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Friends Group Honored

Friends of Washington-Centerville Public Library were honored recently by the Ohio Library Council with the Ohio Friends of the Library award. Award organizers noted that in just five short years, Friends of WCPL has grown to more than 200 members and raised more than \$100,000 for Library projects. They heralded the group as a model of what a Friends group can accomplish with a clear mission and a vision that reaches out into the community.

Friends of WCPL provide crucial support for the library's summer reading program, facility and grounds improvements as well as technology purchases. Book sales make up the core of their fundraising efforts, but what sets this group apart is their ability to partners with local organizations and businesses to raise money in unique ways. From wine tastings to 5K races, they have raised much needed funds and also expanded the library's visibility in the area. Peter Adams, President, Friends of WCPL accepted the award and had this to say about the Friends, "Libraries play an essential role in our communities and they are now stronger than ever. Friends of WCPL hopes we can play some small role in helping our library grow even stronger. We feel privileged to support you and we will continue to be enthusiastic advocates for our libraries."

For more information on Friends of WCPL or Washington-Centerville Public Library, visit www.wclibrary.info .

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