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Dear Fellow Citizen:

Widely acknowledged as one of our democratic nation's most valuable assets, free libraries should be protected and enriched, particularly in these difficult economic times. In Norfolk, many volunteers work diligently throughout the year to support one of our most essential resources, our own public library system.

Since 1904, the Norfolk Public Library has served our community by offering all citizens, young and old, rich and poor, the opportunity to improve their lives through literacy. In our modern world of advanced technology, information gathering, and social networking, achieving literacy involves many new challenges. Norfolk Public Library is constantly upgrading resources and facilities to provide all citizens access to the skills and information needed to prosper in the 21st Century.

As with all change and innovation, this initiative comes with a large price tag. In order for the library to continue as a free and steadfast resource in our community, we need your help now. On behalf of the Friends of the Norfolk Public Library, we ask you to join us in our mission to strengthen public support for our library and to ensure its continued presence in our community for generations to come.

We urge you to review the enclosed brochure, which more fully describes the benefits of membership and how the Friends advocate for Norfolk's libraries. Please select the level of membership which best suits you, and return the attached form with your dues before September 30. Annual membership in the Friends of the Norfolk Public Library runs from October 1 to September 30 of each year.

If you are a renewing member, please be advised that we are changing to an annual term of membership for all Friends. If you joined or renewed between October 1, 2009, and March 31, 2010, your current membership will expire on September 30, 2010. If you joined or renewed after April 1, 2010, your membership will extend until September 30, 2011. Thank you for your understanding during this time of transition.

The cost of membership is minimal and tax deductible, but the rewards are substantial! We look forward to welcoming you to the Friends of the Norfolk Public Library.

Sincerely,

Kellie Tucker
Co-President, FNPL

Elizabeth Woodard
Co-President, FNPL

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Mission

The purpose of the Friends of the Norfolk Public Library is to organize, encourage and strengthen public support for the Norfolk Public Library and to enrich the total resources and facilities of the Library.

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www.npl.lib.va.us

What Are Friends For?

Friends of the Norfolk Public Library was founded in 1956. Members engage in a variety of activities in support of our Library and life-long learning. These efforts include:

- Raising funds by organizing used book sales and other special events.
- Lobbying for increased state and local funding in support of cutting-edge library facilities and resources.
- Promoting literacy by supporting city-wide Summer Reading and Early Literacy Programs, Teen Technology Contests, and an annual Book Review Contest.
- Funding special programs designed for a diverse citizenry and all age groups. Examples range from history and genealogy workshops to training in the latest trendsetting technology.

Become a Friend Today

Join the Friends and support one of Norfolk's greatest assets. As portals of information and knowledge, modern libraries enhance the quality of life for all. Your membership sends the clear message that state-of-the-art library services matter to you and to our city.

Become a Friend and make a difference. As a Friend of the Norfolk Public Library, you will ensure that the Library remains a vital and progressive resource in the life of our community.

Members receive a monthly newsletter, *@Your Library*, advance notice of special programs and events, discounts from local merchants, and opportunities to network and share their talents with others.

For more information about Friends of the Norfolk Public Library, please call 757-664-7366 or visit www.npl.lib.va.us/friends/friends.html

JOIN ONLINE

Please make the Norfolk Public Library Your library today.

Friends' memberships are renewed annually in September and run from October 1 to September 30 of the following year.

NAME (PLEASE PRINT) _____

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Membership Levels

- ☐ $15 Student
- ☐ $15 Senior
- ☐ $25 Individual
- ☐ $35 Family
- ☐ $65 Sponsor
- ☐ $100 Bibliophile
- ☐ $150 Patron

Volunteer Interests

- ☐ Staffing Special Events
- ☐ Community Outreach
- ☐ Assisting at the Library
- ☐ Annual Book Review Contest
- ☐ Annual Book Sale
- ☐ Mailings
- ☐ Tales to Tails Program
- ☐ Technology/Internet Training

Your Expertise:

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Please select your membership level, complete the form and include it with your check made payable to Friends of the Norfolk Public Library.

Your contribution is fully tax-deductible.

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