

WELCOME

NEW MEMBERS

The Friends of the Aurora Memorial Library's Purpose

- An active organization of persons interested in promoting books and libraries
- Focus public attention on library services, facilities and needs
- Promote the use and enjoyment of the library to children, youth, and adults.
- Raise funds through membership and our popular monthly book sales. Premium used books are continually for sale on special library displays. Books on shelving in the lower level gallery are sold on the "Honor System". The book sales are possible because of the many "FRIENDS" volunteers who sort, stack and sell our large selection of donated books.



HISTORY OF THE AURORA MEMORIAL LIBRARY

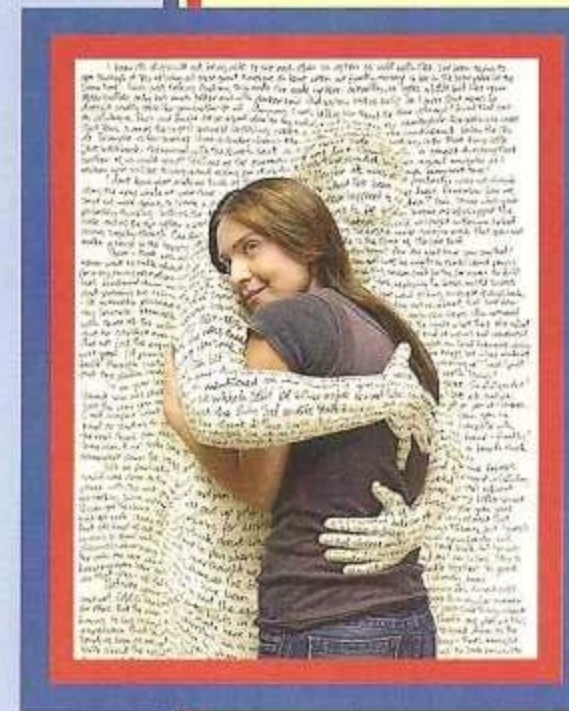
The genesis of the Aurora Memorial Library goes back to 1947, when a group of parents conceived a memorial to nine boys who died in WWII. Several lots were purchased at a sheriff's sale, and a boulder and cannon were placed there to honor the war dead.

In 1964, the idea of a library on the property was proposed and funds were donated by the Chapman family. The original library, dedicated to the memory of George Byron Chapman, opened in 1966.

In May 1968, the East Wing was built with money donated by Kitty Riley Wheeler and provided the first home for the Aurora Historical Society Museum. In 1971, the Chapman family donated a Performing Arts Center.

Finally, in 1991 public tax money was used for the first time to expand the library. A levy was passed and the building doubled in size. The museum and theatre benefited from the expansion as well.

In April 2010, the Library Express Delivery service program arrived at the site (located near the branch's book return).



We get by
with a little help
from the
"FRIENDS"

The Aurora FRIENDS support our Library in many ways.....

Programs for Children & Adults



Summer READING PROGRAM



storytime



TEEN TUTORS







American Girl Tea Party

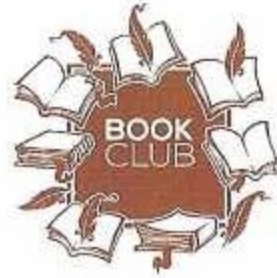

Volunteer Recognition Staff Appreciation



Equipment, Books, Furniture, Materials



Author Appearances



"A LIBRARY is not a LUXURY but one of the NECESSITIES of LIFE."

Henry Ward Beecher

THE FRIENDS of the AURORA MEMORIAL LIBRARY MEMBERSHIP FORM
INDIVIDUAL \$10 YR • FAMILY \$25 YR • LIFE INDIVIDUAL \$100 • LIFE FAMILY \$250 • BENEFACTOR \$500

INTERESTS

- Book Sales
- Set Up
- Sorting
- Our Board
- Other

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