

FRIENDS OF THE IRONDEQUOIT PUBLIC LIBRARY

Newsletter

March 2026

The Friends of Irondequoit Public Library had a record year in 2025! Together we raised a total of \$9,828 for the library. In 2025 we launched two new kinds of fundraisers - partnering with a local business to cobrand an item and we launched an online campaign to sell IPL-related merchandise. Our current membership includes over 100 active members and we've recruited several new board members and volunteers over the past year. We're in the process of planning events for 2026 including another craft sale in the fall, a Friends Fest concert and vintage goods sale event on April 11th, a beach book swamp, a beer tasting event, and many more. We thank you for your support and hope to see you at one of our events in 2026!



Friends of IPL board members Jen Sally, Chris Finger, and Patricia Gogniat at the Friends Meet and Greet event at Sips Coffee on November 11th, 2025.



Friends volunteers Mary Ingham and Nick Zinni handed out candy and bookmarks on behalf of the Friends of IPL at the town Trunk or Treat event on October 24th, 2025.

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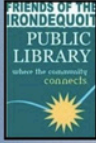


2025 REVIEW

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Thank you
2025
Summary

- \$9,828 raised for the library in 2025
- Supported over 40 funding requests from IPL for programs and materials
- Recruited several new board members and volunteers
- Merchandise sale - t-shirts, bags, hats
- Launched first collab with with a local business (Sips) and raised \$455
- Hosted a fall craft sale featuring over 40 local vendors
- 100 active Friends members
- Donated \$500 towards the children's library renovation



FRIENDS FEST 2026



MARKET & MUSIC

Featuring musical performances by...
**CUT ME UP GENNY • MILO
PLUCK • GOO PHASE**

...and offerings from these excellent local vendors:
HARNETT STUDIO • THE VINTAGE AESTHETIC • LEGACY JUNK DESIGNS LTD • EMBER & CO
SUNDRY POTTERY • LOST UNICORN VINTAGE • ETYMOLOGY SHOP • MRC BLOOMS
JAVA THRIFT • TRINKET RAVE • SO BELLY HAPPY • ACTAEA ALCHEMIAE • SHANGO VINTAGE

Saturday, April 11

IRONDEQUOIT PUBLIC LIBRARY
1290 TITUS AVE • 6-9 PM
FIVE BUCKS OR PWYC • 6PM



UPCOMING

EVENTS/FUNDRAISERS

We are in the process of planning more fundraisers and social events for 2026:

- Chipotle fundraiser - Wed May 6th 5-9pm
- Beer talk and tasting event
- Used book sales at the public market
- Craft sale fundraiser - autumn 2026
- More local business collaborations
- Silent auction (TBD)
- More social gatherings for library supporters
- Beach book swap

Join us April 11th for Friends Fest 2026, hosted by the Friends of the Irondequoit Public Library! From 6-9 pm, the Irondequoit Library's community room becomes a pop-up market with local artists, vintage finds, and live music. Food and raffle tickets will be available for sale with chances to win prizes. Admission is \$5 (or pay what you can), and all proceeds support library programs and services. We hope to see you there!

Live music by: Cut Me Up Genny, Milo, Pluck, and Goo Phase

Shop local vendors: Harnett Studio, The Vintage Aesthetic, Legacy Junk Designs Ltd., Ember & Co, Sundry Pottery, Lost Unicorn Vintage, Etymology Shop, MRC Blooms, Java Thrift, Trinket Rave, So Belly Happy, Actaea Alchemiae, and Shango Vintage.

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SISTER LIBRARY UPDATE

Early Spring Greetings from the Sister Library Team! We continue to cultivate our relationships with the Roma Public Library in Texas and the Poltava Regional Research Library in Ukraine.

Earlier in the year, we sent a link to Roma with a story about how Rochester and Irondequoit dealt with the recent snow conditions . Erin Mahon from 10NBC did a great job describing how we were able to cope with massive amounts of snow. This was very new to our Texas friends.

On March 17th we hosted an Easter egg decorating event inspired by our Ukrainian friends. Also, Poltava has expressed an interest in American Jazz. To that end we are arranging a Jazz concert with a spotlight on our Chuck Mangione. We anticipate this event late Spring or early Summer.

Also on the horizon is a video of the Susan B. Anthony House ! This will be shared with Roma and Poltava!

Lastly, The Library Team is eager to help the Friends with their exciting Spring event, Market and Bands to be held on April 11, 2026 at the library. Keep the date open!

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

The Friends of IPL Board is seeking volunteers! We are a small group and have openings for board members and volunteers to help with managing our organization and planning fundraisers or events like our craft sale, selling books at the public market, staffing a table at the town's trunk or treat, and representing our group at library programs or other community events. We are currently in need of a Publicity Chair to take over writing this newsletter and running our social media accounts.

RENEW YOUR SUPPORT TODAY!

Welcome to our new and returning members and THANK YOU for your support! If you'd like to join or renew please [click here](#) or scan the QR code below to renew or start your Friends membership via PayPal. Thank you for being a Friend!



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