

To renew your membership or to become a Friend, please fill out this form and mail it along with a check payable to the Friends of the Reuben Hoar Library, Inc. to:

Friends of the Reuben Hoar Library
P.O. Box 1045
Littleton, MA 01460

Name: _____

Street: _____

P.O. Box: _____

City: _____ State _____

Zip _____

Telephone: _____

E-Mail: _____

___ \$10 Senior Citizen

___ \$20 Individual

___ \$50 Supporting*

___ \$75 Sustaining*

___ \$100 Benefactor*

___ \$250 Lifetime—Individuals over 65

___ Additional gift for the Friends

___ Check here if your employer matches gifts

Members receive free museum passes and have early entry into the book sales. All membership dues are considered a tax-deductible donation. Membership covers the calendar year from January 1-December 31, 2012.

*Membership at these levels confers voting privileges for both adult partners in a household.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

I would like to help with:

- Book Sales – Selling
- Book Sales – Set up/Clean Up – (heavy lifting)
- Book Sales – Sorting
- Baking/Refreshments for events or bake sales
- Sorting Bottles & Cans at the Transfer Station (April)
- Organizing Book Discussion Programs for Adults
- Making Crafts for the Holiday Bazaar
- Gardening in front of the library
- Serving on the Board of the Friends of the Library



Friends of the Reuben Hoar Library, Inc. **2011 ANNUAL NEWSLETTER**

“The purpose of the Friends of the Reuben Hoar Library is to promote the common good and general welfare of the inhabitants of the Town of Littleton by assisting the Reuben Hoar Library, the public library of the Town of Littleton, in providing print and non-print materials for the Library, providing equipment for the Library, sponsoring educational programs, and providing museum passes for use by Library patrons.”

Where does the money come from to pay for all of this? It comes in two forms: tax-deductible contributions (largely in the form of memberships, though we gladly accept donations for larger amounts), and fundraising efforts. The Friends of the Reuben Hoar Library work hard raising money to provide for all of the extras that help the Library meet the desires of the community.

MEMBERSHIP FORMS MAY BE MAILED TO THE FRIENDS OR DROPPED OFF AT THE CIRCULATION DESK AT THE REUBEN HOAR LIBRARY.

If you have been a Friend of the Library, and we hope you'll take the time to renew your membership. If you have not joined the Friends of the Library in the past, I encourage you to read through this newsletter and consider joining. It is another way to contribute to the vibrant community that is Littleton. The Reuben Hoar Library is one of the few institutions that every citizen, from toddlers to seniors, can enjoy. Please become a Friend and make a great institution even better.

UPCOMING FRIENDS EVENTS

Sherlock Holmes Presentation – 7:30 p.m., Thursday, November 15, 2011 at the Congregational Church of Littleton, 330 King Street, Littleton. Free.

Holiday Bazaar – Saturday, December 3, Littleton Middle School, Russell Street, Littleton – check the library website (<http://www.littletonma.org>) for hours

FINANCES

2011 has been a good year for the Friends of the Library. We still have one fundraising opportunity this year (the Holiday Bazaar) and recently realized \$3300 from our Fall Book Sale. In addition, we have received over \$500 in 2012 new and renewed memberships already.

The Friends do maintain a reserve balance to allow us the flexibility of being able to

spend funds now in anticipation of future revenue, rather than wait to raise funds.

The Friends do a good job of spending money as well. Our single largest expense is the 20 museum passes we purchase for the use of Library patrons. If you have not taken advantage of this program you should, because it saves the community tens of thousands of dollars annually in the form of free or reduced museum admissions. In addition, the Friends fund summer reading programs and enrichment programs as well as paying for some of the circulation material, furniture, and fixtures for the library.

MEMBERSHIPS

As of September 15, we had more than 440 Friends of the Library in 2011. If you are one of them, thank you! We hope you will renew your membership for 2012. If you are not a member, why not become one? Your membership fee is tax-deductible and if one of the volunteer opportunities listed on the membership form is to your liking, it is a great way to serve the community and meet new people.

HOLIDAY BAZAAR

Look for us at the Littleton Holiday Bazaar at the Middle School on Dec. 3. In addition to the usual holiday books and items, we will have some special items

that we hope to preview at the Library in November. Keep an eye out!

2011 FRIENDS BOARD

Gary Gumuchian, President
Bernard Farrell, Treasurer
Tanya Lombard, Recording Secretary
Judy Grande, Membership Secretary
Jane Lyons – Member at Large
Cathy Olson – Member at Large
Karen Smith – Member at Large
Wilma Sorgente – Member at Large

JOIN THE FRIENDS OF THE REUBEN HOAR LIBRARY, INC.

On the next page is the 2012 membership form for the Friends of the Reuben Hoar Library. Before filling it out and checking off the same box as you did last year, consider increasing your donation. The Friends of the Library are proud of what we have been able to accomplish this year, but we could do more...more programs, more museum passes, additional staff support; well, you get the idea. All it takes is more members, and members giving more.

Also, please consider volunteering for the Friends or joining our Board. We don't have a lot of meetings, and the events are lots of fun. It's a great place to network, too! There's a list of volunteer opportunities on the back page of this flyer.