



Friends of the Library

Please become a Friend of the Florence–Lauderdale Public Library (FLPL)

Reading is foundational for all learning because children who are strong readers can absorb information in their school subjects more effectively. Reading is crucial for developing strong language and cognitive skills, improving a child's concentration and emotional development while stimulating brain growth. Together, we can continue to foster a love for reading and learning in our community for everyone.

The Friends is a volunteer-based organization committed to enriching the holdings of our library through membership pledges, bookstore sales from donated books, and fundraising. We have provided over \$1 million to build the inventory of the library collection and provide special programs to promote reading.

Why Join? Invest, Imagine, and Inspire Our Community

Invest. Your membership in Friends is a direct investment in our community to provide a state-of-the-art public library for everyone, fund innovative initiatives only available at the library, as well as assisting in the hosting of educational and history programs, authors, and speakers on a wide array of subjects.

Imagine. Friends provides over \$40,000 to the library each year contributing to the Summer Reading Program, eBooks/audiobooks inventory, and the W.C. Handy Festival Programming. Raising additional funds allows for more creative opportunities to cultivate learning for young and old and rich and poor. The possibilities of what the library can contribute to our community are only limited by our imagination.

Inspire. The 2025 Summer Reading Program reached 1,253 children under 11, 112 teens age 11 to 18 years old, and 121 adults aged 18 and over. For many, our library is their only access to a computer, the internet, modern technology and the events around the world.

We thank you for your consideration!

William Smith, President of Friends of FLPL

Name _____ Email _____

Address _____ Phone: _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Membership Level (check one): All membership dues and donations are **tax deductible**.

_____ Individual - \$15

Mail this form and your check payable to:

_____ Family - \$25

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_____ Business/Organization - \$150 P.O. Box 1178, Florence, AL 35631

\$ _____ Donation. Every gift is appreciated. Payments can be made at flplfriends.square.site