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

**LIBRARY HOURS**

**NORWALK PUBLIC LIBRARY**

**MAIN LIBRARY**

203.899.2780

1 Belden Avenue, Norwalk, CT 06850

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday

10:00 am - 5:30 pm

Thursday

10:00 am - 7:00 pm

**SOUTH NORWALK BRANCH LIBRARY**

203.899.2790

10 Washington Street, SN, CT 06854

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday

10:00 am - 5:30 pm

Wednesday

10:00 am - 7:00 pm

**LIBRARY ACTIVITIES**

The Norwalk Public Library System offers a large range of public activities, including:

- Art Displays
- Authors
- Book Discussions
- Chess
- Children's Programs
- Computer Classes
- Authors
- Story Times
- Music Concerts
- Music Programs
- Teen Programs
- Art Displays
- and much more!

Your Library Card is FREE - It's a "Connecticard" which can be used at all other Connecticut libraries.
WHO WE ARE

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
- Sponsoring guest authors and lecturers for programs
- Organizing library book sales to raise funds for special Library needs
- Organizing donated materials for the on-going book sale
- Assisting at book sales

Friends' volunteers are the backbone of our organization!

LIBRARY HISTORY

The Norwalk Public Library opened in July, 1896, in rooms rented by the City Council at 20 Wall Street. The library had a reading room, a reference corner, and book stacks filled with popular titles of the time. With public funding and a full-time librarian, the Norwalk Public Library was open six full days a week. The rooms at 20 Wall Street were rapidly outgrown and within a year of opening more space was needed. In 1898 the Library moved to the ground floor of the Norwalk Club at 63 Wall Street, which still exists today as a bank.

In 1901 several members of the City of Norwalk wrote to Andrew Carnegie in search of funding to build a larger library. With the location at 1 Belden Avenue and the funding from Carnegie secured, construction began in 1902. By August of 1903 the doors to the Norwalk Public Library (that still stands today) opened to the public.

The South Norwalk Branch Library, built in 1913, located at 10 Washington Street in South Norwalk, was also funded by the Carnegie Foundation. It had its Grand Re-Opening in September 2006. Among many other amenities, the expansion and renovation included a large meeting room, computer room, reading room and a children's activity room.

HOW WE HELP

- For the South Norwalk Branch Library 21st Century Fund we contributed $25,000 to help purchase computer equipment and furnishings
- We underwrite the cost of Music Concerts at the Library
- We support programs and prizes for children, teen reading, staff appreciation lunches, and help with grounds maintenance
- We purchased furniture and equipment for the Teen Room, Children's Library and Reading Area in the Main Library
- The Community Room at the South Norwalk Branch Library is named for our organization in honor of the contributions we made.
- We purchased a van for the library to use to help transport materials between both libraries

Want to Help? Join us today!
Visit www.norwalkpl.org and find more information on The Friends of the library under 'services'