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Friends of the Schodack Castleton Library

Re-energize the Friends. We need you!

The Friends of the Schodack Castleton Library is a self-motivated group of people who believe that the library, and its services, are a great resource for the community. Be a part of it with us!

How can you help?

First become a member. We are doing our annual membership drive in April and the funds collected from this help support a variety of programs and materials for our library.

There are also many other ways to help. Here are just a few:

Volunteer to help shelve books.

Volunteer to help bring books to and from those community members who are house-bound.

Do you bake, knit or have some other hobby that could be utilized at a fundraiser? Let us know.

Do you have time to man a table at an event sometime? We are always looking for those to help out.

How about suggesting some things you would like to see at the library?

Do you like to write? Contribute to our newsletter or help with press releases!

Are you artistic? How about helping create a fantastic float for the Memo-

rial Day Parade?

Donate old ink cartridges, toner and cell phones to the library. We are able to recycle these and potentially get money from it.

As you can see, the possibilities are endless. We are hoping to jump start this group and get more involvement. We want to keep you more involved as well. So we are working on getting this newsletter to you more frequently, as well as, updates via email if you have one.

Together we can build a stronger library community and broaden the services we are already providing!

A Great Big Thanks...

The Friends of the Schodack Castleton Library want to sincerely thank Carol Dratch-Kovler for all of her hard work, initiative, imagination, vision and caring over the past 8 years that she has served as president of the Friends group. You are a wonderful asset and will be greatly missed in this role. We look forward to working with you as a Friend for years to come though!

Annual Book Sale on May 9th at Village Wide Garage Sale

Get ready for our Annual Book sale on Saturday, May 9th (same date as Village Wide Garage sale). We will be located at the Trinity Lutheran Church, 70 Green Avenue. They have kindly allowed us to set up a tent and tables once again. This spot gives us more face time and, hopefully, more sales. We have been busy at work sorting the books and media that have been generously donated to the library (thank you to all that have helped with this). We do need some further help and here is how you can get

involved!

- 1) Donate any good condition books and audio/video material.
- 2) Bring in plastic bags and/or box tops so that we can place books in them as they are sold to the patrons.
- 3) Help us sort books on Saturday, May 2nd at 9am.
- 4) Help us make signs for the sale.
- 5) Help us set up on Friday, May 8th at 5:30pm at the church.

- 6) Schedule time to man the book sale table.
- 7) Help with dismantling the sale at approximately 3pm on Saturday, May 9th.

You can sign up for any of these tasks at the library desk. Thank you in advance.

In addition to the sale of books and media we will be selling 10" round chocolate chip cookie cakes for Mother's Day. They are scrumptious. Plan on stopping by and getting one.

What's coming up?

The Friends are very busy trying to schedule many activities and fundraisers. Here are a couple that are coming up!

- 1) **Spring basket raffle.** Stop down at the library and view our original Spring baskets. Please show your support by trying your luck on winning one of these!
- 2) **Go Green with the Friends!** Earth day is coming up and we should all be thinking how we can contribute to reducing our impact here on Earth. In an effort to encourage this, we have signed up with Fundingfactory.com to get money for used ink cartridges, toner cartridges and cell phones. Please drop off your old, good condition, cartridges and cell phones in the labeled box at the library. We will be able to get items we need, or money, for this effort! If your corporation wants to help, they can sign up to do this program onsite and have the funds sent directly to the Friends of the Schodack Castleton Library!
- 3) **Campbell's Labels for Education.** Please collect the UPC codes from the Campbell's family of products (labels, caps, etc) and drop them off at the library. This is an easy program that allows the Library to exchange the labels for educational resources.
- 4) **Annual Friends Book Sale.** Plan on stopping by our tables at the Trinity Lutheran Church on May 9th from 8am to 3pm. This sale is very helpful for us in our fundraising goals. Any help is appreciated.
- 5) **Father's Day Baskets.** We plan on setting up a variety of baskets to raffle off for Father's Day. Plan on stopping by the library, or our table at the Schodack Island State Park on June 13th, to enter to win.
- 6) **Schodack Island State Park-Tall Ships Quadricentennial Event.** On June 13th, we will have a table at the Quadricentennial celebration at the Schodack Island State Park. We will be selling our tote bags and t-shirts, as well as, using this as a chance to get our name out there!
- 7) **Memorial Day Float.** On Saturday, May 23rd at 10am, we will gather at Peter's Dairy to build a float for the Castleton Library. Please join us.
- 8) **100th Birthday Block Party!** We are getting ramped up to create a community block party to celebrate the 100th birthday of the Castleton Library. We are looking to do this in Mid-July.
- 9) **Culinary Institute.** A trip to a Culinary Institute will be scheduled to take place this Fall.

Points to remember

- **Sign up to be a Member of the Friends of the Schodack Castleton Library!**
- **Help us make the Book sale a success: volunteer, donate books/audio/video material, spread the word, purchase items!**
- **Get involved!**
- **Keep in touch. Let us know what you want to see at our library!**
- **Contribute to our newsletter. Maybe you would like to share your favorite current reads?**
- **Join us the third Wednesday of the month at 7pm at the Library for our monthly Friends meeting.**

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The Friends of the Schodack Castleton Library is dedicated to the library and the community it serves.

Our Mission:

- 1) *Maintain an association of library-minded persons interested in furthering the Library's resources and services.*
- 2) *Focus public attention on the Library.*
- 3) *Support and cooperate with the Library in developing library services and facilities for the community.*