

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

Friends of the Library have been in existence since 1982. While somewhat active before Oriskany Public Library moved to its new location, the Friends of the Library have since renewed their efforts.

Approximately 20 members are in the organization. They meet the 1st Thursday of the month. Membership is a \$1.00 a year per member.

Revenues come from fund raisers, membership and some private donations. They usually plan at least two fund raisers a year, one being a yard sale and another a bake sale during election time. These two events bring in the most money.

Friends of the Library decide how to assist the Oriskany Public Library through the Library Director or the Board of Trustees. Their main purpose is to bring people to the library and promote reading. Friends sponsor various speaker programs--both , paid and volunteer. In addition to benefiting the community, these programs earn "points" toward the Mid-York Challenge Program. In 1992, \$700 of \$1,600 received from the Mid-York Challenge Program was a direct result of efforts by the Friends of the Library.

Donations are not limited to speakers and events; The Oriskany Public Library is in debt to the Friends of the Library for equipment including filing cabinets, outdoor signs and computers.

Their volunteer services are greatly appreciated by the Oriskany Public Library and the Community.