



Newsletter

Friends of
Ritter Public Library
 a 501.C3 non profit



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Friends Mission Statement

The Friends are dedicated to focusing public attention on library services, facilities and needs; helping to promote the use and enjoyment of the library; and developing supplemental funding for the library. **The Friends have pledged/donated more than \$13,750 since 2020.** Our board meets every 1st Mon. of the month at 2pm in the library. Guests are always welcome!

Our Fundraisers: Every day, you can find dozens of gently used books-some right from the library shelves- for sale at **The Friends’ Ongoing Book Sale**, located inside the main entrance. We also accept donations of books inside the east entrance near the Book Return slots.

***Large donations require an appointment, please. Call 440-967-3798.**

We also sell Tri-stick, easy grip pens and re-usable, Earth-friendly book bags each only \$1 available at the circulation desk. Thank you for supporting **Friends!**

Help Wanted: ANNUAL BOOK SALE!

Volunteers are needed: Mon. Jan. 31 & Tues. Feb. 1 (10-4pm) and Sat.Feb.5 (12-5:30) after the sale to take down books). If you can help, please contact: Dee Stinson 967-6281 or Marilyn Brill 988-4550 to schedule a time.* We also need boxes and bags! Thank you!

Wed. Feb.2 is Friends-Only Pre-Sale Night from 4:00-7:30. ***Absolutely NO SCANNERS on Wed.**

***Not a Friends member? You can join at the door for \$5!**

Sale Dates for the public are: **Thurs. Feb.3** (10-6:30) **Fri. Feb.4** (10-5) **Sat. Feb.5** (10-12) Sat. is “Fill a Bag/Make a Donation to **Friends**” Day”.

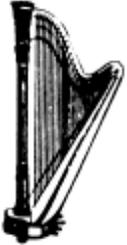
Please visit us on Sat. during “Ice A Fair” to see the amazing sculpture **The Friends’** sponsored!

The Friends also sponsor the “Little Free Libraries” that you see in various locations around Vermilion. If you have gently used or new books to donate, please contact

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Friends Present: a series of free musical programs open to the public: Co-Sponsored by the Ritter Public Library Foundation

Please join us for a free concert on March 20, 2:30 when we welcome:



Cecilia Ilg McKay has been playing the harp since she was eight years old. She studied privately under Professor Laura Erb (of the Baldwin-Wallace Conservatory of Music) for 11 years - from 1961-1972. She has been providing services for private engagements such as weddings, receptions, memorial services, anniversary celebrations, corporate dinners, etc. She has performed with the Lorain County Civic Orchestra, the TrueNorth Symphony and Chorale, in many musicals, and plays on a regular basis at various local churches. Cecilia has released three CD's, containing popular music, Christmas music and Christian favorites. They are available for \$16 (includes tax).

April 3, 2:30 pm -Brian Bigley, Irish Singer and dancer- Brian comes from a musical family on Cleveland's West side. At age 8 he began studying with Achill Island piper Michael Kilbane, where he learned to play the Uilleann pipes. He also studied the art of pipe making with Seth Gallagher and master flute maker Patrick Olwell to become a pipe maker, which he currently does. Brian is also a world-class Irish step dancer and has toured extensively throughout North America and Europe as a piper, flute and whistle player, and dancer. Brian lives near Cleveland with his fiddler wife, Kristen, and their 2 dancing children.



Happy New Year from **Friends of Ritter** Library!