

Friends of the Willimantic Public Library  
905 Main Street  
Willimantic, Ct. 06226  
*Supporting your local library*

*Newsletter – April 2021*

*Dear Friends,*

***Congratulations! You have put us in good standing for our second year and we have several new initiatives.***

1. We now have 112 members/supporters
2. We have 2 new committees – Fundraising Committee  
Program Committee
3. We have members posting on Facebook and Instagram several times weekly. Check them out.
  - a. <https://www.facebook.com/Friends-of-the-Willimantic-Public-Library-113213870126662>
  - b. [www.instagram.com/friendsofwillimanticlibrary](http://www.instagram.com/friendsofwillimanticlibrary)
4. We have a bank balance of \$2600 after making donations of \$2500 to the library.
5. Friends of the Willimantic Public Library sent numerous emails and letters of support to the Town Council to encourage them to support the small increase in the budget proposed by Dan Paquette.

***HERE IS HOW YOU CAN HELP US HAVE A SUCCESSFUL 2<sup>ND</sup> YEAR***

**Support The Library And Town Budgets**

- Contact the Finance Committee and attend the budget hearing to tell them you support the Town Budget.
- Vote for the Town Budget in May

**Support Our Initiatives Through Donations And/Or Volunteering**

**Make the Book Bike Program a Reality- Support The Fundraiser**

**Library staff want to ride a book bike to parks, child care centers, senior housing, schools, apartment complexes, neighborhoods, and community events to provide programming and books out in the community.**

- **Donate to our Crowdfunding Program to raise money for a book bike for the library. Your donation will be matched dollar for dollar by Sustainable Ct. [www.patronicity.com/WPLBookBike](http://www.patronicity.com/WPLBookBike)**
- **Tell friends and family about the fundraiser and tell them how to donate.**

### **Help Us Develop Programs For The Windham Community**

- Volunteer to offer a Trivia Night either virtually or at library. (June or July?)  
(If you can give guidance or volunteer, we can use your skills. If you can donate prizes, we would appreciate it.)
- Work with us to start a Children's Book Fair to replace the annual one that had been sponsored by the UConn Coop. Have an outside or library event with at least 3 children's book authors who do readings or talk about how they write books, book sales and signings, book characters who interact with visitors, etc. (now through Sept 2021)
- Build or solicit Little Free Libraries and stock them with books at Schools, child care centers, apartment complexes, and in neighborhoods. (ongoing)
- Support library staff at community and library events. (ongoing)
- Volunteer to help us sell books through online bookstore, Friends' bookshelf at library, and large weekend book sales. Donate a bookshelf 36-42 inches high.  
<https://www.friendswillimanticlibrarybookstore.com/>

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**Join a committee of the Friends. Contact us at :**

[willimanticlibfriends@gmail.com](mailto:willimanticlibfriends@gmail.com)

- Let us know if you would like to join the Fundraising or Program Committee or volunteer for our events. Share ideas you have.

**Visit The Library And Use Its Onsite And Virtual Resources.**

The library is currently open M-F from 9-6.