

YOU'RE INVITED! to join the Friends in 2009

WHEN: March is the time for renewal of your membership in the Friends of the Cambridge Community Library. Our membership year begins on April 1st.

WHY: There are some good reasons why others have joined:

- They are able to keep abreast of the ongoing activities at the Library by means of our newsletters and publicity postcards published by the Friends;
- They enjoy the members-only presales for books and plants;
- They like libraries and want to help fund better programs and/or purchases for the Library;
- They enjoy being in the company of other library supporters

For many of us, probably all four reasons apply to some extent.

HOW: Just send us the enclosed membership envelope. You will note that we have instituted new levels of membership.

___ Book Worm	\$5.00
___ Book Reader	\$15.00
___ Book Lover	\$25.00
___ Book Collector	\$50.00
___ Reserve List	\$100.00+

Of course, additional donations are gratefully accepted and appreciated.

We hope you do RSVP to this invitation and you can do so by returning the envelope enclosed in this newsletter. With your help, as our community grows, so does our commitment to our library and its' needs. Please join!



**THINK GREEN
SHARE AND RECYCLE**

Got Used Magazines?

Why not recycle them at the library? And by recycle, we mean sharing them with other patrons to get more use out of them before they hit the recycling plant. The Library and its Friends are sponsoring a magazine exchange. Bring your slightly used ones to the library, place them on the table in the hall near the library—and then just help yourself

to the ones you find there. The selection varies in titles and numbers from week to week, but, as the donations grow, so should the collection. The Library and Friends are making this joint effort to help patrons to think green, not only towards the Earth, but their purse too, since exchanging is cheaper than buying!

More Than Just Books . . .

If you haven't been in the library in awhile, we'd like to remind you of some of the services available at the Cambridge Community Library. We invite you to stop in for just a few minutes or for an afternoon. There's something for everyone. For more information on these services, please ask at the circulation desk or call 423-3900.

- Computer workstations with Internet, printer, and scanner access
- Limited computer and Internet advisory
- Wireless access

- Tax forms
- Fax service
- Photocopy service (color and b/w)
- Online databases
- Popular and specialized magazines
- Magazine exchange opportunity
- Variety of daily and weekly newspapers
- DVD and VHS checkout
- DVD rental – new releases for rent
- Music CD checkout
- Books on Tape or CD
- Family kits, puzzles, games, and toys
- Reader's advisory

Candidates Speak Out Regarding Library

Editor's Note: With the Spring election approaching, I asked the candidates for Cambridge Village President to respond in writing to two questions relating to the Cambridge Community Library which I could publish in the Friends' newsletter. Below you will find their responses as provided to me. Please note, that statements made in these comments have not been verified to be factual. These are simply the opinions of the candidates.

1. As the Cambridge Community Library is a department of the Village of Cambridge, State Statue makes the Village the party responsible for the Library. What specific role or responsibility do you feel the Cambridge Village Board has to ensure that the Cambridge Community Library is able to meet the needs of the local community?

Donn Trieloff response to Question 1
You are partially correct that the library is located within the Village and but when it was set up it was set as a Community Library. Please keep that in mind because that means that the library budget has to be approved by all affected municipalities as well as the village. We are NOT responsible for the library and it could close any time without any village involvement (not to say there would not be). I am troubled that many feel the library should be a village expense while at the same time screaming about higher taxes. If we took the library on as well it would raise taxes substantially. We need to work ("we" being the library and the village board) with surrounding townships as to usage and their responsibility to support a very important resource we have for this area. I do not feel the Village needs to foot the bills, as I cannot justify that to the taxpayers. Why would you living in Wood Haven want higher taxes to support a library that serves 75% of the users that are not in the village? It is a balancing act, but what it all boils down to is the "community" needs to support the community library, not just the Village residents. This would be very similar to just the Village Residents paying the entire school tax so that the

surrounding townships can come here to school. That would not be fair but I see no difference here at all. That said, I am in favor of a library and I have supported it well in my last 4 terms as trustee as well as 3 terms as president. You can go back and look at that. Sometimes not to everyone's agreement (like buying the Hide and Fur building, when I had the history to know that was a mistake, so I voted against supporting that purchase), I had donated countless hours in many other ways that will be discussed in item #2. I am frustrated with the past administration of the Library as during the same amount of time as they have had to build or acquire a building, I have built a water tower, a new water main project, a new road project and a new sewer treatment facility and I am currently working on a \$2 million water system upgrade. Thousands of grant dollars were lost by the library board when if they would just more forward, and not procrastinated, perhaps we would have more space (which is so badly needed), but someone needs to lead the charge, and by the same statue you cite, it cannot be the Village.

Jeff Milsap response to Question 1
I feel the role of the Village Board is that of a facilitator as well as to supply administrative support where needed. The Village Board should not identify the direction of the Cambridge Community Library but rather should listen to what the Library Board has to say about the direction that the Library needs to go to meet the needs of the local community. The Village Board should use its good offices to procure aid, support and recognition, when needed, as well as watch out for opportunities that might be available or becoming available at the county or state level. As the Village avails itself of new programs that enhance the Village as a place to work, those programs need to be communicated to the library staff and Board for incorporation within the context of the Library and its operations. Careful and direct two-way communication needs to occur so that new benefits or other Village initiatives do not have any unintended side effects. The goal should be to, at the very least, "do no harm".

2. How would you, as Village President, work with the Library Trustees, Library Steering Committee, and Friends of the Library to solve the current overcrowding problem faced by our library?

Donn Trieloff response to Question 2
As Village President I would continue my work with the Library and associated committee, etc... as I have been. I have helped look for grant dollars, it was my idea to add-on to the Community Center instead of building a redundant stand alone building in a low laying area (or anywhere), I have been instrumental in applying for every Grant I could find to help defray the cost of demolition of the existing Hide and Fur Building. In summary, experience is what makes a good President. While not in elected office all of the time, I have served 20 years in some manner for the Village Government as well as 20 years as a Firefighter and the Village's first EMT. I care about this village or I would never give up 40 years of "free time" to help people whether it be from a danger, or from a legislative stand point. Living here all of my 55 years comes with merit as well, as it gives me a lot of history that can prove to be invaluable.

Jeff Milsap response to Question 2
I would help you to get more space.

As the Village President, in concert with the library board and the friends of the library, I would endeavor to open lines of communication to Oakland, Rockdale and Christiana and see if we can propose a joint bonding referendum. Alternatively a non binding question that would gauge the receptiveness of all the contacted parties. It might even be three separate referenda. We wouldn't have to have an all or nothing proposition. At that point we could see what is out there for matching funds and pair down the size of the bond and then sell it to the voters as a per house per month cost. If we can get the support to bond, we can raise the money fairly quickly. The bottom line is that you won't get any feedback until you ask the question.

Comments on the candidate responses, or anything else in this newsletter, are welcome at info@cambridgelibraryfriends.org.

Book Discussion Groups

MONDAY EVENING BOOK GROUP

This group meets on the 2nd Monday of each month at the library. New members are welcome at any time. There is no pressure to attend every session! Come when you can. Selections this Spring are:

- March 9th** *Midwives*
by Chris Bohjalian
- April 13th** *Three Cups of Tea*
by Greg Mortenson
- May 11th** *Lovely Bones*
by Alice Seybold

Call the library with questions at 423-3900.

WEDNESDAY EVENING BOOK CLUB

This group meets the 3rd Wednesday of the month. This group, also known as the Ladies' Rhythm and Movement Society, has limited its members to 12, but has a waiting list at the circulation desk.