

**PLEASE JOIN
THE FRIENDS
OF THE LIBRARY**

**TO PROVIDE SUPPORT IN
ANY FORM —MONETARY,
VOLUNTEERING, INSPIRATION.**

**Membership forms are
available at the desk of the
Rusk County Community
Library, in the Booktique,
and by mail from the
secretary, R. Meszaros .**

Dues are minimal:

Adult..... \$2/year

Family..... \$5/year

Lifetime..... \$100 once

**Meetings are held
quarterly in the Lower
Level of the Library.**

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**BOOKTIQUE
HOURS**

**WHENEVER THE WHITE A-
FRAME SIGNS ARE OUT!**

**The schedule is
posted in the Library.
Hours change frequently
due to volunteers'
schedules, so call ahead if
coming from a long
distance.**

**THE BOOKTIQUE STOCKS
ALL SORTS OF BOOKS,
MAGAZINES, VIDEOS, DVDS, CDS,
AUDIOBOOKS, MAPS --
WHATEVER MEDIA IS DONATED.**

**PRICES ARE VERY
REASONABLE.**

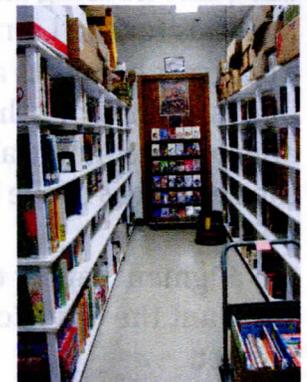
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**FRIENDS OF THE
RUSK COUNTY
COMMUNITY LIBRARY
("THE FRIENDS" OR
FOL)**

AND

**BOOKTIQUE
USED BOOK SHOP**

**LOWER LEVEL OF LIBRARY
418 W. CORBETT
LADYSMITH, WI 54848**



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MISSION

The Friends of the Library (FOL), composed entirely of volunteers, was set up with these goals:

- To promote knowledge of the functions, resources, services, and needs of the Library;
- To foster a closer relationship between the Library and the citizens of the Rusk County area;
- To serve as a medium through which FOL members may share their enthusiasm for all library resources;
- To promote the development of programs for the extension and improvement of library services and resources;
- To aid in the provision of adequate housing and other facilities for the Library;
- To attract bequests and gifts of books, money or other appropriate materials beyond the resources of the library budget,
- To augment rather than supplant the City/County budget.

ACTIVITIES

Over the past twenty years the Friends of the Library has provided over \$62,000 for tangible gifts to the Library and support for community programs. Many of these Friends' contributions were not advertised at large, but their impact on the operations of the Library and on the cultural life of the community have definitely been felt.



HP laptop and digital projector

In addition to monetary support, members of the Friends were deeply involved with planning for and seeking support for the construction of the new Library which now graces our community.

The FOL also initiates or supports many community-oriented cultural events such as its Winter Cultural Nights and Summer Reading Programs.

RECOGNITION

In recognition of the countless hours of work at the Booktique and Big Book Sales and the provision of programs and material benefits to the Library and the community, in 2011 the Greater Ladysmith Area Chamber of Commerce awarded the FOL the Civic Organization of the Year Award, and in 2013 awarded the FOL the Green Award for recycling books back into circulation and using recycled materials in its operations.

THE BOOKTIQUE

The sole fundraising activity of the FOL is the volunteer-staffed used-book store, the Booktique, in the lower level of the Library, and periodic Big Book Sales. Along with providing funds for library materials and community projects, these book sales also benefit the community by allowing area residents to purchase used books at very reasonable cost, increasing their chances for self-education and quiet, inexpensive recreation. The Booktique also allows residents to dispose of unwanted materials, which when sold benefit the Library in a very effective system for recycling media.