

FRIENDS OF THE IRONDEQUOIT PUBLIC LIBRARY

Newsletter

July 2026

The Friends had a busy spring and summer with two major fundraisers. On April 11th we hosted Friends Fest 2026 at the library - an outstanding community event with around 250 attendees - featuring four local bands and artisan vendors. On July 22nd we partnered with Genrich's Garden Center to host our first book swap event, "Book Swap in the Garden". It was a lovely event and we loved connecting with our book and plant-loving community to help support the library. Between these two events we raised over \$2,600 for the library! Thank you to all who participated and supported the library. And a huge thank you to the Genrich's team for hosting the event!



The Friends and Genrich's Garden Center hosted "Book Swap in the Garden" on July 22nd, 2026. Attendees enjoyed swapping books, shopping at Genrich's, chatting with friends, cutting bouquets, and coming together to support our wonderful local library.

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR!



Retro video games invade Irondequoit Public Library on Friday, August 7th and Saturday, August 8th! Presented by Friends of the Irondequoit Public Library, with support from PIZWIZ and Knox Amusements.

Friday August 7th from 7pm -9 pm: Pop-Up Arcade & Pizzeria fundraiser

The Pop-Up Arcade & Pizzeria will feature free classic and contemporary arcade games, live music, and a market with local artists, crafters, and food vendors. Pizza from Pizza Wizard will be for sale on site! Admission is \$10 (or pay what you can), and all proceeds directly support library programs and services. The event features live musical performances by shy tooth, Fuzzrod, and The Offbeats. We'll also have offerings from excellent local vendors, including: Scar Markham, The ✨ Vintage ✨ Aesthetic, Alex Frank, Laurel Forest, Lucky Frog, Nutmegs, Love Fern, Jacob Walsh.

Tickets are available at [this registration link](#) with limited tickets available at the door.

Saturday, August 8th from 10 am-1 pm: A FREE family-friendly event that will appeal to gamers of all ages!

Family Video Game Day will feature free video arcade games, foosball, Skee Ball, air hockey, pinball, and more! Attendees will also be able to play retro video game consoles like Nintendo, Super Nintendo, and Sega Genesis on large projection screens.

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FUNDING REVIEW

Money raised by the Friends of IPL including membership fees are directly donated to the library and support program fees, materials, and services. Here are some recent items your donations have supported:

- An ASL interpreter for 2 library programs
- Summer reading program prizes
- The Sea Collage art event
- Music/Movement group event
- Teen & Tween snacks
- Artwork for the Soul Wellness class
- Bookmarks and stickers

FUTURE EVENTS



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, working events, and representing our group at library programs or other community events. If you are interested in volunteering please fill out [this form](#). We are seeking volunteers for our upcoming arcade fundraiser on August 7th.

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!

