



## Friends of the Seymour Library Annual Membership Drive 2021

Dear Current or Future Member of the Friends of the Seymour Library:

As we slowly return to our busy lives, we want to thank all of you who supported The Friends over this past difficult year. The pandemic turned life at the Library upside down and inside out but the Library is now open for business! Please note Monroe County Department of Health operating guidelines remain in effect.

During this time, the participation and support of the Friends has become an especially vital part of meeting the needs of the Seymour Library. The Friends raise money for a variety of purposes, including helping to support Children, Teen, and Adult activity programming. How these programs are presented has changed in format over the last year. The librarians have worked hard to present programming remotely. They are working hard to keep patrons learning, engaged, and comfortable in an environment that may be out of their comfort zone. Please remember, most of the take home and online programs cost money, just like the in-person programs that we are used to. This means the Library continues to need the support of the Friends.

The Friends understand that some of our patrons have not moved into the digital world. Therefore, the Friends are continuing to donate used books to several of the Little Free Libraries in our area.

The coronavirus forced us to cancel our Spring and Fall Book Sales and the Fabric and Yarn Sale in 2020. These events are major fundraisers for the Friends and highly anticipated by our supporters. We are all disappointed that we have not been able to hold these events. We did have two successful outdoor mini half day book sales, one in October of 2020 and another in May of 2021. We are hoping to have a regular indoor book sale this October. **PLEASE NOTE:** we will *not* be accepting book donations in July and August, but will resume taking books in September, every Monday from 1-3 pm.

Without our normal well supported fundraisers in 2020 and 2021, your membership dues are particularly important for us. Your donations will allow us to continue supporting the Seymour Library in our new and challenging world. Adding to the importance of your donations is the very real concern that the decrease in tax revenue caused by the pandemic will lead to a reduction in funding from our municipalities. This potential reduction will likely increase the Library's reliance on the Friends.

Please fill out and return the enclosed membership brochure (return envelope included).

The Friends thank you for your support!