

Blackstone Library + Friends of the Blackstone: A Great Partnership



National Library Week is April 7-13, and we're celebrating all the things that make the Blackstone special. One of those things is the Friends of the Blackstone Library.

While the Town of Branford generously grants the Blackstone Library the majority of our operating budget each year, and we raise the rest with donation appeals, [private event rentals](#), fundraising events like [Mini Golf](#), and various grants, **we would not be the library we are today without the Friends of the Blackstone!**

The Friends are a separate, all-volunteer group who work throughout the year to raise funds to benefit the Blackstone Library. The amazing book sale on the Branford Green ([coming in September!](#))? It's entirely organized and executed by Friends volunteers!

They use the proceeds from all of their activities to **enhance and enrich** what the Blackstone offers (giving over \$200,000 in the last 3 years alone!).

The Friends provide funds for special technology; furniture for the library (including **soft teen seating, book display units, and new shelf end panels**); special collections, like the **Friends Quick Picks**, [lawn games](#), and the expanded **Library of Things**; plus special programs and events for all ages throughout the year – a [quick glance at our calendar](#) and you can see all of the programs they sponsor; and more!



The Friends rely on memberships and volunteers to keep up their support. By joining the Friends, you'll become a member of a great group of people, learning about volunteer opportunities and ways to get involved, and supporting this group that gives back so much to the library each year. Learn more about the Friends here: blackstonelibrary.org/friends

Becoming a member is easy and makes a big difference!

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