

## About Us

When the Spanish Fort Public Library (SFPL) opened officially on Monday, October 19, 2015, a community of readers that had long anticipated a library right in their backyard was ecstatic. “We can even ride our bikes here,” an excited mom and daughter shared as they removed their helmets and signed up for library cards. Eager to have a place for community, the SFPL is a destination place for the lifelong learners and readers that make up our City.

In the months leading up to opening day, the community donated 4,000 books to the library collection. The Spanish Fort Public Library is part of the Baldwin County Library Cooperative (BCLC). As part of BCLC, library card holders have access to a growing collection of roughly 290,000 items, from books and DVDs to video games. The collection also includes access to electronic books, magazines and audiobooks via CamelliaNet, Alabama’s Digital Library. Further resources include access to databases made possible through Alabama



SF Community Center and backside of Spanish Fort Public Library.



Virtual Library (AVL). Overall, the SFPL has become a place to meet others, access free WiFi, learn new skills, hold meetings and learn from the variety of authors, speakers and groups that are essential to

the library mission. The SFPL enriches lives by fostering lifelong learning and working to ensure that every member of the community has equal access to a vast array of information, experiences, and ideas.

## Who are Friends of the Spanish Fort Public Library?

Friends are a core group of organized, independent volunteers who work with their local library to raise funds and sponsor programs to enhance library service throughout the community. Public library advocacy, fundraising and promotion of library programs and initiatives are a key goal of the Friends.

## What do Friends Do?

As a Friend of SFPL, you will play a critical role in the success of your local library and your community.

## Friends Engage

As good will ambassadors, Friends spread the word in their communities, stimulating greater awareness of the Library and its resources.

## Friends Raise Funds

Friends’ activities generate revenue to supplement the library’s budget, and sponsor public programs at branches, such as author talks, art shows, story hours and cultural events.



Jack Granade from the Alabama Lighthouse Association speaks on Alabama Lighthouses.

## Friends Advocate

Friends are a voice for the Library on relevant local, state and national issues. Members contact government officials, attend community meetings and speak to civic groups.



Summer Reading is a huge annual event at the library.

## The Friends Support your Library

A growing Friends membership generates income that supports annual and short-term needs of the library such as:

- \* Supplemental support of Summer Reading Program initiatives
- \* Supplemental support of Technology Hardware and Software
- \* Supplemental support for collection development needs
- \* Logistical and financial support for library programs and events, including but not limited to author talks, art openings, music performances, and outdoor movie events
- \* Supplemental support of library equipment needs
- \* Supplemental support for professional development needs of Library Director and library staff





## Come Join Us

There are great reasons to be a Friend of the Spanish Fort Public Library!

- YOU help make the difference between a good library and a GREAT library.
- YOU support library programs and services for children, teens and adults.
- YOU know that 100% of your donated time and resources go directly to help your local Spanish Fort Public Library.

## Annual Memberships

Family Membership..... \$25/yr

Corporate Sponsorships - Circle one

\$250    \$500    \$1,000    Other \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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