

How To Love Your Library

Library Lovers' Month is a month-long celebration of school, public, and private libraries of all types. This is a time for everyone, especially library support groups, to recognize the value of libraries and to work to assure that the Nation's libraries will continue to serve.

♥ Contribute @your library™

Consider a tax-deductible gift to your library. Many libraries have memorial programs, endowments and other opportunities to support quality library services. Some other ways you can contribute to your library are:

- Donate your time, money, and expertise to your library.
- Buy your library a subscription to a popular magazine.
- Honor a friend or relatives' birthday with book for the library.
- Donate a book...or a whole shelf of books.
- Remember your library in your estate planning.
- Write a check to your library's Foundation/Friends group.
- Give to the library through your company's matching program for charitable giving.

♥ Be A Friend @your library™

Join the Friends of the Library, a support group of volunteers who provide fundraising and other assistance for the library. As a member, you will be kept informed of library funding issues.

- Donate your used books for the Friends Book Store and Cart Sales.
- Give the gift of membership to a friend or relative.
- Use your skills to help with programs and fundraising events.
- Find new resources for the Friends.
- Develop and publish a Friends "Wish List" for potential donors.
- Volunteer to work in the Friends Library Book Store.

♥ Volunteer @your library™

Volunteer your time. Opportunities might include delivering reading materials to shut-ins, helping kids with homework after school or being a "grandparent" reader to preschool children. Other ways to volunteer include:

- Offer a committed helping hand to your library's staff.
- Become a literacy tutor.
- Present an adult program.
- Read stories to children.
- Help out the Friends of the Library.