



Fundraising Activities

If libraries require additional funding for specific programs, Friends can step forward and hold a variety of fundraisers. Used book sales are the most popular fundraiser. Merchandise may also be sold, and some Friends groups operate a book store, gift shop, or café in the library.

Friends of the Library are non-profit organizations. Many register as public charities or foundations and, because of their charitable status, they may attract large donations from corporate and private donors. Often, Friends groups are asked to raise funds for a new library or provide furniture and equipment for a new or renovated library.

SOME OF THE WAYS FRIENDS RAISE FUNDS:

- ❖ Book sales, operating a book store or selling books online
- ❖ Bake sales
- ❖ Yard sales
- ❖ Plant sales
- ❖ Bingo contests
- ❖ Raffles
- ❖ Silent auctions
- ❖ Author readings or hosting other speakers, garden tours
- ❖ Special events or gala fundraisers
- ❖ Operate a gift shop or café
- ❖ Film festivals