



# MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

## Friends Foundation Membership

**Yes!** I want to join the Friends and support Worthington Libraries through membership. Friends members receive advance notice of book sales and invitations to members-only events.

**Membership Levels:** *Please make your check payable to the Friends Foundation of Worthington Libraries.*

- \_\_ \$25 Short Story
- \_\_ \$50 Paperback
- \_\_ \$75 Novel
- \_\_ \$100 Masterpiece
- \_\_ \$250 First Edition
- \_\_ Other: \$\_\_\_\_\_

## Endowment Fund

I'd like to make a contribution to support the growth and future sustainability of Worthington Libraries.

Please accept this contribution to the Worthington Libraries Endowment Fund in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_.

*Make checks payable to the Worthington Libraries Endowment Fund.*

Name/Corporation:

Address:

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

*Contributions to the Friends Foundation of Worthington Libraries and the Worthington Libraries Endowment Fund are tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law.*



# MAKING A CONTRIBUTION

- **Have fun and get involved!** There are many volunteer opportunities available through the Friends. You can assist at book sales or help with Friends-sponsored programs. It's a great way to meet fellow library supporters!
- **Honor a loved one.** You may also make a contribution to the Friends or endowment fund in memory or in honor of a person or special occasion (birth, graduation, etc.). If making a memorial contribution, please let us know the person's name and names/addresses of other people to notify.
- **Animal lovers welcome!** We recognize that the loss of a pet is very difficult and invite you to honor the life and memory of a beloved animal, or pay tribute to a living pet, with your contribution.

*"There are no such things as strangers, only friends we have yet to meet."*

—Anonymous

## FRIENDS FOUNDATION OF WORTHINGTON LIBRARIES



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JOIN THE FRIENDS!

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**Book Sales!**



**Author Visits!**



**Fun!**

An opportunity to support a community treasure recognized as one of America's best public libraries.

# THEN



*A young girl finds a treasure at the Friends book sale on the Village Green, 1973.*

- Founded in 1972, the Friends of Worthington Libraries is the oldest library Friends organization in Franklin County.
- The mission of the Friends is to increase the use and awareness of Worthington Libraries, to advocate for strong public funding of the Library and to provide financial support to enhance library services and programs.
- In the late 1990s, the Friends provided both financial support and volunteer assistance during the construction of Northwest Library and the renovation of Old Worthington Library.
- The Friends helped the Library pass its first operating levy in 1992 and its second in 2005. A portion of Friends income supported the operating costs of these critical levies.

*"A friend may well be reckoned the masterpiece of nature."*

—Ralph Waldo Emerson

# Now

- More than 300 people are members of the Friends; each year, that number continues to grow.
- The Friends maintain ongoing book sales at Old Worthington Library and Northwest Library, and hold regular book sales in the meeting room of Old Worthington Library.
- The Friends provide more than \$35,000 in financial assistance to the Library each year. This money is used to fund programs reaching more than 42,000 adults and children annually, including:
  - ◇ the summer reading club
  - ◇ teen programs
  - ◇ children's programs
  - ◇ outdoor concerts
  - ◇ film programs
  - ◇ the community breakfast
  - ◇ author events



*Everyone loves a visit from the Turtle Lady during the summer reading program, one of many Friends-sponsored events.*

# FOREVER



*Technology has changed the way people, even children, use the Library and has increased the need for information.*

- Worthington Libraries regularly adds new services, resources and materials to meet the growing demand for information in all formats.
- As the evolution of library service continues, the Friends believe that public libraries will be as important in the future as they are today.
- To ensure that Worthington Libraries can continue to meet the needs of our community for this generation and beyond, the Friends established the Worthington Libraries Endowment Fund at the Columbus Foundation in 2002.
- The endowment fund provides a supplemental revenue stream for Worthington Libraries and a means for donors to make a lasting, positive impact on their community.

*"We have laid the foundation, as I trust, for a flourishing library."*

—James Kilbourne