

Seeking 'Friends' of the library

LIBRARY NEWS

Are you interested in becoming a friend? A 'Friend of the Library' that is?

'Friends of the Library' become more important during times of change. We are facing a time of change.

Financial cutbacks from the province and reduced funding from other sources have become a reality. Service expectations and requirements have increased, both in the quantity and quality of materials and knowledge required by staff to access information.

The many types of materials available on the market make selection choice an important one. Technology has become a challenge in our goal to keep current and up-to-date.

Multi-culturalism and literacy must be addressed. Our commit-

ment of support to provide complementary materials for school curriculum and lifelong learning must be upheld. Partnerships with schools, business, government agencies and other learning institutions are necessary.

The 'Friends' group would be instrumental in re-examining the library and setting a new direction for the future.

'Friends' would be a group of supporters who would carry out activities currently outside the scope of the board and the staff. 'Friends' would consider raising funds for special library projects: acting as advocates in the community; acting as a link on library issues between politicians, citi-

zens and library staff and the board; providing volunteer labour or assistance to the board and staff with special projects.

The Whitchurch-Stouffville Public Library Board is interested in establishing a 'Friends of the Library Steering Committee' which would determine the need and direction of the 'Friends' group.

The steering committee would be responsible for the 'Friends' group until it is launched as an independent body.

Are you committed to the library? Do you believe in the idea of an independent support group for the library? Do you have enough time to devote to it?

If so, you should apply. For further information, call Marilyn Ferguson, C.E.O., at 640-2395.



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