High School Senior
- Quilting and other special classes

**Events sponsored by  
The Friends:**

- Winter Tea Tasting Party
- Plant Swap and Mothers Day Cookie Sale
- Spring and Fall NYC Bus Trips
- Trivia Night @ The Downtown Bistro
- "Boughs of the Holiday" Wreath Auction
- Knitting Classes

**One Time Funding  
from 2015-16:**

- \$10,000 for Renovations for the back room, including lighting, shelving, and the tile floor
- \$6,000 for new furniture to provide a comfortable, adaptable space for patrons, events, and a community meeting place

**Upcoming Events:**

- Booksigning with Ruby Silvious
- "Boughs of the Holiday" Wreath Auction during Christmas by the River

See over

## 2016 Annual Membership

Friends of the Heermance Memorial Library, Inc.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Support Level:  \$100.00    \$75.00    \$50.00    \$25.00    Senior: \_\_\_\_\_    Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Please make your checks payable to Friends of the Heermance Memorial Library, Inc.

room brought in more natural light, the moveable shelves, lighter chairs, and tables and have made the library an adaptable space for library and community events and meetings. On any given evening there are people in the new armchairs reading newspapers, others perusing books on the shelves, and adults and children using the computers. You can also find groups like The Hudson River Ukulele Club, The Alzheimer's Association Support Group, Heermance Library Knit and Crochet Fanatics, and The Hoot of the Owls meeting to make our community connected and vibrant.

The Friends advocate to our State Representatives and to our community of the library's role and importance. And the need for funding to keep library services available to all.

For the upcoming year we will continue to focus on programing and needed building improvements so the library can continue to serve our community. We will also continue to sponsor our yearly events.

We hope you will join us in reaching our fundraising goal of \$12,000. To support the library, you may make a donation on line at [heermancelibrary.org](http://heermancelibrary.org) or you may send a check payable to the Friends of the Heermance Memorial Library, Inc., in the enclosed envelope.

For more information on any event or to join us, contact us at [friendsfthml@gmail.com](mailto:friendsfthml@gmail.com) or 518-731-8084. We meet the second Wednesday of each month at 7pm at the Library.

The Friends of the Heermance Library, Inc., is a 501(c) (3) nonprofit organization. Your contribution is tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law.

With sincere thanks,

*Friends of the Heermance Memorial Library*

PS: Please like and follow us on Facebook for upcoming events.

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## Would you like to help the library in other ways?

"Please contact me; I'd love to participate in the following activities:"

- Annual appeal letter
- Set up/clean-up at library events
- Publicity/social media
- Working in the garden
- Baking/cooking for library events
- "I have a new fundraising idea"

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