

WHY HAVE A FRIENDS GROUP?

PROS

1. Organized support group for library an asset, particularly in time of crisis
2. Friends volunteers can extend library services
3. Friends save library money
4. Friends earn library money
5. With Friends having 501[c]3 tax exempt status, Friends can solicit money on behalf of library
6. Friends can be testing ground for potential Library Board members
7. Friends provide an independent voice on behalf of library
8. Non-residents can help library via Friends
9. Elected officials aware of the power of an organized support group

CONS:

1. Friends are more work for Director
2. More people to keep informed
3. Friends may have issues with Library Board/Director decisions