

Dear Royalston Residents and other Friends,

The Friends of the Phinehas S. Newton Library invite you to **join or renew your membership in the Friends of the Library for 2016.**

Books, magazines, audio books, DVDs, music CDs, and computers with relatively fast Internet access - as well as items such as an Orion telescope, state parks pass, ice cream makers, folding tables, and a digital projector - are available to all residents in our small town through the Phinehas Newton Library. Not only a free **source of entertainment and information**, our Library is also an important **community center for our town**. The Friends of the Library is an active volunteer group, which assists our Library in providing these services. *New members and new ideas are always needed.*

Accomplishments of the Friends of the Library over the past year include:

- Producing and mailing the **17th year of the Royalston Community Newsletter**, mailed without charge to every household in town.
- **Purchasing** patron favorites such as DVDs, CDs, and audiobooks as well as the lush new rug in the children's room.
- **Offering, facilitating, and often funding free enrichment programs**, featuring: presentations by local artists and authors, travelogue and naturalist talks, a monthly book discussion group, craft workshops, school vacation presentations, the Summer Reading Program, and the Royalston Shakespeare Company (not to mention providing a lot of fabulous refreshments).
- **Fundraising efforts** included the annual **plant and book sale**, selling library merchandise (**note-cards, books, posters, t-shirts, and tote bags**) as well as **newsletter ads/sponsorships**.

Some expenses anticipated in the upcoming year are more of the same: improving library computers by converting desk tops to updated lap tops, installing a Little Free Library in South Royalston, running numerous enrichment programs, funding library requests, providing many hours of volunteer labor, and publishing 10 issues of the Royalston Community Newsletter.

The Friends of the Phinehas S. Newton Library support this Newsletter and many other activities.

Friends of the Phinehas S. Newton Library

2016 Membership and Contribution Form

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Memberships:

Single \$2.00 _____

Family \$5.00 _____

Supporting \$25.00 _____

Donation \$_____ _____

I would also like to buy a Newsletter sponsorship ad:

\$25/month x _____ = \$ _____ or

\$200/year (10 issues) \$ _____

(we will contact you for display information)

Tax deductible. Make checks payable to:

Friends of the P. S. Newton Library, PO Box 133, Royalston MA 01368

I would like to help with Friend's projects

Thank you!

The Phinehas S. Newton Library is a wonderful resource for Royalston residents. Your donations and ideas enable The Friends of the Library to continue to support the library director, Kathy Morris, and Board of Trustees in their important work. Thank you for your support in 2016.