

## Join Us! 2018-2019 Information & Contact Form

### **Welcome!**

Thank you for your interest in joining us as a Friend of the Library. The Friends is an all-volunteer organization devoted to strengthening the partnership between the Library and our community through support, volunteerism, and advocacy. *Our vision* is that our community recognizes the Library as a treasured resource and is committed to its success.

Some Friends maintain membership to show support of our mission, while others have time to volunteer. The **Friends** strengthen our not-for-profit Library with fundraising through our Phoebe's Bookcellar, our volunteer efforts to beautify the Library grounds, and hosting social occasions to build support of the Library.

We are a member of *The Friends of Connecticut Libraries* (FOCL), a non-profit organization consisting of Connecticut Friends groups, organizations and individual members who believe that libraries are an essential resource for the citizens of our State. ([www.foclib.org](http://www.foclib.org))

### **How we work with the Library**

The Old Lyme-Phoebe Griffin Noyes Library is a non-profit **private library association** that serves as Old Lyme's public library. Its operations rely on the financial generosity of the Community, an existing endowment fund, as well as partial funding from the Town of Old Lyme and the State of Connecticut. Phoebe's BookCellar, operated by Friends of the Library volunteers, helps provide additional funding for Library books, materials, and services.

The Library is governed by a volunteer **Board of Trustees**. The Trustees oversee the Library's strategic direction, finances, communications, and development (fundraising) among other things. The Friends have a representative attend Trustee meetings, and a Trustee representative attends our quarterly Council meetings.

The **Library Staff** manages day-to-day Library operations, with their Director reporting regularly to the Trustees. There are currently ten staff members. The Friends Council regularly works with Library Staff to plan special events and promote library services.

To learn more about the Friends, go to  
<http://www.oldlyme.lioninc.org/friends-of-the-library>.

## **Friends Council**

President of Council: Leslie Massa: 4massa@sbcglobal.net

Nominating Committee: Jennifer Harvill: jharvill2@comcast.net

The Friends organization is managed by a Council of approximately 12 volunteers who manage the Friends budget (from which net proceeds are donated to the Library) and ensures its objectives are met. The Council holds an annual meeting every June to review the previous year's successes and nominate a slate of officers. All members of the Friends are invited to attend and vote during the annual meeting.

## **Phoebe's BookCellar Friends**

### **Lower Level – Library**

BookCellar: 860-434-1684, ext. 117 or phoebesbookcellar@gmail.com

Co-Managers: Claudia Condon: 860-652-5518

Joan Overfield: 203-260-3401

Phoebe's BookCellar, Old Lyme's only bookstore, is an important contributor to our financial support of the Library. The Friends receive donated books and sell them as used books for a low price. We house upwards of 7,000 books! All proceeds go to the Library. Volunteer roles include sales and donation processing and subject specialists pricing books in a specific genre. Commitments by Friends' volunteers require as little as two hours a month. We are open Wednesdays (10am-6pm) and Saturdays (10am-2pm). There are "Special Sales" throughout the year which are announced on our Facebook page.

## **Garden Friends**

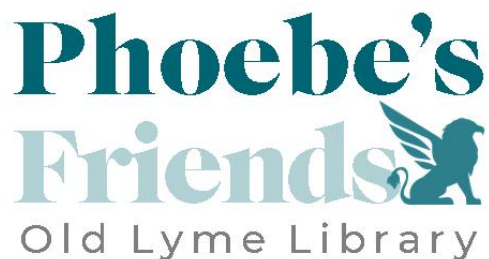
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The gardens of the Library add to the beauty of our location and are lovingly maintained by the Garden Friends. Responsibilities typically include a spring clean-up (2 days this past year pruning the roses, cutting back the Perovskia, and working on the junipers!), a fall clean-up, and one or two weeks during the summer to maintain the parking lot circle, check the pots for watering, and pick up any debris that may have scattered. The flower pots at the Library entrance are changed seasonally. Some Garden Friends like to take the lead on different garden spots or shrubbery.

## **Hospitality Friends**

Cheryl Poirier: cheryl.poirier63@gmail.com

Our Hospitality Friends provide all the wonderful touches to social events at the Library, including new member socials and the holiday sale of the BookCellar. In addition to the Friends' own events, we support both the Board and the Library Staff in their social events. Our efforts include planning, sending out invitations, providing refreshments, party set-up and clean up.



## 2018-2019 Membership Form

*We welcome you in becoming a Member of the Friends of the OL-PGN Library!*

New Membership

Membership Renewal

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Today's Date \_\_\_\_\_

*I am interested in learning more about the following volunteer opportunities:*

Phoebe's BookCellar Friends

Garden Friends

Hospitality Friends

I am happy to help wherever needed.

Enclosed is a voluntary contribution to support the good works of the Friends \$ \_\_\_\_\_

(Please make checks payable to "Friends of the OL-PGN Library")

*Bring this completed form (with any pledged donation if doing so) to the Library Front Desk or mail to:*

***The Friends of the OL-PGN Library  
2 Library Lane  
Old Lyme, CT 06371  
Attn: Katie***