



## Top 7 Reasons to Join the Friends

- 7. Seven Great Libraries:** Over 4 million items circulated system wide - located in Arden Hills, Maplewood, Mounds View, North St. Paul, Roseville, Shoreview and White Bear Lake.
- 6. Limited Funding:** Public funding of Ramsey County Library covers 88 percent of the Library's budget. Proactive, private community support—***Spearheaded by the Friends***—is vital to keeping our libraries strong.
- 5. Highly Valued Volunteer Time:** In 2009, Friends members helped bring in thousands of hours of great volunteer service valued at \$152,037.
- 4. Programming:** The Friends sponsor library programming including the annual Summer Reading Program, computer classes, kindergarten library card sign-up, author events, special events and workshops – all free for the public.
- 3. History of Success:** Since 1979, hundreds of Friends volunteers and members have provided over \$765,000 in essential funding, materials and enhancements to Ramsey County Library.
- 2. Poised to do Great Things:** Our sister Friends organizations in St. Paul and Hennepin County have raised millions of dollars in private and community funding for their libraries. We can do the same for Ramsey County Library and help make a great library system exceptional.
- 1. “An investment in knowledge always pays the best interest.” - Benjamin Franklin**  
Our libraries are the unique resource that allows our diverse community to access information and acquire knowledge.

***Please invest in the Friends of the Ramsey County Libraries.  
Together we can make a great library exceptional.***

### Friends Membership Levels

- Basic:** *Sponsors 10 kids for Summer Reading*.....up to \$49
- Contributor:** + *One hardcover book for RCL*.....\$50 – 99
- Advocate:** + *Two computer classes*.....\$100 – 249
- Sponsor:** + *100 kids for Summer Reading*.....\$250 – 499
- Patron:** + *10 books for RCL Collection*.....\$500 – 999
- Benefactor:** + *Sponsors one author event*.....\$1,000 +

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**Contact me about volunteering.**