



### **Volunteer at the library**

- Volunteer your time in many different ways.
- Become a literacy tutor.
- Help out the Friends of the library.
- Read stories to children.
- Shelve books or nurture plants.
- Present an adult program.
- Create a book club or handcraft club.

### **Be a friend of the library**

- Find new resources for the Friends of the library.
- Help with the Library book sale.
- Use your skills to help with programs and fundraising events.
- Develop and publish a friends "wish list" for potential donors.
- Get a Library card for yourself and your family members.

### **Contribute to your library**

- Donate your used books, CD's or DVD's .
- Make a gift subscription of your favorite magazine to the library.
- Donate a school yearbook.
- Preserve your local history with a donation of local interest material.
- Make a donation of craft materials to Youth Services.
- Honor a friend or relatives birthday with books for the library.
- Remember your library in your estate planning.
- Write a check to the library's foundation/friends group.
- Give to the library through your company's matching program for charitable giving.

## **Promote your library**

- Support library referenda in elections.
- Vote for your favorite library and tell them what you love about it by clicking here. ([www.berkshirepublishing.com/assets\\_news/libraries/libraries.asp](http://www.berkshirepublishing.com/assets_news/libraries/libraries.asp)) the deadline is 14 February 2006.
- Attend local government meetings to urge city and county legislators to invest in libraries as vital community resource, one that will save substantial tax dollars in helping people of all ages to be more literate and productive.
- Write a letter to the editor of your newspapers or call in to a radio talk show to express your concern. Share your concern with friends, family neighbors and co-workers. Many people are not aware of the funding problems libraries are experiencing nationally, or in their own communities. Encourage them to get involved.
- Speak up for libraries at campus or community groups that you belong to-the PTA, Chamber of Commerce, Kiwanis, League of Women Voters, Faculty groups, ... Invite them to talk about library services and needs.
- If you are a writer or have contacts with the media, suggest a story about the many ways libraries serve their communities and the need of support.

... and Love the librarians !!!