For more than 30 years, the Cherry Valley Library has served the community and surrounding area with reading, resource, and recreational materials and programs that enrich and enhance the quality of life for its citizens.

We invite you to consider the Cherry Valley Public Library Charitable Fund, an endowment fund deposited with the Community Foundation of Northern Illinois. The interest from large gifts and bequests accrues in this fund and is used for library projects above and beyond those provided with tax dollars. For further information, please contact the Library Director, any library board member, or the staff at the Community Foundation, 946 N. Second St., Rockford, IL 61107.

If you have skills or abilities that you wish to volunteer on a regular or occasional basis, please leave your name, phone number, and area of interest with library staff. You will be contacted. As always, the semi-annual Friends of the Library book sale, the Community Diversity Display, and the quilt exhibit are opportunities to share a part of yourself with your community.

Thank you for your support!
What is a Friend?

If you enjoy and appreciate the Cherry Valley Library District, you’re already one of us: a friend of the library. You believe in the power of the written word to enhance life, whether that word comes through popular fiction, classic literature, or access to ideas and information through media such as audiobooks, internet downloads, or DVD recordings. Further, you agree that the public library is a unique institution in the United States, one that promotes reading, inquiry, and life-long learning through shared community resources. A Friend with a capital “F” is an individual or family who supports the library through their investment in membership, advocacy, or service.

You are invited to become a special “F”riend of the library. Your gift of $5.00 per individual or $10 per family, is a statement that you are a Friend who loves the library and encourages others to use its materials and services for a better life.

What sorts of things are Friends’ funds used for?

Friends funds purchase library materials, equipment, and programs beyond what is provided by tax dollars. 10% of all book sale profits is invested in the Cherry Valley Library Charitable Fund, an investment account within the Community Foundation for Northern Illinois. This money is set aside for future library growth and expansion. Remaining funds are used for needed programs and equipment. Some recent purchases include:

- Summer Reading programs
- Children’s puppets & quiet games
- Book Pages book reviews
- Large carriage color printer
- Attractive, acrylic book display towers
- Teen programs
- Attractive foyer book carts
- Special book or DVD collections
- Cricut digital die cut machine
- Laminating machine

Other fundraisers over the years have included open houses and silent auctions for library anniversaries, community projects at Cherry Valley Festival Days, and partnering with businesses to promote the library while earning funds for Friends’ initiatives. Friends have also been in the forefront of advocating for the library during crucial times in its development, such as the building and furnishing of the 1989 facility and need for adequate funding in 2006.

What projects do Friends sponsor?

The main source of income for the Friends are the books sales. Two large sales are held in early fall (“Fall into Books”) and during March (“March Madness”). In addition, a Children’s and Teens’ book sale is held in June during the popular Summer Reading Club. Finally, the Friends supplement these sales with ongoing book cart sales in the foyer of the library. All books are marked with a suggested donation price.

Friends of the Cherry Valley Library Auxiliary

Date: ________________________________

Name of contributor: ________________________________

Address: __________________________________________

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Phone: ____________________________________________

E-mail ____________________________________________

I would like my donation to support the following:

- Children’s programming
- Children’s books & materials
- Adult books and materials
- Value Line
- Library equipment & furnishings
- Future library expansion
- Please use as necessary

I would be interested in supporting the library with my time:

- Attending quarterly meetings
- Helping with the book sales
- Weekly volunteer opportunities
- Library advocacy
- Fundraising for building expansion

Thank You for Your Support!

Your contribution is eligible for a tax deduction.