

## **Who are the Friends?**

The mission of the Friends is to raise funds, promote, and advocate on behalf of the Haverford Township Free Library.

The Friends:

- Provide significant funds for library acquisitions, programs and services.
- Stimulate greater interest and use of the library.
- Ensure the existence of the library for years to come.

Active since 2003, The Friends of the Haverford Township Free Library is a volunteer, 501(c)3 non-profit organization devoted to helping the library enrich the lives of community residents.

## **Friends' contributions since inception**

Since 2003, Friends' contributions have totaled more than **\$255,000**.

## **Fundraising results in 2018**

This was not as strong a year for fundraising as 2017, with total funds raised declining from **\$29,652** to **\$21,250**, a drop of **\$8,402**. The primary causes for this reduction were:

- The lack of a Silent Auction which grossed **\$6,800** in 2017
- Fall and Summer Book Sales took in **\$7,066** versus **\$8,488** in 2017, a drop of **\$1,422**
- Dues declined from **\$5,300** to **\$4,579**, a drop of **\$721**

The biggest bright spot was the Book Bundle sale, which surged from **\$344** in 2017 to **\$887** in 2018.

## **Members of the Friends**

A significant source of funding is your membership dues. In 2018, there were 99 members.

## **Friends' contributions to the library in 2018**

During 2018, the Friends of the Haverford Township Free Library contributed **\$19,937** to cover the cost of library programs, services, and supplies.

Our key contributions:

**\$6,250** to the library's capital campaign

**\$3,000** funding of the Summer reading program for kids and teens

**\$2,000** for the Sounds of Summer series

**\$1,900** for ten Wi-Fi hotspots

**\$1,200** for 24 Nook tablets

**\$1,350** for six Chromebook laptops

**\$777** funding of the Teen Book Club

**\$2,954** for Museum passes including:

- Academy of Natural Sciences
- Battleship New Jersey
- Brandywine Zoo
- Chanticleer
- Eastern State Penitentiary
- Elmwood Park Zoo
- Glencairn Museum
- Grounds for Sculpture
- Independence Seaport Museum
- Lancaster Science Factory
- Morris Arboretum

- Museum of the American Revolution
- Mutter Museum
- National Constitution Center
- National Museum of American Jewish History
- Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts
- Philadelphia's Magic Gardens
- Railroad Museum of Pennsylvania
- Simeone Foundation Automotive Museum
- Tyler Arboretum
- University of Pennsylvania Museum of Archaeology and Anthropology

**Become a member of the Friends of the Haverford Township Free Library Today**

All Friends are Volunteers

**Benefits of membership include:**

- 5-10 free DVD rentals per year
- \$5-\$20 of library fines forgiven per year
- \$5-\$20 Gift Certificate for the Friends' Annual Book Sale. Free entry to presale event
- Discount on entry fees to other Friends' events

**Join the Friends at: [friendsofthehtfl.org](http://friendsofthehtfl.org)**

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