



Friends of Libraries Section

The mission of the Friends of Libraries Section is to promote and inspire local Friends groups in libraries of all types for the betterment of New York State's library community.

Workshop on Friends of Library Groups in Plattsburgh

The Friends of the Plattsburgh Public Library are hosting a free workshop, **“Getting Started: Creating and Sustaining a Friends Group for Your Library,”** at the Plattsburgh Public Library, 19 Oak Street in Plattsburgh, on Saturday morning, April 23, 2016, from 10 a.m. until 12 noon. This session is open to all interested volunteers, library staff, library trustees, and community members who would like to learn more about establishing and sustaining a Friends group for their public library. Registration is required by sending an e-mail to Pat Loughan, President of the Friends of the Plattsburgh Public Library, at friendsofplib12901@yahoo.com. Reservations should be made by Monday, April 18 and attendance is limited to 50 people. Following the workshop, the Friends are offering an optional luncheon at a cost of \$10 per person with further opportunities for networking on Friends topics. Participants should indicate their interest in the luncheon when registering.

The two-hour workshop was developed by the Friends of Libraries Section of the New York Library Association to assist libraries in planning and starting Friends of the Library groups. The session will help participants see the benefits of gathering community volunteers to support a library's programs and services. Content includes recruiting helpers for a steering committee, determining the Friends' mission, expanding the group's membership, and growing the volunteer leadership to sustain an active organization. Existing Friends groups may find the session useful to review their organization's current operations with an eye toward incorporating new “best practices” to support their local library.

Questions about the workshop in Plattsburgh should be directed to Pat Loughan at friendsofplib12901@yahoo.com. Details about the advocacy work of the Friends of Libraries Section of NYLA are available at www.nyla.org/friends.