Yes, I want to be a Friend!

Name: ________________________________
Address: ________________________________
City: __________________ State: __________ Zip: __________
Telephone: __________________ E-mail: __________________

Please select a membership level:
$5.00 - Individual □
$10.00 - Family □
$ ______ - Other □

The membership year is on a calendar basis.

Would you be willing to volunteer at Friends’ events? __________

Please return this form along with a check made payable to the Friends of the PPLD to:
The Friends of the Poughkeepsie Public Library District
Advance Memorial Library
93 Market Street
Poughkeepsie, NY 12601

All contributions are tax deductible as provided by federal law.

The Friends of the PPLD is a 461-C3 organization.

Our Mission
The purpose of the Friends of the Poughkeepsie Public Library District is to:

Provide an association for persons interested in our local library

Promote the importance of the library as an informational and cultural force in the community

Make the public aware of the facilities of the library and stimulate use of the library’s services and resources

Encourage support of the library through gifts and "volunteer" services

Develop a thorough understanding of the library’s responsibilities, limitations, and difficulties

Why does the PPLD need Friends?
Our library must raise 25% of its operating revenue from non-government sources—that means private gifts and grants. The monies raised by the Friends of the PPLD fall into this category. The remaining 75% is currently supported by municipal, county, and state funding, which is under increasing pressure from all sides, making private support more important than ever.

Where does the money go?
Funds raised by the Friends of the PPLD go to support various programs and resources at the PPLD including:

Advance Memorial Library
Children’s Room Shelving
Arlington Branch Library Shelving and Children’s Area Furnishings
District Wide Summer Reading Program Cultural Events
Book Display Shelving for the advance Rotunda
Transportation for MLSI lobbyists to attend Library Lobby Day in Albany, NY

What do the Friends do?
The Friends of the PPLD have been involved in a variety of activities to promote the importance of the PPLD and raise funds for the PPLD such as:

Hosting our Gigantic Annual Book Sale (over $10,000 sales)

Hosting a Holiday Gift-Giving Book Sale

Sorting the thousands of books that are generously donated for our book sales (book donations can be made at the Advance Children’s Room entrance)

Volunteering at Friends’ events

Volunteering at the PPLD

Hosting field trips to such places as the Van Rensselaer Public Library and the Hudson River Museum

Attending special Friends’ events such as author visits and book signings