

FRIENDS OF THE IRONDEQUOIT LIBRARY

Quarterly Newsletter

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Thanks to the generous support of our Friends and community we raised over \$7,300 for the Irondequoit Public Library in 2024! With these funds the library was able to host dozens of programs and provide supportive materials impacting thousands of community members. During the last quarter we hosted a craft fair with thirty vendors and raised over \$1,400 for the library. We celebrated National Friends of Libraries Week by participating in the town's Trunk or Treat event, and handed out candy and bookmarks to our community. In 2025 we hope significantly increase our membership numbers, host another craft fair, a Friends community engagement event, and possibly a T-shirt sale. Stay tuned for future details and we hope to see you at one of our 2025 events. To renew your membership or join Friends, please pick up a form at IPL or scan the QR code at the end of this newsletter. Thank you for your support.



Friends of IPL President Mary Tiballi Hoffman hands out candy and bookmarks at the town Trunk or Treat event on October 27th.



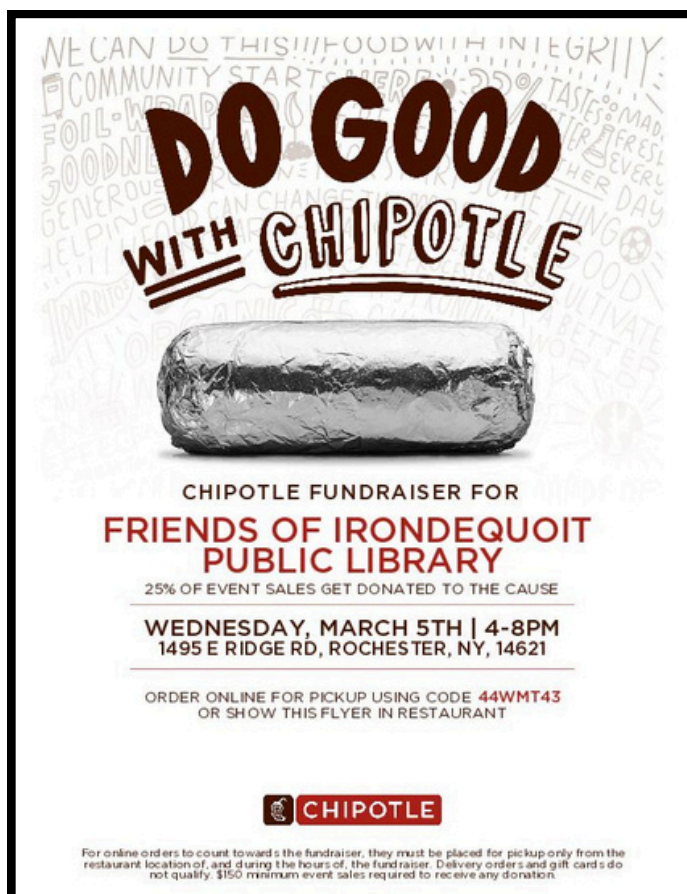
The fall craft fair took place November 9th and 10th and raised over \$1,400 for the library! Thank you to all who participated!

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Thanks for your generous support of the Friends. Together, we were able to fund the following library efforts in Q4 2024:

- Four Music to Movement programs
- Classic book club
- Fall watercolor program
- Story time yoga
- Re-think Thanksgiving program
- Supplies for the children's library
- Snacks for library programs
- Candy for the Trunk or Treat town program



THANK YOU STEVE AND MARY!

Please join us in thanking two of our Friends of IPL Board members who have stepped down at the end of 2024. Steven Tolle has volunteered his time with the Friends of IPL Board for over ten years and most recently served as Vice President. Mary Tiballi Hoffman has been active with the board for several years and most recently served as President. Mary was instrumental in organizing the craft shows in 2024. Thank you Steve and Mary!



Outgoing Vice President of the Friends of IPL Board, Steven Tolle.



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UPDATES FROM THE SISTER LIBRARY TEAM

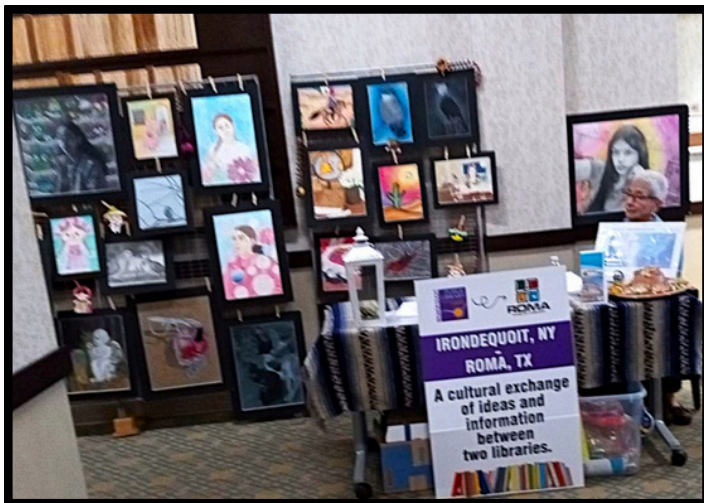
Greetings from the Sister Library Team of the Irondequoit Public Library!

The Sister Team was formed in 2021 by four library patrons who were eager to reach out of comfort zone to help another small library. With this in mind, the relationship was formed with Roma Public Library in Roma, Texas. Roma is located near the RioGrande close to the border. As far as we know, we are the only active Sister Library in New York State.

We began to Zoom with the library director in Roma and discovered that Roma Library needed books to fill their shelves and to help a small satellite library close to them. We asked for donations. We got them! The IPL Sister Team collected, sorted and shipped these books amounting to about 60 boxes with the last two boxes going out in Fall, 2024. Roughly, this amounts to about 1,200 books.

We have continued with our cultural relationship as well. We participated in the Hispanic Heritage Month (with help from our Friends), held an art show featuring art work from students in the Roma Schools as part of the Friends Art and Craft show, we also trimmed a Christmas tree for the George Eastman House with both Mexican and American decorations depicting our relationship. We are currently looking to work with a Girl Scout troop here in Irondequoit and a troop in Roma to form a pen pal group. Jointly, we will participate in the Hispanic Heritage month again in the Fall of 2025.

We are excited to explore more opportunities for collaboration! Please contact us if you have new ideas at irondequoit@libraryweb.org.



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VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

The Friends of IPL Board is seeking volunteers. We are a small group and need your help! We have an opening for a Publicity Chair to run our social media accounts and publish this quarterly newsletter. We also have an opening for Vice President and at-large positions to help with planning events.

GET INVOLVED WITH FRIENDS OF IPL!



We need **your help** as we work to revitalize the Friends of IPL! We're looking for:

NEW MEMBERS – Give a gift of \$10+ to become a Friend of IPL; your donation directly supports library programming, materials and services. And there's absolutely no time commitment involved!

AD HOC VOLUNTEERS – Lend a hand at special events throughout the year. Very low time commitment!

BOARD MEMBERS – Serve on the Friends Board and help us plan and execute Friends fundraising and advocacy efforts throughout the year! Time commitment consists of monthly meetings, plus special events throughout the year.

If you are interested in getting involved, please email irondequoitlibraryfriends@gmail.com. A member of the Friends Board will contact you about next steps!

RENEW YOUR SUPPORT TODAY!

Our 2024 year-end membership count stands at 26. Please scan the QR code below to renew or start your Friends membership via PayPal - your gift makes programs like these possible!



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