

C O N S T I T U T I O N

ARTICLE I Title

This association shall be called "Friends of the Madison Heights Public Library."

ARTICLE II Object

This is a non-political, non-profit Association whose object is to benefit the Library in such ways as will enhance its growth, enlarge its facilities and expand its services to the community.

ARTICLE III Membership

Section 1. Membership shall be open to all persons who express sincere interest in the Library and the objectives of this Association.

Section 2. Those who wish to become members may register at the Library during regular hours, or at any scheduled meeting of this Association.

Section 3. The membership fees of this Association shall be:

Individual Member	(5.00)
Family Member	(7.00)
Clubs and Associations	(15.00)
Industries and Commercial	(20.00)
Lifetime Membership	(25.00)

Section 4. Every member in good standing may cast one vote on any issue, or at any election.

Section 5. All memberships shall expire one year after the date of application except for "Lifetime Membership."

Section 6. The President and Vice-President may select a committee amongst the members of the Association whose duties it shall be to review the activities of the members during the past fiscal year and determine and select those members who, because of their unusual service, have merited an honorable membership certification.

ARTICLE IV Meetings

Section 1. Annual meetings shall be held during National Library Week in April at 7:30 p.m. in the Library Breckenridge Room.

Section 2. A meeting of the Executive Board shall be held as necessary. Special meetings may be called by the President.

Section 3. The President or a majority of the Executive Board may also call special meetings of the general membership.

Section 4. No special meeting of the general membership shall be called without due notice to all members.

ARTICLE V Officers

Section 1. The President shall preside at all meetings and shall be the ex-officio head of all committees.

Section 2. The Vice-President shall preside at all meetings in the absence of the President or as so directed by the President. In the absence of the President or the Vice-President the attending members shall elect a temporary chairman to conduct the meeting.

Section 3. The Secretary/Treasurer shall make and maintain all records, minutes and data of all meetings in such form as to be presentable upon demand at any regular meeting.

Section 4. The Secretary/Treasurer shall collect all dues, contributions and monies resulting from any fundraising projects of the Association. All monies so collected shall be deposited at First of America located at 12 Mile and John R and paid into the commercial account of the Association.

Section 5. The President, Vice-President and Secretary/Treasurer shall be the only persons authorized to sign checks for this Association.

Section 6. The signature of any two officers shall be sufficient to disburse funds providing that, in all cases, one of the signatures must be that of the Secretary/Treasurer.

Section 7. The Executive Board shall consist of the elected officers and the chairmen of any committees or their designees.

Section 8. In the event of a vacancy through resignation, or otherwise, in the office of President, Vice-President, or the Secretary/Treasurer, the Board of Directors shall appoint a person to act in such capacity for the duration of the unexpired elected term.

Section 9. A majority vote can be substituted for a quorum in all business matters.

Section 10. Officers shall be elected at the annual meeting for a term of three years.

Section 11. No officer may serve more than two consecutive terms in the same office.

Section 12. Present officers shall retain their authority until newly elected officers are installed.

Section 13. Installation of new officers shall be held at the next regularly scheduled meeting following the annual meeting.

Section 14. The service of officers shall be on a purely voluntary basis. They will receive no salary or any material compensation for their services.

ARTICLE VI Committees

Section 1. Committees which may be selected on an as needed basis are as follows:

Ways and Means
Library Improvements Study
Programs
Membership

Section 2. The President may appoint any of the above, or additional standing committees from time to time depending upon need.

Section 3. The President may appoint special committees as required from time to time.

ARTICLE VII Elections

In the election of officers, a candidate must receive a majority of the votes cast in order to be elected. All election votes shall be by secret ballot.

If a majority vote is not achieved on the first ballot, all candidates who were voted upon on the particular ballot shall be eliminated except the two candidates who received the most votes. A second ballot will then be cast for the two remaining candidates.

ARTICLE VIII Parliamentary Authority

Robert's Rules of Order, Revised Edition shall be the parliamentary authority of the Association except in such cases as the Constitution may explain differently.

ARTICLE IX Order of Business

The order of business at any regular meeting may be as follows:

1. The call to order
2. The roll call
3. Reading of the minutes of the previous meeting.
4. Enrolling of new members
5. Reports of committees
6. Unfinished business
7. New business
8. Adjournment

ARTICLE X Amendments

The Constitution may be amended at any regular meeting of the Association by a two-thirds vote of the members present and voting, providing notice of the amendments proposed has been given in writing at least four weeks previous.

ARTICLE XI Dissolution

In the event that interest or membership in the goals and objectives of the Friends of the Madison Heights Public Library wanes dissolution may be proposed. The proposal shall only be made by the governing body. It shall be voted on by remaining membership at a special meeting. A two-thirds vote of the members present may officially dissolve the Friends of the Madison Heights Public Library. All assets shall revert to the library for final disposition in accordance with original goals and objectives of the group as per this constitution.

FRIENDS M.H.P.L.

CONSTITUTIONAL
AMENDMENTS

1.

The place in Michigan where the principal office of the Corporation is to be located is the City of Madison Heights, Oakland County.

2.

Said corporation is organized exclusively for charitable, religious, educational, and scientific purposes, including, for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

3.

No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, trustees, officers, or other private persons, except that the corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in Article Third hereof. No substantial part of the activities of the corporation shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the corporation shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office. Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, the corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by a corporation exempt from federal income tax under section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or (b) by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under section 170 (c) (2) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

4.

Upon dissolution of the corporation, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or shall be distributed to the federal government, or to a state or local government, for a public purpose. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by the Court of Common Pleas of the county in which the principal office of the corporation is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations, as said Court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

In witness whereof, we have hereunto subscribed our names this 19th day of
January 1987.

President

Secretary/Treasurer