

Support the Pittsford Community Library

There is one place that always gets busier during challenging economic times – the library. Pittsford Community Library (PCL) is certainly one of the busiest places in Town. This year alone, the library has circulated approximately 554,500 items and has had nearly 300,000 people pass through their doors.

One of PCL's true hidden treasures is *The Friends of the Library*. Residents may often see these dedicated individuals at Town events, like *Pittsford Celebrates*, offering books or calendars in the hallway between Bruegger's and the library. *Friends* can also be seen busily working and sorting books on Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings. What people may not realize is how important *The Friends of the Library* is to the Pittsford community.

The Friends of the Library is integral for many reasons. Through their enthusiasm for books and lifelong learning, *The Friends of the Library* help to communicate the importance of our library as a community resource and also cultivate an awareness of the benefits it provides. They are a cornerstone of the library and it is, in part, through their effort that PCL can offer programming for adults and children at no cost to residents. Over the years, the *Friends* have also provided Pittsford's library with much-needed seed money to offer new innovative items for circulation. As an example, the *Friends* gave the PCL the ability to purchase Wii games, DVDs, and books on CD when they were first available to the public.

To raise money, the *Friends* host two booksales each year – one in October and one in the beginning of May. These sales have been an overwhelming success. This past October, the *Friends'* booksale raised approximately \$16,000 - a truly remarkable feat for volunteers.

To date, there are almost 400 hundred members of *The Friends of the Library*. I would like to express my sincere gratitude for each person who has been a member of this hard-working group throughout the years. Individually and collectively, you've donated your time, invested your money and made our library the best one in Monroe County.

If you have some extra time and would like to help our library, consider becoming a member of *The Friends of the Library*. Membership dues are \$3 annually for youths and seniors, \$5 for individuals, \$10 per family and \$100 for a lifetime membership. Interested residents should fill out an application form (they can be found at the Pittsford Community Library). If you cannot join but still want to help, consider donating books (new or used) to the *Friends'* booksale. You can drop these books off at the library any time it is open.