

ABOUT OUR GROUP

The mission of the Friends of the Meredith Public Library is to promote library involvement in the community and community involvement in the library. We will achieve this mission by fundraising, volunteering, sponsoring activities and creating programs of interest to the community.

When you become a member of the Friends you will support library programs that are free to the community. Some projects the Friends are looking to fund and promote include:

- Homebound service to the elderly and disabled
- A “One Book, One Community” reading program
- Guest Lecturers
- Adult, teen and children’s programs
- Museum Passes

We thank you kindly for your support.
-The Friends of the Meredith Library

LIBRARY HISTORY

The first library in Meredith was established in March of 1882 by Meredith’s first librarian, George F. Sanborn. On June 17, 1901 the building where the library is still located was dedicated and named for its benefactor Benjamin M. Smith, in honor of his parents. When it opened it had three thousand volumes.

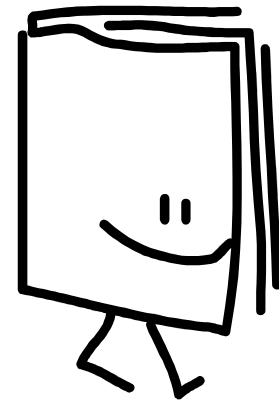
In 1985 the library was added to the National Register of Historic Places due to its unique architectural design.

On December 15, 1988 the library reopened with a new addition. This addition allowed for some much needed growth yet still allowed the original library to maintain much of its original look.

Today the library houses approximately 46,000 volumes including books, periodicals, DVDs, Videocassettes, audio books and CDs.

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

THE FRIENDS OF THE MEREDITH PUBLIC LIBRARY



*“How far that little candle
throws his beams!
So shines a good deed in a
weary world.”*

~William Shakespeare

What is a Friend of the Library?

The mission of the Meredith Public Library is to be the informational, educational, and cultural heart of the Meredith community. The library is a dependable source of reliable information and of challenging ideas that enlighten and enrich, and of materials in many formats that enhance leisure time and expand knowledge of current events. The library encourages the love of reading and the joy of learning, and offers the assistance people need to find, evaluate, and use electronic and print information resources that help them live successful and rewarding lives.

The support of the Friends is essential in order for the library to achieve its mission. The newly reformed Friends' Group has specific goals for the upcoming year including sponsoring a homebound service to the elderly and disabled and sponsoring a "One Book, One Community" reading program in 2009 as well as funding additional museum passes. Friends' membership annual dues and fundraising efforts will help achieve these goals.

The amount of time you can give the group is up to you. Some choose to join so that their donation can go towards library programming and other events. Others join and wish to volunteer at the library or a special event. Some choose to join the friends' board and help shape the future of the library. Others like to show library advocacy at town meeting. You can be a friend in many ways. It's up to you. Please join our group. It's easy to become a member. Simply fill out the attached form. Enclose it with your check, made payable to "Friends of the Meredith Library" and return it to:

Friends of the Meredith Library
Meredith Public Library
PO Box 808
Meredith, NH 03253

Yes, please sign me up to be a Friend of the Meredith Library!

Date: _____

Donation \$ _____

Membership Level:

\$15.00 Individual

\$25.00 Family

\$50.00 Business

*Bring this form directly to the library and receive a book tote with your membership! Sorry, totes cannot be mailed.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State: _____

Zip: _____

Telephone: _____

E-mail: _____

The Friends of the Meredith Library is a nonprofit 501(c)3 charitable organization. Your membership is tax-deductible as provided by law.