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Friends of the Eldredge Public Library, Inc.
PO Box 70
Chatham MA 02633

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THANK YOU
FOR YOUR MEMBERSHIP



*Marcellus Eldredge, Chatham's native son who
became a successful businessman and New Hampshire
legislator, never forgot his birthplace.
The Eldredge Public Library was his gift to Chatham.*

Library Hours

Monday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday

10 am - 5 pm

Tuesday, Thursday

1 pm - 9 pm

Telephone 508.945.5170

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website <http://www.eldredgelibrary.org>

Library Director

Irene Gillies

Friends' Membership Chairs

Martin & Susan Buoniconti

Your Library Needs Friends



**ELDREDGE
— PUBLIC —
LIBRARY**

Eldredge Public Library

*"...will serve as a beacon of light
to guide future generations..."*

Marcellus Eldredge
Library Dedication, 1896

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Our History

“Friends of Eldredge Public Library, Inc.” was founded in 1979 by a small group of Library volunteers who realized Chatham’s needs for library services were increasing faster than the budget’s capacity to meet those needs. Marcellus Eldredge built this private Library in 1896 as a gift for the people of Chatham “to serve as a beacon of light to guide future generations.” Yet, as a private Library, only 50-60% of its annual expenses are covered by income from the Town of Chatham. The Trustees raise the balance, more than 40% of the essential operating budget. The Friends provide extra-budgetary support (volunteers, community programs and services, children’s program support, special facilities, fundraising, and more) making the Eldredge Public Library extraordinary, the 4th busiest library of any size in the entire Commonwealth.

Our Mission

The Friends support and enhance the Library’s role in Chatham. To accomplish this mission, we recruit volunteers and members, sponsor fundraisers, fund services for the visually impaired, organize educational and cultural programs for people of all ages, manage an ongoing book sale, and provide thousands of dollars annually for children’s services. Membership dollars from people like you help to fulfill the “librarians’ wish list,” which we consider carefully each year. With your support, we intend to update and improve the extraordinary services our Library has to offer and keep Chatham’s Library the Cape’s best.

What We Do

Activities Sponsored by the Friends

The Learning Series

Book and Author Series

Book Discussion and Writing Groups

Cultural and Public Interest Programs,
Exhibits, and Lectures

Children and Teen Activities and Events



The Friends also sponsor such services as:

Free Museum Passes

Ongoing Book Sale

Ongoing Assistance at the Library:
Circulation, Reference, Shelving, and
Delivery to shut-ins

Tidings, our quarterly newsletter

Wi-Fi website

Equipment for the Visually Impaired

How You Can Join In

If you treasure learning and Chatham, please, take this opportunity to join the Friends of the Eldredge Public Library (FEPL), or if you are already a member, to renew your annual membership. Your annual donation helps to keep the Eldredge “the beacon of light” in Chatham.

As a Friend, you will enjoy the satisfaction of knowing that you are helping to improve services to Library users and make this wonderful institution an even greater asset to the people of Chatham.

FEPL welcomes and values our volunteers. For more information about volunteering, contact:

Nancy Groves 508-945-1484 or

NEGroves@comcast.net

Friends Do Make A Difference!

Chatham is a fairly typical small town, yet we have one of the busiest libraries in the State of Massachusetts! There are many reasons for this: the professional, dedicated Staff; the very supportive townspeople and guests; the generosity of the Town of Chatham; and the wide ranging array of services, programs and facilities offered by the Library. A key part of making all this possible is the extraordinary work of the Friends of the Library.

Friends volunteers work at the circulation desk, return books to the shelves and deliver books to the housebound. Many of our volunteers provide refreshments, hospitality and a courteous welcome for meetings and programs. Some decorate the Library for holidays and the changing seasons, while others provide fresh flowers each week for the front desk. Others staff our year round used book sale, create artwork for brochures and displays, assist in the genealogy department and work on fundraisers, large and small. Still others publish our *Tidings* newsletter, plan our Learning Series classes, arrange guest speakers or serve on the Friends Board.

The fundraising efforts of the Friends and our member contributions enable us to provide the unique and attractive extra programs, facilities and equipment that the Library is unable to provide through its normal operating budget. Friends gifts include state of the art computer stations for teens and pre-teens, funding for Youth Services programs and materials, reading equipment for the hearing impaired, a world class website and self-checkout facilities. The Friends also provide museum passes, Wi-Fi accessibility, PlayAways and hi-tech video and audio equipment for the Forgeron Room.

The contributions from the Friends, in service, support and spirit, go beyond the realm of the ordinary. We invite you to join us in making these extraordinary efforts possible, and help us in Connecting Chatham to the World.