

Join the Minnesota Association of Library Friends for...

Refresh and Revitalize Your Friends Group

Does your Friends group organize the same slate of events year after year, without appreciable growth or diversification? Does the same handful of long-time volunteers assume all leadership responsibilities, with no real prospect of “new blood” in sight? Is your membership roster stagnant, or worse, declining? If you answered yes to any (or all) of these questions, rest assured that you are not alone. Here’s a way we can help.



The workshop will also feature:

- Small group learning exercises
- Networking and idea sharing opportunities
- Free lunch (for advance registrants)

Join MALF and fellow Friends this September for “Refresh and Revitalize Your Friends Group.” Sally Gardner Reed, renowned consultant and executive director of United for Libraries, will lead and keynote half-day workshops in four library locations across Minnesota.

We will talk at length about how to prevent and reverse the troubling – often interrelated – organizational trends mentioned above. In particular, “we will focus on how to change the typical ‘structure’ of the Friends group to attract new, young, and active volunteers,” promises Sally Gardner Reed. Mark your calendars; back-to-back sessions will be held in:

Austin Public Library

323 4th Ave. NE, Austin

Sept. 14, 11 am – 3 pm

Register by Sept. 7

Rum River Library

4201 6th Ave., Anoka

Sept. 15, 10 am – 2 pm

Register by Sept. 8

Wentworth Library

199 Wentworth Ave. E., W. St. Paul

Sept. 16, 10 am – 2 pm

Register by Sept. 9

Douglas Co. Library

720 Fillmore St., Alexandria

Sept. 17, 11 am – 3 pm

Register by Sept. 10

Everyone is invited to sign up for this **FREE** workshop! It is not necessary to be a member of MALF or any Library Friends organization to attend, but you must pre-register. Do so online at mnlibraryfriends.org or bit.ly/1FmT1Sz, or via email [info@mnlibraryfriends.org].

Registration opens July 18 and closes one week before the session date.