



Joan Behm, Cathy Yerges, Sharon Erb, Mary Gjerme, Tara Michalski, Kathy Grunwald at the 2009 Annual Meeting

## Library Capital Campaign

submitted by Sharon Erb

In December, the Library Capital Campaign Committee (previously named the Steering Committee) called upon members of the community to "brainstorm" ideas on how to make the expansion of the library a reality. Many good proposals were made, such as better communication with the public; searching for local, regional, state and national grants; seeking low-interest loans; acquisition of used Madison library equipment; and other thoughtful ideas that will be added to the Committee's structure for fundraising.

As a result of the federally declared disaster in 2008 due to severe storms and flooding, the Village of Cambridge was able to apply for a grant for federal funds for disaster relief. The funds would be used for the demolition of the old furrier building. This site had previously been selected for a new library until the property was flooded

and was designated to be in the flood plain. We will be receiving a response in late February as to whether our application was accepted.

Also in 2009, the Committee was diligent in obtaining unanimous support for the expansion of the library through resolutions approved by the villages of Cambridge and Rockdale and the towns of Oakland and Christiana. This was a big step forward and necessary for our future fundraising efforts.

The Committee will continue its search for grants, as well as seek financial support from corporations, businesses, and individuals. We welcome your participation, support, and ideas. Please be assured that we will be good stewards of any amount of donations. Our goal is your library!



Sharon Erb, Dale Yerges, Kathy Grunwald, Margit Ohrn at the 2009 Art & Craft Fair



Katie Gould, Kathy Grunwald, and Pat Finn at the 2009 Art & Craft Fair

## Books at Home Program

The Friends have kicked-off a new home delivery service which allows us to share the resources of our community library with folks who are homebound in the Cambridge area. To date, five patrons of the library are having their books delivered right to their door step, thanks to volunteers Pam Riechmann, Katie Gould, Sue Beard, Doris Rusch, and Bruce Summers. They all deliver books to their at-home-partner once a month,

as well as return the books to the library. Thanks especially to our librarian, Joan Behm, who provides guidance in book selection. We still have several volunteers waiting in the wings for a homebound patron with whom they can partner up. If you know of anyone who would qualify for this program, or if you are interested in having this service yourself, please contact the library at 423-3900.

## Be a Friend in 2010 - Support the Cambridge Community Library

We have lots of plans for 2010! Please help us continue to fund these programs by joining the Friends of the Library. In addition to knowing that you are supporting a vital part of our community, membership entitles you to attend

the pre-sales for our annual used book and plant sales, our annual Chocolate Event, and to receive special invitations to events. Thank you for supporting the Friends!

**Why support the Friends of the Cambridge Community Library?**  
**Where else in town can you find:**

<b>Book groups</b>	In 2009 we ran two monthly book clubs
<b>Workshops</b>	In 2009 we sponsored 2 month-long classes on job seeking & the Internet
<b>Programs</b>	In 2009 we invited Lisa Summers to talk about companion planting
<b>Family events</b>	In 2009 we hosted a Summer Family Fun Night featuring Ken Lonquist
<b>Free access to materials</b>	In 2009 we purchased several subscriptions to children's magazines, two memberships in the Rotating Books-on-Cassette

## Friends of the Library 2010 Calendar of Events

May 22, Saturday	Plant Sale - Amundson Center 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
August 6 & 7, Friday & Saturday	Annual Used Book Sale - Amundson Center Member Only Pre-sale: 8:00 - 9:00 a.m., Friday Sale open to the public: 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m., Friday & Saturday
November 6, Saturday	Annual Art & Craft Fair -At Cambridge High School 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
November 18, Thursday	Friends of the Library Annual Meeting - At the Amundson Center

### Plant Sale

Our plant sale has continued to be a success year after year. Prior to the sale, volunteers accept donated plants that have been divided from gardens, potted in temporary containers (or bagged), and labeled. Because all of the plants are from local gardens, they have proven themselves hardy in our climate. Thanks to these donations, there is an incredible variety of vigorous plants for people to select from at exceptional prices. Some indoor plants are also available.

— donated over the course of the year— are available at our book sale each August. Many genres are on hand and everyone can find something to take home. Donations of gently used books are accepted at the library throughout the year.

### Art & Craft Fair

A gathering of many talented regional and national artists and crafters offering original hand-made items. This is our biggest fundraiser. There is also a raffle and bake sale at this popular event .

### Book Sale

This is the place to come to buy great books by the bagful at unbeatable bargain prices! Hundreds of books

The Friends will be holding general membership meetings for our members and the interested public on the following dates:

Thursday, April 1st  
6:30-7:00 p.m.

Thursday, June 24  
6:30-7:30 p.m.

Senior Room,  
Amundson Center

At these evening meetings we will discuss upcoming events and library news, activities, programming, and opportunities for volunteering. Refreshments will be served. Please join us!

## Library Meetings

Library Board of Trustees  
First Wed. of every month. Open meetings. Amundson Center - 7p.m.

Friends of the Library  
First Thurs. of every month  
Amundson Center - Senior Room  
12 p.m.

## Ways to Get Involved

- Dig and divide plants for the May plant sale.
- Move and sort books for the annual book sale.
- Assist with the Job Workshops by mentoring participants during class.
- Donate a silent auction item, themed-basket, or raffle item for our fundraisers.
- Assist with the coordination of vendors for the Art and Craft Fair.
- Coordinate the volunteers who deliver books to the homebound.
- Help design posters and flyers for our events.
- Organize and shelve books at the library.
- Share a skill or craft during story time.
- Encourage others to join you in supporting the Friends

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