



Cambridge Library

Library Meetings

December

- 7 - at 7 pm – Library Board Meeting, Board Room, Amundson Center
- 18 - at 6:30 pm, Friends' Publicity Committee Meeting, Library

January

- 2008 Dane County Reads event starts. Additional information available at the library.
- 9 - at 7 pm – Library Board Room Meeting – Board Room Amundson Center
- 14 - at 9 am – Friends' Board Meeting – Senior Room Amundson Center
- 15 - at 6:30 pm – Friends' Publicity Committee Meeting – Library

February

- 6 - at 7 pm – Library Board Meeting – Board Room, Amundson Center
- 11 - at 9 am – Friends' Board Meeting – Senior Room Amundson Center
- 19 - at 6:30 pm – Friends' Publicity Committee Meeting – Library

What can I do to help my Library?

In an effort to raise funding for new materials the Friends of the Library is excited to implement Bucks for Books.

What is Bucks for Books?

It's a very simple fundraiser that anyone who shops for gasoline, groceries, clothing, tools, etc. can participate in. By pre-purchasing gift cards you can give back to the Friends of the Library? Most people only buy gift cards for special occasions like birthdays or Christmas. Now, you can buy gift cards for not only the hard to shop for person but purchase them for yourself on everyday purchases like gas and groceries. The best part is a percentage of proceeds go back to you and the Cambridge Library!

There is a large selection of Simplified SCRIP™ Gift Cards to choose from, the same gift cards the stores carry. With each SCRIP™ Gift Card purchase, the merchant issuing the card makes a contribution to the Friends of the Library. It's that easy!

You may either order online at www.simplifiedscrip.com or order through the mail by completing an order form that you pick up from the library.

Your gift card order is shipped directly to your home.

How does buying gift cards from Simplified SCRIP help the Friends of the Library?

When you buy gift cards from Simplified SCRIP™, a percentage is donated from the merchant to the Friends of the Library.

Are SCRIP™ Cards the same as Gift Cards you can purchase at a store?

Yes. The only difference is that when purchased through the Simplified SCRIP™ program, the Friends of the Library will benefit with a monetary contribution from the merchant.

Are There Any Additional Costs To Me?

Each Simplified SCRIP™ gift card is sold at face value to you. You will be charged \$1 or less per order for shipping. The higher the order, the lower the shipping cost. Orders of \$300 or more are shipped free.

Does the percentage that the Friends of the Library earns come from me or from the gift card merchant?

When you buy gift cards from Simplified SCRIP™, a percentage is donated to the Friends of the Library by the gift card merchant and a percentage is given back to the you, the purchaser.

This is a split fundraiser. Giving the library 40% and you the shopper 60%. Everyone Wins!

For example, if you buy a \$50 Boston Store SCRIP™ gift card, your Boston Store SCRIP™ gift card is worth \$50 and the 6% is donated by Boston Store to the Friends of the Library.

6%
2% = Friends of the Library
4% = you the purchaser.

For a complete list of participating stores and their percentage value stop in at the library desk for a packet of information or go to www.simplifiedscrip.com

Is there a minimum order quantity to participate?

No. There is no minimum order quantity or dollar amount required to participate.

How will I know how much my Simplified SCRIP™ purchases have earned for the Friends and myself?

With each order, you will receive a summary of the total amount of dollars raised from that purchase.

Can friends and relatives participate in the program?

Yes. When they complete their orders, have them choose the Friends of the Cambridge Library as the recipient of the merchant donations.

When will I receive my SCRIP gift cards once I order?

You should receive the SCRIP gift cards in approximately 7 business days from the time your order is received.

Why can't I pay by credit card?

Credit card transactions may cost as much as 3% of the purchase. To ensure a donation is created with each purchase Simplified SCRIP™ can not accept credit cards as a form of payment. By paying by check or ACH withdrawal from your checking account, Simplified SCRIP™ can save the transaction fees credit cards charge and pass the savings on to Friends of the Library.

Do the gift cards expire?

Each merchant has different terms and conditions listed on the back of the gift card for your review. Prior to purchase, you may visit the card-issuing merchant website to view any expiration rules or restrictions.



Welcome Patty Hoggatt

Please welcome Patty Hoggatt, children's librarian, to the Cambridge Library. Patty is looking forward to enhancing the library programs available to young people and their families. She will be introducing new books, action songs and craft activities during storytime.

New! Family Story Times and Family Kits: The family kit will be featured at a family story time and include a variety of materials about a specific topic.

Our first Family Story Time will be Thursday, December 20, from 7:00 – 7:30 pm. This family event will include holiday stories and sing-alongs! Bring the whole family for a short break during the holiday rush.

And don't forget Children's Story Time, Wednesday and Friday mornings.

**Winter story times:
9:30-10:15 am,
January 23-March 14.**

A Sneak peek to summer: The 2008 Summer Reading Program theme is "Catch the Reading Bug" and will be introduced in May. Please mark your calendars!

Volunteering

Have you ever considered volunteering for the library? We are looking for all ages to "Adopt-A-Shelf" and help keep our shelves nice and neat! This can be done as often as once a month. What a great way to teach kids about how books are catalogued! Contact Joan at the library for more information.

Book Sale !!

Do have books, videos, or DVD's you have viewed and would like to pass along to a good cause. The library is now taking those items to organize for our annual book sale held every August. Bring your gently used items to the library and we will be happy to take them off your hands!

You're Invited

Join the Friends for coffee on January 14th at 9 am as they embark on a new year of activities in support of the Cambridge Community Library. We will be meeting in the Senior Room of the Amundson Center to discuss the programming and fundraising activities that we would like to coordinate this year. Bring your ideas and input. Bring a friend too – all are welcome.