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Friends of Decatur Public Library

Hello current and prospective Friends,

The 2018 Friends of the Library membership drive is underway, and I am inviting you to renew your membership or become a member for the first time. Paying your dues is the only requirement of being a Friend. There are no meetings to attend, so there is no concern about adding another activity to your busy schedule. The main benefit of joining is to provide vital financial support to our wonderful Decatur Public Library. The Friends exist to assist in the work and services provided by the library, and our help becomes more and more critical as public funding declines.

Our 2018 budget includes covering the expenses for new signage on the interior of the building. We will continue to spend \$8,000 to purchase downloadable books and to offer thousands of dollars for adult and children's programming (including the summer reading program), matching funds for grants, marketing and outreach, and a movie license for the year.

Friends membership and the used book sale room are the two major funding sources for our work. In 2017 proceeds from the book sale room were well over \$32,000, a number accomplished strictly through donated materials and 1400 hours of volunteer labor. If you've never visited us, please come take a look. You will be amazed at what you find. We welcome new volunteers, too.

Thank you for your continued support. Help us make 2018 another successful year.

Keep reading!

Susan Thompson

President