



Step Up and Be Counted

Dedicated to the proposition that a library is more than just a place to lend books, the Library Friends of Oak Bluffs has been raising money to support library activities for the past 25 years. The funding supplied by the LFOB helps the Oak Bluffs Public Library remain the vibrant center of the community that it is today.

Now is the time to step up and pledge support for your library with a handsome, tax-deductible donation to the Library Friends. Just think of the adult and children's programs and activities that LFOB sponsorship and funding helps sustain, including

- Jazz lecture series, Author talks and free Yoga
- NEW! for 2013 – ADULT Summer Reading Program, featuring Book Bingo contest and a Book Trivia Night
- Birding the Vineyard and Undersea Photography presentations
- Summer reading and year-round children's programs.

In addition, the Library Friends of Oak Bluffs fund such beloved annual events as the Holiday Open House, the spring Easter Egg Hunt, the fall Halloween Party and the Book Drives leading up to the gigantic July Book Sale. You can find out about these and other upcoming programs on the library's newly revamped and award-winning website at <http://oakbluffslibrary.org/Calendar>.

We can't do it without you, so help us sustain your library by supporting the Library Friends of Oak Bluffs.

Detach below & mail with your check in the enclosed envelope to the Library Friends of Oak Bluffs, Inc., PO Box 1421, Oak Bluffs, MA 02557 -or- **Donate** online *



Count me in! I want to support the Library Friends of Oak Bluffs

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(Your email address is a great cost savings for the Library Friends. We promise NOT to share any of your personal information.)

I will volunteer. To find out more, visit our FRIENDS page, drop us a line or call the Library.

Our mission is to promote the library as an active, dynamic, education and information center in the community and to support and enhance our library's programs, services and collections.

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BOOK ENDS

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WHEN IT ALL BEGAN

Twenty-five years ago, in 1988, Ronald Reagan was ending his term as President, Toni Morrison's epic novel, *Beloved*, won the Pulitzer Prize, the year-round population of Oak Bluffs was less than 3,000 and the Library Friends of Oak Bluffs was founded by Bonnie Scott, at the urging of library director Mabel McCarthy.

"Bonnie brought people together," says Betty Daniels, who became involved with the LFOB shortly after it started. Betty was president at one point and is currently a member of the Steering Committee. "Bonnie was a doer, an active person and knew a lot of people. Bonnie had a passion for the library and was able to share it."

Also present at the birth of the LFOB was Richard C. Brown and his wife Carolyn, the original Dynamic Duo. Dick, now 97, was the organization's first and long-time treasurer, while Carolyn helped out wherever needed. "I loved working for the Friends," says Carolyn. "The most fun was when we gathered up as many used books as possible and sold them at HarborFest in Oak Bluffs."

The only other living members of the founding group of eight are Betsy Marshall, the organization's first secretary and Lorraine Hoggan, who was also on the Board of Trustees for a number of years. Betsy, a registered nurse at Hospice, served as secretary for eight years and still helps out at the annual Book Sale. "Bonnie, who really reached out to people, said to me that we're starting a Library Friends and you are going to be secretary. You did not say no to Bonnie."

Lorraine was a schoolteacher before working as a bookkeeper at *The Vineyard Gazette* for years, also helped out at the library. "I was a big reader, am still at 91, but I was too busy in those days to be very active in the Friends, except for Board meetings. I wouldn't miss those."

LOOKING AHEAD

As we celebrate our 25th Anniversary, the Library Friends actively seek volunteers to serve on Committees, as Officers and on the Board of Directors. To remain a vital force, the Friends always need Volunteers who can share their time, interests and skills. We need help with everything from sorting books to leading the Friends through our next 25 years. For some ideas on how you can help, see our Volunteer Opportunities at http://oakbluffslibrary.org/LFOB_Volunteer. SAVE-THE-DATE – our Book Drive on June 1 (book donations accepted 12:30p -2:30p) and our Annual Book Sale, July 18 – 20, from 10am daily.



Oak Bluffs Public Library News! Library Director, Sondra Murphy, recently accepted an award from the MLA Public Relations Committee for oakbluffslibrary.org, our Library's newly revamped website. More innovative ideas from library staff include •Homebound Delivery Service, on a trial basis, to Oak Bluffs residents •"Little Free Library" will offer books from a container in Post Office Square •"Tech Soup" seminars, lead by Miki Wolfe – a different topic monthly. Great news!