

XI. Friends of the Library

Board of Trustees / Friends of the Library Operating Agreement

The following constitutes an operating agreement between the Friends of the Wellman-Scofield Public Library and the Wellman-Scofield Public Library. It will stand until and unless it is modified by mutual agreement of the Friends Executive Board and the Library Board of Trustees. The Friends mission is to raise money and public awareness in the community to support the services and programs of the Library. As a non-profit, 501c3 organization, however, it is a legally distinct entity and is not a part of the Library.

The Library agrees to:

- include the Friends in the long-term planning process to ensure that the Friends are aware of the goals and direction of the library.
- share with the Friends the library's strategic initiatives at the beginning of each fiscal year and discuss with Friends how their resources and support might help forward these initiatives.
- supply the Friends with a wish-list each year that indicates the anticipated needs for Friends support.
- provide the Friends with staff support to assist them with development of the newsletter, mass mailings, meeting coordination, and Friends promotional materials.
- provide public space for Friends membership brochures and promotional materials.
- provide the Friends with space in the Library for book storage and sorting, book sales, and office needs.

The Friends agree to:

- publicly support the Library and its policies.
- include a member from the library's administration as a non-voting presence at all Friends' meetings and to allow room on the agenda for a library report.
- engage in advocacy efforts on behalf of the Library under the guidance of the Library and the Library's Board of Trustees.

The Friends agree that:

- any and all monies raised will be spent exclusively for library programs, services, and other Library defined needs unless otherwise agreed to by both the Friends and the Library.
- the library administration has the final say in accepting or declining any and all gifts made to the library.
- if they cease to actively fundraise and promote the Library, they will disband allowing for a new Friends group to be established in the future.