



Featured Friends Group- East Brunswick Public Library

The East Brunswick Friends of the Library were awarded the 2009 Libraries of Middlesex Friends Award in recognition for their “over the top” support of The Library. Nominated for the honor by the Library Board of Trustees and Library Administrators, The Friends have always been strong supporters and advocates for the library.

The list of Friends accomplishments is a long one. In 2009, in order to help library staff assist customers in these tough economic times, the Friends of the Library funded a wide array of adult programming aimed at job hunters, entrepreneurs and alternative employment opportunities. Programs teaching computer skills, resume writing and interview techniques were added to the adult programming lineup thanks to funding supplied by the Friends of the Library. The Friends have committed funds to furnish the new Adult Quiet Reading Area with living room furnishings that will set the tone for a peaceful, serene reading space in The Library. They also sponsored new carpeting and a futuristic bulletin board in the Youth Services department.

In the midst of a difficult cut to The Library budget, The Friends have been a “shining light.” Responding to the challenge head on, The Friends’ Executive Board held planning meetings all summer long, developing new ideas with regard to fundraising, membership, and marketing, as well as a strategic planning to help the beloved East Brunswick Public Library move forward in the coming year.

The East Brunswick Friends organization was founded in 1967 and incorporated in 1981. They have approximately 1200 members. The current president is Robin Rushfield.