

## JOIN THE FRIENDS Membership Application

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### Membership Levels

- \$150 - Lifetime
- \$8/year - Individual
- \$5/year - Senior (65+)
- \$\_\_\_\_\_ Angel Donation

### Volunteers Welcome

I'm interested in volunteering. Please contact me for:

- Hospitality
- Book Sales
- Fundraising Events
- Event Confirmation Calling
- Friends' Café
- Friends' Book Store

Make check payable to Friends of the Bristol Public Library. Mail or deliver the form and payment to Friends of the Library, 5 High Street, Bristol, CT 06010.

### COME TO A MEETING

General membership meetings are held in January, April and September at the Bristol Public Library. Membership is open to anyone interested in making a difference. Simply visit the Friends' section of the library website for meeting dates or complete the attached application.

### COME TO ENJOY THE CAFÉ

Sip a cup of coffee or tea while enjoying the charm of the Friends' Café on the second floor of the Bristol Library. Browse the books, puzzles, DVDs, and CDs for sale, or settle into a comfortable chair to study, read or relax.

### COME TO SHOP AT OUR BOOK STORE

The Friends' Book Store, on the lower level of the Bristol Library, is home to a large collection of adult fiction, all genres of non-fiction, coffee table books, and children's and young adult books. The Book Store hours are posted in the Friends' section of the library website.

### COME TO VISIT OUR MEMORIAL / HONOR WALL

Memorialize or honor a friend or family member with a nameplate on our Memorial/Honor Wall at the Bristol or Manross Library. Your gift provides a lasting and heartfelt way to pay tribute to someone special. Gift instruction forms are available at the circulation desk at both libraries.



We invite you to learn more about the Friends and the work we do, and hope you'll join us in our goal to support and promote the libraries as educational, cultural and recreational assets to the city of Bristol.

**Bristol Public Library**  
5 High Street  
Bristol, CT 06010

**F.N. Manross Memorial Library**  
260 Central Street  
Forestville, CT 06010

Contact the Friends:  
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[info@folbristolct.org](mailto:info@folbristolct.org)  
860-584-7787, ext. 2033



## Who Are The Friends?

The Friends of the Bristol Public Library is a non-profit organization established in 1980 to support the libraries and to provide volunteers. Our purpose is to promote and advocate for the libraries as educational, cultural, and recreational assets to the community. Our dedicated volunteers raise funds to enhance and supplement a variety of library programs. In addition, we purchase materials, equipment and other items not ordinarily funded by the annual library budget.

## How Can You Help?

- Join the Friends
- Volunteer your time and talent
- Attend our fundraising events
- Donate books and other media
- Donate a nameplate to the Memorial/Honor Wall

As a volunteer organization our success is dependent upon the energy, enthusiasm, and commitment of our members. Sign up today!

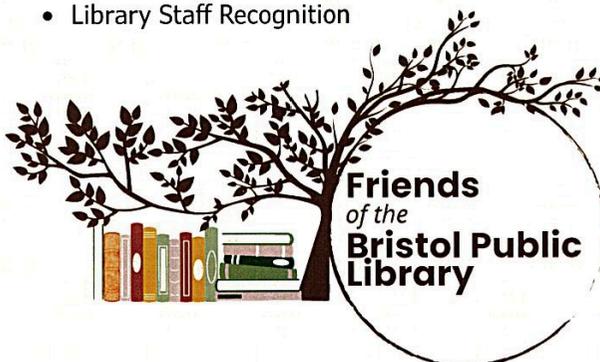
## What Do We Do?

The Friends of the Library volunteers support the libraries in many different ways. We help the library staff prepare for programs and community events, provide hospitality for special programs, and assist with the annual Author Luncheon.

Within the Friends organization we administer the book sales, coordinate fundraising events, maintain our online presence, manage book donations and staff the Friends' Café and the Friends' Book Store.

Through our membership fees, donations and book sales we help finance a variety of services and programs, including:

- Museum Passes
- Sponsorship Programs
- BookPage Magazine
- Author Luncheon
- Children's, Teen and Adult Programs
- Summer and Winter Reading Programs
- Program Refreshments and Supplies
- Library Staff Recognition



## All About the Books

The Friends rely on the sale of donated books as our primary source of income, and we depend on the community's generosity to help raise those funds. Books and other donated media can be purchased at our five-day Winter Book Sale, and mini-sales held in June and December. Check out the Friends' section of the library website and BookSaleFinder.com for information on upcoming book sales.

On-going sales areas allow shopping whenever the libraries are open. Books, music and movies are sold in the Manross Library lobby and in several locations in the Bristol Library:

- Across from the first floor elevator
- In the lobby at the entrance to the Reading Room
- In the Friends' Café on the second floor

Donations are gratefully accepted throughout most of the year at the Manross and Bristol Libraries. Please refer to the donation guidelines in the Friends' section of the library website before donating.