

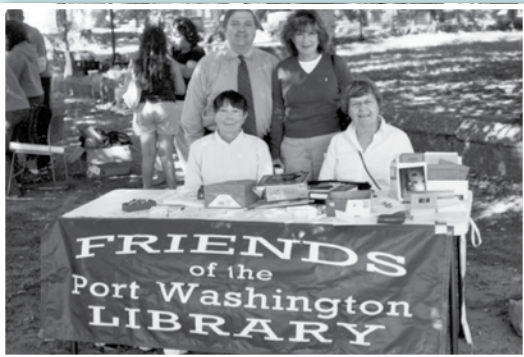
# ADVOCATING FOR THE LIBRARY

The core group of Friends was formed in 1966 to rally the public for the construction of a new library, the building you visit today. In 1998, when the library planned a major renovation and expansion, the Friends once again encouraged community support for the project's bond issue.

But the Friends' role as an informed citizen lobby on behalf of the library goes beyond capital projects. The Friends is the sole group that advocates for passage of the library budget and encourages voter participation. When support letters need to be written or phone calls made to government officials on vital issues, the Friends organizes the advocacy campaign.

Friends board members meet regularly with the library director, attend meetings of library associations, and organize information sessions with other Friends groups. The Friends also represents the library at community events such as Harborfest and Residents for a More Beautiful Port Washington's Party in the Park (pictured), maintaining an information table and presenting a friendly face to the public.

The Friends is a member of the Empire Friends Roundtable of the New York Library Association and the Association of Library Trustees, Advocates, Friends and Foundations.



## SPECIAL FRIENDS EVENTS

In addition to providing financial support for library events, the Friends conceives and produces its own distinctive programs.

### Richard D. Whittemore Book & Author Luncheon



This annual spring luncheon has been the Friends' signature event for more than 40 years. Among the illustrious authors

who have appeared are John Berendt, A. Scott Berg, Geraldine Brooks, Nelson DeMille, Carlos Eire, Arthur Golden, Alice Hoffman, Susan Isaacs, Dennis Lehane, David Nasaw, Daniel Paisner, Jayne Anne Phillips, Mimi Sheraton, Dava Sobel, Judith Thurman, George Vecsey and Meg Wolitzer.

### Ruth D. Bogen Memorial Lecture

This annual lecture features a literary theme and is given by a noted scholar or author. Programs have included "What is a Classic?" and "The Future of the English Language."

### FOL University

Modeled on the popular concept of a one-day university, this event features multiple lectures by college professors all presented on a single day within the library.

### Friends & Family Days

This annual fall event showcases the library as a friendly meeting place for patrons of all ages and typically includes lectures and family films, among other programs.

### Paperback Swaps

The Friends organizes regular book swaps at which patrons can share gently used paperbacks.

## SPECIAL FRIENDS INITIATIVES

### The Ruth D. Bogen Memorial Fund

The Ruth D. Bogen Memorial Fund was created in 2000 as the result of a substantial gift to the Friends by the family of longtime board member and volunteer Ruth Bogen. The Fund's mission is to support the purchase of literary classics and other works of significance. The Friends manages the Fund's investment and makes an annual gift to the library from its proceeds. Since its inception, the Fund has contributed nearly \$40,000 to the book budget, adding thousands of volumes to the library's shelves.

### Friends of the Library Award

The Friends of the Library Award, established in 1991, honors individuals for their outstanding and inspired service to the library over many years. The recipients have been:

- 1991 Richard D. Whittemore
- 1993 Henry G. Salomon
- 1995 Ruth Wallace Feingold  
Jacqueline Stark Wood
- 2001 Ruth D. Bogen
- 2003 Joyce and Robert Fieldsteel
- 2010 Martin Vogel
- 2011 Beverly Halm, Joan Gay Kent

