

How can you support FRIENDS?

- Purchase an annual FRIENDS membership
- Purchase a t-shirt or book bag from the library front desk.
- Donate money to the library in honor of a milestone or in memory of a loved one.
- Attend FOL events

When you become a FRIEND of the Wyoming Public Library, you'll have the year-round satisfaction of knowing that your willingness to be a FRIEND enhances library services for the entire community.

Your membership entitles you to attend regular meetings of the F.O.L. and also the right to vote in the election of officers, the first of which is scheduled for July 27, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. You will be made aware of these meetings via email notification, or by regular mail if you did not submit an email address when signing up to become a member. We encourage your attendance at our meetings and welcome your input on decisions made by the group.

The Friends of the Wyoming Public Library meets at 6:30 p.m. on the fourth Monday of the months of July, October, January and April as per the organizations by-laws. The group meets in the library's community room.

History of Wyoming Public Library

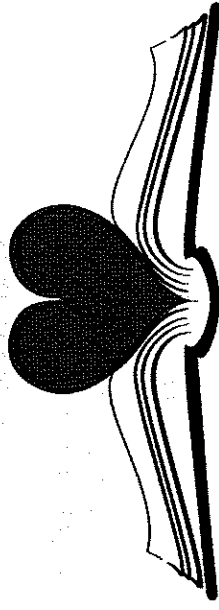
Excerpts from article written by Milton H. Lowell

"Perhaps few now in Wyoming will remember that the town once boasted a "Wyoming Public Library and Museum of Natural History". It originated in a circle of talk around the stove in the McClure's grocery one evening in the sixties (1860's) when the mercury was dallying around ten below. The organization was soon perfected, and the details worked out. Mr. McClure kindly offered to donate the use of a five-foot shelf near the front window of the store for the books. The shelf was supplemented by a wider shelf below it to accommodate articles that might be contributed to the Natural History Department

The contribution of books came in rather slowly. A Child's History of Greece in 5 small volumes, 3 Rollo books, Works of T.S. Arthur in one volume, Parlor Games, and several copies of Peterson's Magazine. One of the magazines had a short story by Fannie Hodgson, who later attained fame as Mrs. Frances Hodgson Burnett, author of Little Lord Fauntleroy. Everyone was fascinated by the short story and the magazine containing it was drawn out until it was worn out.

The "Museum of Natural History" was never even as much of a success as the Library. Seven specimens of ores, on arrowhead, and my Indian War-club comprised the whole exhibition. Mr. McClure finally refused the further use of the valuable shelf near the bright show-window and the "Wyoming Public Library and Museum of Natural History" was removed to a 2' dark shelf at the back of the store over the vinegar and molasses barrels."

Friends of the Wyoming Public Library



What is a Friend of the Library?

Friends of the Wyoming Public Library are people and businesses who wish to support, improve, and help expand our library.

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Wyoming, IA 52205
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(563) 488-3975

---FOL Membership Card ---

Friends of Wyoming Public Library
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Wyoming, IA 52362

This is to certify that \$ _____ dues/donation
has been paid for the year 2015-16.

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WPL/FOL signature

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membership dues and donations are tax deductible.
Official tax form will be available at end of year upon
request or detach & keep this for tax receipt.

About Friends of the Library:



As the main service organization of the library, the Friends of the Wyoming Public Library provide service and dedication to the library's role in the community.

FRIENDS Mission Statement

The purpose of the Friends is:

- To foster closer relations between the Wyoming Public Library and the residents of the Wyoming area.
- To promote knowledge of the functions, resources, services and needs of the library.
- To foster public support of the library to the end that is may adequately serve the needs of the Wyoming area.
- To support programs and events for the community which are compatible with the library's policies and objectives.



How FRIENDS supports the library:

Inactive/Honorary Membership:

- Membership fee raises funds for the library's needs outside the budget.
- Funds for special programs, author visits, and guest speakers.
- Support the library in developing its facilities.
- Expresses appreciation to library director, employees & volunteers.

Active Memberships:

Those listed above plus:

- Volunteer in the library or for special programming events.
- Provide food or items for library events as needed.
- Assist with and provide funds or items for Summer Reading Program
- Volunteer at special F.O.L. fundraising events.
- Serve on the F.O.L. board.

Friends of the Wyoming Public Library
Annual Membership 2015-16
\$10 for 1 year membership

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