



**Friends of Rocky River Public Library**

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## **Mayor Pamela Bobst Signs Proclamation Recognizing National Friends of Libraries Week, October 15-21, 2017**

Rocky River, OH -- The Rocky River Public Library gets a little help from its friends. During October 15-21, 2017, it also celebrates the Friends of Rocky River Public Library as part of the 12th annual celebration of National Friends of Libraries Week. Mayor Pamela Bobst met with Friends' President Leonard Abrams to commemorate the special week by signing a proclamation in honor of the nonprofit organization.

The Friends, founded in 1971, provides financial support and volunteer services to the library. Through membership dues and fundraising activities, the Friends make possible programs and services, furniture and equipment purchases that the library could not otherwise afford. The Friends enhance the library's ability to serve children, teens, families, seniors and the whole community.

"The library has always played such an important role in my life and in my family's life," said Abrams. "I truly enjoy being able to give something back by being an active member of this group."

Other officers of the organization are Vice President Stacie Gerrity, Recording Secretary Diane Beer, Corresponding Secretary Karen Jones, Treasurer Karen Mickey, and Members-at-Large Denise Wheeler and Ellen Leamon. In addition, there are several committee chairs including Krista Carte of Membership, Julie Drellishak and Hollie Gantzer of Media Outreach, and Lorraine Shank and Everett Cataldo of Event Support.

"Our library would be much poorer without the Friends," said Library Director Jamie Mason. "The funds they raise definitely put the icing on the cake. I think most patrons would be surprised to learn how many of the services and programs they enjoy are supported by the Friends, including the popular Chef's Secrets, Tune in Thursdays and Movie events."

Memberships are available at varying levels, starting at just \$5 for a Kids' membership, up to \$100 for an honored donor. Friends members receive a newsletter twice a year, get 10% off their library fines, and get a card for a free scoop of Mitchell's Ice Cream. Currently there are also four business members, including Tart Boutique, Local Artistree, The Desk Set at Solari, and Closets. To sign up for a membership, simply stop in to fill out a brief application, or access it online through the library website of or the Friend's Facebook page. For more information, please contact the library at 440-333-7610 or visit <http://www.rrpl.org>.

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