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Make your check payable to, Friends of the Norwalk Public Library System and mail it with this form to:
Friends of the Norwalk Public Library System
PO BOX 507
Belden Station
Norwalk, CT 06852-0507

Donations can also be made through the library's website

LIBRARY ACTIVITIES

The Norwalk Public Library System offers a large range of public activities, including:
- Art Displays
- Authors
- Book Discussions
- Chess
- Children's Programs
- Story Times
- Music Concerts
- Computer Classes
- 3D Maker Space
- Reading Programs
- Teen Programs
- Exercise Programs and much more.

Your Library Card is FREE -- It is a Connecticut card which can be used at all other Connecticut libraries.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION AND ACTIVITIES -- VISIT:
www.norwalkpubliclibrary.org

LIBRARY HOURS

The Norwalk Public Library System, with our open access to diverse resources, is the information and cultural center for Norwalk citizens and businesses.

NORWALK PUBLIC LIBRARY
MAIN LIBRARY
203.899.2780
1 Belden Avenue, Norwalk, CT 06850
Monday, Wednesday and Thursday
9:00 am - 8:30 pm
Tuesday, Friday, Saturday
9:00 am - 5:30 pm
Sunday - 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm

SOUTH NORWALK BRANCH LIBRARY
203.899.2790
10 Washington Street, SN, CT 06854
Monday, Wednesday, Thursday,
Friday and Saturday
9:00 am - 5:30 pm
Tuesday
12:00 pm - 8:30 pm
Sunday - 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Library System Closed Holidays
BOOK DROP OPEN 24 HOURS

“There is not such a cradle of democracy upon the earth as the Free Public Library, this republic of letters, where neither rank, office, nor wealth receives the slightest consideration.”

-- Andrew Carnegie

Become a Friend of the Norwalk Public Library
Help Build a Better Library
Friends of the Norwalk Public Library System is an active, non-profit all volunteer organization. We sponsor activities in the Norwalk Public Library System, such as:

- Programs for children in the South Norwalk Branch and Main Library at Belden Avenue.
- Sponsoring guest authors and lecturers for free afternoon and evening programs.
- Organizing library book sales to raise funds for special Library needs not provided for in the budget.
- Organizing donated materials by sorting and categorizing them for the on-going book sale and Fall/Spring sales.

Visit the expanded Book Sale and Gift Shop.

- Providing useful information on our activities for the library's website. (Friends of the NPL System Received an Outstanding Friend's Group" Award from the Friends of Connecticut Libraries).
- Assisting at the larger book sales and Saturday/Sunday Friends Cafe.
- Meeting the first Monday evening of each month to plan and share ideas.

Friends' volunteers are the backbone of our organization.

Partial funding for the “Take Flight at the SoNo Library” project was provided by the Friends of the Norwalk Public Library. The quilt was designed by Lizzy Rockwell, a children's book author and illustrator, and the artistic director for Peace by Piece, and assembled and hand quilted by the Peace by Piece community quilters. The quilt utilizes patches of fabric art generated on the theme, “Take Flight at the SoNo Library” during workshops at the SoNo Library, Peace by Piece meetings, and Christie's Quilting Boutique. Quilting done at SoNo Library quilting bee and was installed in the Spring of 2015.

The collection of written knowledge in some sort of repository is a practice as old as civilization itself.

In 1853 the City of Norwalk, in a letter to the editor of the then Gazette, was urged to "organize a library." Though the public library first appeared by the fourth century BC, the private library was more prevalent. Aristotle, for instance, amassed a large private collection. Ancient geographer Strabo said Aristotle "was the first to have put together a collection of books and to have taught the kings in Egypt how to arrange a library."

Between 1855 and 1878 – when the private Norwalk Library Corporation was chartered - the community had limited use of a Reading Room at the Norwalk Institute (until the Civil War), the YMCA Library, a Book Club (30 members), and the Mercantile Library.

In 1879 the Norwalk Library Corporation, charging $2.00 to each member enabled the City's first Public Library.

On July 18, 1896 the library was legally incorporated by the City of Norwalk - housed, temporarily at 67 Wall Street, and then at 20 Wall Street (next to the Boston Store).

The Carnegie Building, built in 1902, at 1 Belden Avenue - on land formerly the Lawn Tennis Club and donated by a Norwalk citizen - became the main building of the Norwalk Public Library. Its funding came from The Carnegie Foundation.

The Main Library was expanded in 1982 and continues to be updated to meet community needs.

The South Norwalk Branch Library, built in 1913, located at 10 Washington Street, also funded by The Carnegie Foundation, was renovated in 2006 and continues to be updated.

Among many other amenities, the expansion and renovation includes a large meeting/community room, computer room, quiet reading room, a children's activity room and children's reading room.

The South Norwalk Branch Library offers greater access to current technology and additional benefits for it's public and the South Norwalk community.