

# The Friends of Guilford Free Library

In 1966, a small group of local citizens banded together to form the Friends of the Guilford Free Library. Today more than 600 Friends make up the nonprofit organization that donates time, energy and money to support almost every facet of the Library's activities.

While the Town of Guilford owns and maintains the building and pays staff salaries, the Friends provide: books, both traditional and electronic; printers and scanners; wireless hot spots; films; CDs and other media.

## Volunteer Opportunities

*Volunteers are the heart and soul of our organization*

**Sorting:** *Volunteers sort donated books for our three annual sales, our major fundraising activities*

**Scanning:** *Volunteers scan books for online sales, an increasingly significant source of income*

**Staffing book sales:** *Dozens of volunteers help set up, stock sales tables, serve as cashiers, and assist customers*

**Baking:** *Volunteers provide the home-baked goods that give the Fall Sale, our largest sale, an old-fashioned, small-town touch*

**Supporting special projects:** *Volunteers assist with book groups, chess clubs, coding sessions, and other programs*

### Did You Know...

In 1981, the Friends of the Guilford Free Library held the **1st Fall Book and Bake Sale**. It lasted 4 hours and brought in \$500...\$125 per hour.

In 2019, the Friends' held the **38th Fall Book and Bake Sale**. It lasted 19 hours and brought in \$56,203.34...\$2,958.08 per hour!

If you would like to volunteer, please email [friends@guilfordfreelibrary.org](mailto:friends@guilfordfreelibrary.org).

## WHY BECOME A FRIEND?

- Invest in an important local resource for learning, discovery, and community life
- Join a group of volunteers who champion everything the library provides
- Ensure funding for the Guilford Free Library

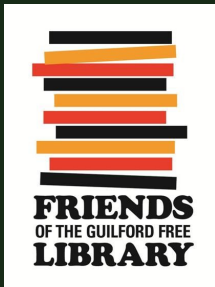
## BOOK DONATIONS

Donate your books, media, and ephemera to the Friends!

Books in SALEABLE condition can be dropped off at the library any time during library hours

SALEABLE books are contemporary and vintage books that are:

NOT dirty, moldy, stained, torn, underlined, or highlighted.



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*William Butler Yeats*

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