

Library Volunteers and Friends Groups

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This issue of *The News* celebrates the role Friends play in libraries across Ohio. It also illustrates the diverse programs and activities undertaken by Friends groups, from the Cleveland State University Michael Schwartz Library Friends Group which hosts an Annual Scholars and Artists Reception to books being given to all newborn babies at the Wood County Hospital and clients of the Children's Resource Center in Bowling Green, sponsored by the Wood County District Library Friends. [more...](#)

Friends of the Cleveland State University Michael Schwartz Library

More than 20 years ago, a special steering committee at Cleveland State University was formed to initiate a library support organization. In 1987, the Friends of the Cleveland State University Libraries (now known as the CSU Michael Schwartz Library [MSL]) became a reality, complete with bylaws and a group of officers. Its first event was the rededication of the Hazel Collister Hutchison Contemporary Poetry Collection in May 1987. [more...](#)



Barlow Branch of the Washington County Public Library

The Barlow Branch of the Washington County Public Library was built in 1998 to serve the needs of the people in the Western Washington County area. The Friends of the Barlow Library was organized in 2000 as a group interested in books and libraries with a desire to help sponsor programs and exhibits, to encourage the gifts of books, materials, endowments and bequests to the Barlow Branch Library, to work with the library on special projects, and to promote the Branch's activities and services. [more...](#)

Volunteers: An Essential Part of Old Trail School's Meyo Library



Parents and grandparents have found a special place to share their time at the Old Trail School Meyo Library. There are 35 library volunteers this year who commit to helping in a variety of capacities in the library each month. There are some who have a weekly assignment while others are able to assist several times each month. We even have two mothers with infants who are able to bring their children with them when they volunteer. [more...](#)

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History of the Friends of the Toledo-Lucas County Public Library

The Friends of the Toledo-Lucas County Public Library organization was created to provide financial support for Library programs and other library functions that could not be supported by taxpayer dollars, such as levy campaigns. It began approximately in 1970 as a non-profit 501(c4) group staffed by volunteers. [more...](#)



Clermont County: A Community of Volunteers

"The strength of any community can be measured by how much its citizens give back. It can be measured by showing support, volunteering, or monetary or material donations – or, in the case of the Clermont County Public Library volunteers – a combination of all the above. In 2009, the Library welcomed 844 volunteers from every corner of Clermont County. They assembled carts of books, re-shelved, cleaned, gathered reading materials for homebound customers, assisted during programs and performed countless other tasks. [more...](#)

Friends of the Wood County District Public Library

The Friends of the Wood County District Public Library was formed by a group of like-minded library users who wished to help the library through volunteer service and fund-raising activities, to provide support for library programs and resources, and to be advocates for the library within the community. [more...](#)

Teen Volunteers @ TPL



Like many schools in Ohio, Twinsburg High School requires students to complete a certain number of hours of community service before they can receive their diploma. Our library is located next door to the high school; so naturally, many teens migrate through our doors

looking for opportunities to fulfill their community service obligation. We welcome them with open arms. [more...](#)

A Small Friends Group Makes a Big Difference at Shaker Library

What do Post-it® Notes, Cable News Network, and Friends of the Shaker Library have in common? They were all launched in 1980, but while Post-It Notes and CNN had huge organizations behind them, [more...](#)



Friends of the New London Library

New London's "Friends" got its start on December 5, 1982 and has been active continuously ever since. The group originated to coordinate volunteers as well as raise funds to help the library. At the time of its inception, the Library relied on volunteers to deliver books to shut-ins, conduct children's programs – including Summer Reading and a weekly story hour, show movies, and just about all library programming. Since the volunteers wished to expand their services, it was decided that one umbrella group should coordinate their efforts and the Friends were born. [more...](#)

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