### Note Cards of Old Port Washington

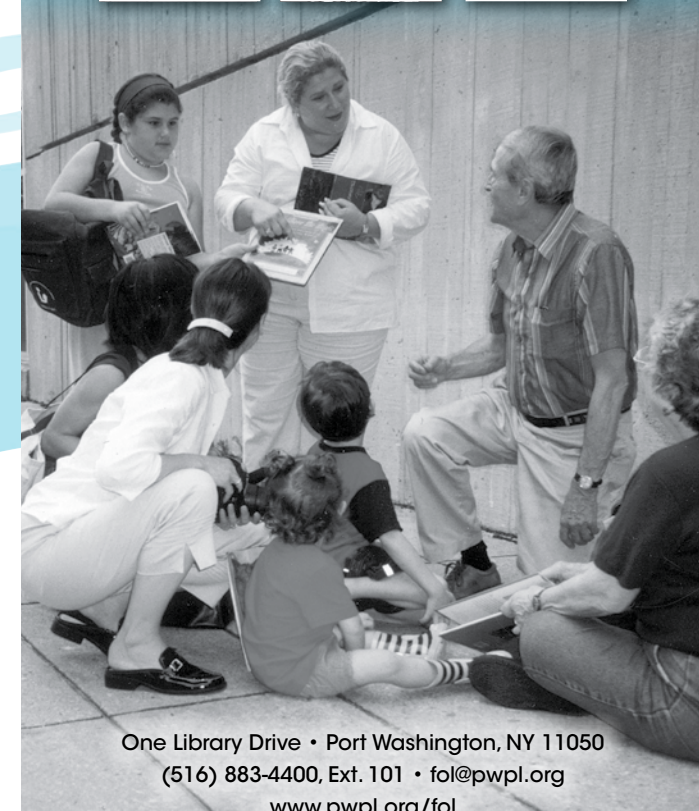
The Friends produces note cards featuring striking images of "Old Port Washington," circa early 1900s. Boxes containing 20 cards and envelopes are available for sale at the circulation desk in the lobby. The photos were selected from the Local History Collection.

### Equipment and Displays

Look for plaques and signage throughout the building identifying Friends-funded programs and equipment, including the bulletin boards in the lobby and the outdoor drop-boxes.



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## WHAT ARE FRIENDS FOR?

The Friends of the Library (FOL) has been an active ally of the Port Washington Public Library and its patrons for more than 40 years. You know us as one of the longest-serving library volunteer organizations on the North Shore.

The Friends is dedicated to strengthening the ties between our library and community, and to advancing the library's mission as a center for lifelong learning, information and culture. The Friends supports the library through volunteerism, programming, fundraising, outreach and advocacy.

*"Friends' support helps to transform the library's activities from the ordinary to the extraordinary."*

NANCY CURTIN, LIBRARY DIRECTOR

Founded in 1966, the FOL is an independent, nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization with its own board of directors. The Friends sends an annual appeal letter and then manages the monies it receives to respond to the library's needs.

## MEET THE FRIENDS BOARD OF DIRECTORS



# WHAT FRIENDSHIP MEANS TO OUR LIBRARY

Each fiscal year, at the library's request, the Friends provides funding to the library departments, helping to make up the difference between the library's budget and the realities of programming and materials costs. Key programs and services that depend on Friends' support include:

- \* **MUSEUM PASS PROGRAM**, providing free admission passes to numerous museums in the metro area
- \* **ETHNIC AND WORLD FESTIVALS**
- \* **MATERIALS FOR THE LIBRARY'S ESOL PROGRAM AND CITIZENSHIP CLASSES**
- \* **TUTOR.COM**, a free online homework-help service for students from grades K-12
- \* **BORN TO READ** early literacy program
- \* **GREAT LIBRARY CARD ADVENTURE**, inspiring some 1,000 youngsters to explore the children's room
- \* **LIBRARY WEBSITE UPGRADES AND ENHANCEMENTS**, providing round-the-clock access to library databases and services
- \* **ADULT PROGRAMS AND LECTURES**, including "Sandwiched In" lunchtime series
- \* **TEEN READ WEEK**, teen summer workshops, and author lectures at middle school and high school
- \* **BOOK CLUB IN A BAG**, facilitating local book clubs with more than 100 titles
- \* **RIDE AND READ** summer book-lending program at Long Island Railroad station offering popular paperbacks to commuters
- \* **FILM AND PHOTOGRAPHY PROGRAMS**
- \* **"SOUND SWAP"** contemporary music series
- \* And many more!

*"Strengthening the bonds between a dynamic community and its informational and cultural center"*



Pictured left, first row (l to r): Pamela O'Connell, Secretary Eleanor Rybecky, Vice President Nancy Wright, President Amy G. Bass, Vice President Ellen Zimmerman. Second row: Selma Willner, Margaret DeSiervo, Robert Drew, Karen Gordon, Beverly Halm, Treasurer Tinu Thakore, Carol Hiller, Sylvia Kamisher, Lauren Smith.

## DONATE TODAY!

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Gifts can also be made "in honor of" and "in memory of" an individual or special occasion. We actively seek donors for naming and sponsorship opportunities of FOL events and initiatives. We welcome your inquiries.