



The Friends of the Library is a non-profit organization dedicated to promoting our library, and is made up of volunteer members who believe in and support this valuable community asset. Our mission is to increase awareness of the library – both its services and its needs. Volunteer activities, membership fees, donations, and profits from our various fund-raisers provide additional programs, services, and materials that the library budget does not permit.

2021 continued to be a challenging year due to the impactful changes from COVID19, yet activities at the library increased. For patron safety and comfort, the Library offered curbside pickup, socially distanced computer workstations, virtual story times and virtual STEM programs, grab and go activity kits, and a judiciously sanitized environment. The Friends were able to hold a one-day outdoor book sale in conjunction with the Library's Community Read event. We also held our very popular Chicken Barbecue. With profits from these events, the Friends provided funding for the library's Summer Reading Program, including a visit from the Seneca Park Zoo mobile and Lazy Acres Alpaca Farm. When you next visit the library, please take note of the beautiful new window blinds, also compliments of the Friends.

As we continue to seek other ways to supplement our fundraising efforts to provide additional services to the library, here are some ways you can help:

- **BECOME A MEMBER, or renew your membership for 2022/23.** All members are welcome at our monthly meetings, currently held at the library on the second Monday of the month at 7pm.
- Make a purchase on Amazon. Did you know that *The Friends of the Bloomfield Public Library* is a registered charity with **Amazon Smile**? If you go to [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com), and select the Friends as your preferred charity, we will receive a donation paid by Amazon, not you the buyer, based upon the purchase amount.
- By joining the Friends of the Library, you can make a difference. This happens through your membership fee, your gift of time, your voice, and your own individual talents.

**Please SHARE your enthusiasm and dedication for the library.**

**Coming up in 2022:**

- **Chicken Barbecue Sunday, May 1 11am - until gone.** (Come early! We ran out by noon last year!) Next to Shivers, Shakes & Cones on Routes 5 & 20.
- **Summer Reading program**
- **One-day book sale Saturday May 21 10 am – 2 pm** Outside of the library. We will begin accepting book donations on May 2. Please hold donations until then, as we have very limited storage space.

Please take some time, complete the enclosed membership form, and return to the library.

***You will make a difference. We thank you!***