

Friends File - October 2025

National Friends of the Library Week is Coming. Join in the Celebration!

October 19-25 is National Friends of the Library Week. An excellent time to revisit the Friends' mission, including what the Friends of Weeks Library do for the library and the Town of Greenland.

The Friends of the Library is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization whose purpose is to support the work of the library. They do this in several ways. They provide funds for adult programming, which enhances education and culture in our community.

In addition, the Friends also support children and teen programming. The offerings of the Summer Reading Program would not be possible without the financial support of the Friends. Mindful of the constraint of the library budget, the trustees and staff look to the Friends for those "extras" that make for a rich experience at Weeks Public Library.

The Friends also provide for fun events over the holidays. These programs often bring multiple generations together. We all know how important socialization is for everyone. Having a beautiful, safe environment makes the library an amazing place for these events. The staff often come to the Friends with ideas that they would like to fund. Typically the Friends are eager to be supportive.

Our Friends group was honored with the Susan Palmatier award in 2022 for the New Hampshire Friends group of the year. Much of the reason for that honor is that the mighty group of citizens from Greenland, ably led by Stuart Bauder, raised close to \$500,000 in support of the completion of the new addition to the library. Such a feat seemed impossible but it happened. Without this support, the library might still be just a dream.

The Friends are now at a crossroads with the need for additional members and people who are willing to step up in leadership roles. With the current budget climate and the cuts in funding for libraries, it will be more important than ever to have a strong Friends group that can continue the good work that has always been done for the library.

We Friends all hope you will become a new Friend!