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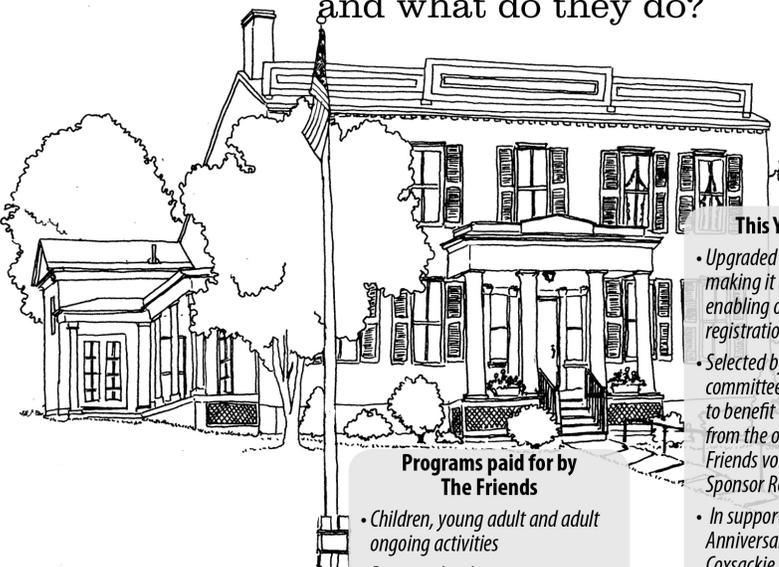


Meetings every second  
Thursday of the month  
At 7pm - All are welcome  
FriendsofHML@gmail.com  
Phone 518 731-8084

Dear Friend,

Thank you for being a vital part of the Coxsackie community through your support of the Friends of the Heermance Memorial Library. Our Friends group has a strong past record and continues to enhance our Library's ability to serve Coxsackie and the surrounding area. For example, did you know over one third of Coxsackie residents possess a library card? Here are some other highlights from our 2016 successes.

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



**Events Sponsored by  
The Friends:**

- Spring and Fall NYC bus trips
- Trivia Night at Che Figata
- "Bough to the Holidays" Wreath Auction

**Programs paid for by  
The Friends**

- Children, young adult and adult ongoing activities
- Passes to local museums
- "Battle of the Books" Team
- The Carol Martin Scholarship for a High School Senior
- Quilting and many other special classes
- The Halloween Party

**This Year's Highlights**

- Upgraded the online calendar making it user-friendly and enabling online program registration
- Selected by the "Hoot of the Owl" committee as one of 5 charities to benefit from any proceeds from the owl art auction – many Friends volunteered for the Sponsor Reception
- In support of the 150th Anniversary of the Village of Coxsackie, our Winter Tea Tasting Party was Victorian themed hosted by Eleanor Heermance
- The Friends applied for the Greene Correction Work Crew's assistance in maintaining the grounds and painting the entire interior and select exteriors of the library

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**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.

www.hml.lib.ny.us - One Ely Street, Coxsackie N.Y. 12051 - 518-731-8084

**Advocacy:** The Friends advocate to our State Representatives and community regarding the importance of the library's role and for supporting the restoration of NYS library funding.

**Programming:** The Friends group provides essential support for community programming at the library as a key priority. In 2016, we helped increase adult program sessions including, for example, "Learn to Knit." Through the assistance of our Friends group the library was able to provide an average of more than 4 children's programs per week such as several Cooking classes. This year the Friends group applied for a grant to further expand and enhance programs for all ages in 2018. All programs are free to the public.

Please help us continue our strong record of success into the coming year by providing a donation. The generous support we have enjoyed in the past is greatly appreciated, nonetheless, our library is facing the challenge of adapting to an increasingly digital world. Your support is needed more than ever.

Please mail a check made out to: "Friends of the Heermance Memorial Library" using the tear off below and the enclosed envelope. If you prefer you can use Paypal on the [heermancelibrary.org](http://heermancelibrary.org) website. We are a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization and donations are tax-deductible to the fullest extent allowed by law. All donations are acknowledged and receipts are available on request.

Along with contributing financially, please consider becoming involved with our organization. We meet once a month and work together preparing for, and helping out, with a variety of library activities. Feel free to contact us with any ideas regarding future programs, events and the expansion of resources. We hope to see you at the library!

With sincere thanks,

*Friends of the Heermance Memorial Library*

P.S. Don't forget to like and follow us on Facebook to learn about upcoming events!

Reminder – the library budget vote and Trustee elections are on October 17th, 10 am – 9 pm

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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"

The Friends of the Heermance Memorial Library meet the second Thursday every month at 7PM at the library. We hope you'll join us!