



FRIENDS OF THE GRAFTON PUBLIC LIBRARY  
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### *JOIN THE FRIENDS*

The Friends of the Grafton Public Library is a volunteer organization that works to support our library through advocacy and activities designed to raise money for library needs which are not funded by our local, state or federal government. The mission of our library is to serve as an institution of lifelong learning for all residents from toddlers to senior citizens.

Our Grafton Library is currently hampered in its mission by its out-dated physical structure. Fortunately, Grafton has just been awarded the opportunity for funding from the State to renovate and expand its library into an institution that will help *all* our residents gain access to the ever-changing information age. We can't afford to lose this opportunity.

The awarded funds will cover an impressive 44% of the planned expansion provided we receive town approval for additional funding. The Library Trustees will also seek funding from other agencies and private benefactors to lessen the tax burden for townspeople. An opportunity like this does not happen to every town that applies for a grant, and we consider ourselves very fortunate.

As Grafton's population has grown so also has the use of the library increased. Many of our families are not able to afford up to date computers and internet access and therefore use the Library as their digital resource. Our Grafton Library has access to the most reliable internet resources available and all patrons obtain access simply by using their library card through the Library's web site.

In addition to the library being a comfortable, safe place for doing research, it also is a good source for e-books. You borrow the e-book as you would borrow a hard cover book. There is no cost and the book disappears from your e-reader after a certain time period.

We invite you to learn more about your Grafton Public Library and the Friends when you visit us on Facebook at Friends of the Grafton Public Library. You can also e-mail the Friends at Friends.of.GraftonPublicLibrary@gmail.com. The Grafton Library Website has all the plans for the Library expansion plus news of up coming informational meetings. Also a special website has been set-up <http://graftonlibrarycampaign.org/> containing details on the project.

At this time we are asking you to join the Friends or renew your membership and support the plan for the library expansion at Town Meeting on October 17, 2011. Please feel free to contact any of the Friends Board for more information

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