

Friends of the Mercer Public Library
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FRIENDS OF THE MERCER PUBLIC LIBRARY

2023 MEMBERSHIP DRIVE



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2022 AT THE LIBRARY

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Databases of digital
books, video,
craft & language
instruction, & more



10,727
items borrowed



5,464
digital downloads



988

computer
sessions

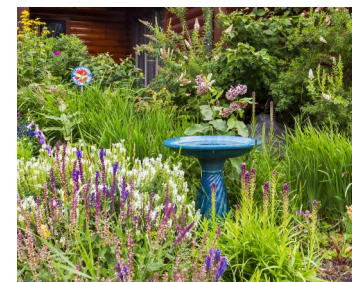


14,223
free Wi-Fi
connections



138

programs
1,162
attendees



1,208

card holders
9,139
library visits

145

Friends
members



\$11,435

membership
donations



OUR 2023 MEMBERSHIP DRIVE HAS BEGUN!

Spring has arrived, and so has the 2023 Membership Drive for the Friends of the Mercer Public Library. We are proud to say that our library has been buzzing with activity over the past year, thanks to the support of our dedicated patrons, members, and volunteers.

While the Town of Mercer provides over 70% of the library's annual budget, Friends of the Library provide nearly 100% of the library's funds for public programming and supplement the library's funds for special projects. In the past year, the Friends have supported a range of projects and events. We brought history to life with portrayals of figures like Eleanor Roosevelt and educated children and adults about wildlife with fascinating presentations by the North Lakeland Discovery Center. We enhanced the reading garden with new native shrubs and trees. We provided funding for the library's summer reading program and supplies for arts and crafts, hosted a luncheon for Mercer School staff, and sponsored exciting community events like the Earth Day Celebration, Bike Rodeo, and Trunk-or-Treat.

Additionally, we provided extras for our patrons, including the *BookPage* magazine, public movie license, and Kanopy video streaming service.

We also celebrated our beloved library assistant, Renie, who retired in 2022 after more than 25 years of service to the library. Please stop by the library and welcome our new library assistants, Blaze and Julia.

As we gear up for an exciting summer and fall, we invite you to join us in supporting the Mercer Public Library. Please consider making a 2023 Friends membership donation. Whether you are renewing your membership or joining us for the first time, your support is invaluable to us. By becoming a member of the Friends of the Mercer Library, you demonstrate your understanding of the value that the Mercer Public Library brings to our community.

Thank you for your consideration,

The Friends of the Mercer Public Library

Beth Wetzler, President | Gail Ondresky, Vice-President | Opal Roberts, Treasurer | Patt Moses, Secretary



To avoid unpredictable October weather, we held Trunk or Treat indoors on Halloween 2022. The Friends of the Library sponsored Plinko, ghost pinatas, and other games and activities. The Mercer Leos and their advisors served food at the event.

SAVE THE DATE

We look forward to seeing you at our Annual Fall Celebration on **Saturday, September 9th** for wine, beer, and hors d'oeuvres.



The 2023 Earth Day Fair was the Mercer Library's biggest one yet! The Friends provided supplies and door prizes. Over 125 people came to recycle electronics, denim, and plastic bags, and to learn from 15+ organizations and businesses at the event.