

Friends Facts


Mission

- To increase public awareness, understanding, and use of the Anoka County Library (ACL) system
- To organize public support for the eight Anoka County libraries through special events and programs, membership development, and fundraising.

How the Friends help

- Plan and conduct author talks and other library events
- Support the Summer Reading Program for kids
- Support the Teen Bookmark Contest
- Buy *Books-in-a-Bag* kits for reading and discussion groups
- Donate annually to the library system
- Promote the ACL libraries – some of the county’s most popular assets!

Questions?

- Call (763) 785-3695 (ACL admin.)
- Email: Friends@co.anoka.mn.us
- Join **Friends of the Anoka County Library** on facebook! 

Why be a member of the Friends?

- Your member dues and volunteerism help assure the library's continued ability to offer special events and programs which enhance the library experience and enrich the lives of library users.
- Anoka County libraries want *your input* on what a library should be to the community. Being a Friends member gives you a stronger voice for suggestions.
- Anoka County libraries work hard to be valuable to every Anoka County resident, regardless of age. This takes lots of time, money, and effort – and *you can help!*

How you can help ...

- **Become a member** of the Friends of ACL. We are a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization and your member dues are tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law.
- **Become a volunteer** to help at library events, making others aware of the Friends, and assist library staff as needed. Get involved and meet new people!
- **Become a Director** of the Friends Board. This dynamic body works with library administration to plan events and programs, and serves as a conduit to the Friends membership.

★★★ Friends of the Anoka County Library Membership ★★★

Please check membership level desired: (Membership year is January 1 through December 31.)

- Basic\$10 Sustaining\$100
- Contributor\$25 Benefactor\$250
- Sponsor\$50 Guarantor\$500 +
- Anonymous donation \$_____ (I want to contribute, but decline official membership.)

Total enclosed \$_____ (Extra amounts are needed and always appreciated!)

Please make your check payable to: **Friends of the Anoka County Library**

Name(s) _____ Phone (h c) (_____) _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Address _____ City _____

E-mail (clearly) _____ Would you like to receive email notices of events, etc.? Yes No

- I would like to volunteer with the Friends on special projects or events.
- I would like information about including the Friends of the Anoka County Library in my will.

Please clip and mail with dues to: **Friends of ACL Membership, 707 County Rd. 10 NE, Blaine, MN 55434-2398**

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Who can be a Friends member?

Anyone who **loves** their library!

- Parents
- Students
- Grandparents
- Pre-scholars
- Community members



Volunteer Opportunities

The Friends are always looking for volunteers with experience in community building, public advocacy, fundraising, or membership services.

Just check the box on the form included, and a Board member will contact you.



Anoka County Library Services

Anoka County Library is a system of eight libraries located throughout Anoka County. It also partners with the Columbia Heights Public Library.

Services include:

- Online catalog and free electronic databases at www.anoka.lib.mn.us.
- Internet access in library buildings.
- Reference and research assistance using print and premium electronic resources. Email a librarian at aclref@anoka.lib.mn.us, or phone (763) 717-3267, option 3.
- Interlibrary loan; librarians will help locate materials from other libraries.
- Summer Reading Programs for kids from preschool through high school age.
- Storytimes for children of all ages.
- Meeting rooms at most ACL libraries.
- Homebound services – ill or disabled county residents may have materials mailed to them. Call the Outreach Librarian, (763) 576-4695, option 4.

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Join us!

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