



## Make a Difference; Join the Friends

Let me begin by thanking you for your past support of the Friends of the Cheshire Public Library and to let you know that the 2009 membership drive has begun. By being a member of the Friends you are part of an organization that has been supporting the library since 1887.

Did you know for the cost of a membership you can take pride in knowing that you are supporting the many activities funded by the Friends of the Library? To help meet some of the needs that are not addressed in the Library's operational budget the Friends contributed almost \$40,000 to the library in 2008. These contributions were realized in many ways such as: the Sunday concert series, the Thursday evening adult programs and special programs for children and families. The Friends also funded workshops and staff development, purchased museum passes and library equipment, as well as sponsoring some of the online subscriptions that every person in Cheshire can utilize.

Aside from the satisfaction of knowing that you have helped to support the many programs mentioned, as a member of the Friends you will also get a monthly subscription to the Grin. This newsletter will keep you up to date on the many activities, programs and new services available at the library. If you join at the \$30.00 level or above you will also receive a blue *Friends of the Library* Book Bag as a thank you gift.

The Friends also raise money by holding their semi-annual book sales as well as selling book bags and pins. Our Lobby Book Store, the on-going sale in the lobby of the library, is another service we offer and also provides a source of income. *But it is the support of our members and their dues that we count on to allow us to continue to have a strong presence in the library.*

If you would like to learn more about the Friends or find out more ways you can become involved in this volunteer organization please visit our website at [www.cheshirelibrary.org/about/friends.htm](http://www.cheshirelibrary.org/about/friends.htm). Your contributions are appreciated. Your participation is welcome. Joining the Friends is your chance to take part in supporting the library in the future.

Sincerely,

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President, Friends of the Library