



FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY INFORMATIONAL MEETING

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WHY WE'RE HERE

- To share the vision for starting a Friends of the Library group
- To invite community involvement in supporting the library
- To strengthen communication, advocacy, and volunteer coordination

WHAT IS A FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY GROUP?

- Friends is a program of the Custer County Library Foundation (CCLF)
- A group of community volunteers who support the library through:
 - Advocacy
 - Volunteer support
 - Community engagement

WHY NOW?

- Growing community interest and use of the library
- Increased need for organized advocacy and communication
- We've been giving updates to multiple groups — a single stream would be more effective
- Helps us respond quickly to opportunities and needs

HOW WILL THIS GROUP WORK


- Leadership team with President, Secretary, etc.
- Library Director will provide:
 - Library needs
 - Volunteer opportunities
 - Advocacy talking points
- Friends President will coordinate response: people, ideas, action

COMMUNICATION GOALS

- Streamlined: One primary point of contact with the library
- Transparent: Monthly updates with needs and goals
- Accessible: Use of Google Docs, email lists, and a possible Facebook group

VOLUNTEER SIGN-UP SYSTEM

- Task-based sign-up sheet (digital and physical)
- Coordinate with existing volunteers and roles
- Flexible: Pick what works for your time and interest
- Regularly updated list of:
 - Tasks
 - Timelines
 - Priority

A stylized illustration of a person's legs and hands holding a purple sign. The person is wearing red pants and red shoes. The sign is purple with a white border and contains the text "Do what you can, when you can!".

**Do what you
can, when
you can!**

WHAT YOU CAN DO

- Share advocacy messages
- Take on a task or project
- Serve in leadership if interested
- Attend occasional meetings
- Be a cheerleader for the library in the community

WHY IT MATTERS

- The library is a community cornerstone
- We ensure free access to books, programs, and information
- Strong public support = stronger services for everyone
- Your involvement directly shapes the future of the library

QUESTIONS AND NEXT STEPS

- Open floor for questions
- Contact sign-up sheet available

THANK YOU!

- Your time, support, and energy matter
- Together, we can grow the library's impact

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EXAMPLE VOLUNTEER TASKS

Not all task
may be in the
library.
We want to be
sure to match
skillsets and
interests with
task
assignments.

- Shelving and shelf reading (requires training on alphabetizing and the Dewey Decimal system)
- Straightening shelves and displays.
- Preparing crafts and materials for programs
- Assisting at events and programs
- Mending books or adding protective covers
- Adding barcodes, call number labels, and spine tape.
- Filing receipts or processing internal paperwork
- Assisting with simple circulation tasks under staff supervision
- Light data entry or editing catalog records (training required)
- Helping with book sales, including setting up, restocking, and organizing the sale room
- Assisting with donation drives or local sponsorships.
- Watering plants or helping with general upkeep of public spaces
- Moving carts, lifting boxes, or helping with physical tasks (as appropriate and safe)